

**PARISH OF THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY
CHURCHES OF ST. STEPHEN AND
ALL SAINTS**

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27th Sunday of the Year. A

8th October 2023

All Saints			St. Stephen's		
Monday	7.30 p.m.	Mass/Novena	Tuesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	Mass	Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.30 a.m.	Mass	Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	4.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Mass	Sunday	12.15 p.m.	Mass
Sunday	5.30 p.m.	Mass			

FEAST DAYS

Monday 9th St. Denis
Wednesday 11th St. John XXIII
Thursday 12th St. Kenneth

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC

If you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church and the possibility of becoming a Catholic, Meetings in All Saints Hall, Monday evening 6.00—7.00 p.m. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) our programme of instruction in the Christian faith. Please feel free to contact Father Doyle or speak to him after Mass

October is the month of the Holy Rosary:

St. Pope John Paul quote on the Rosary:
"To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ... Mary lived with her eyes fixed on Christ, treasuring his every word: 'She kept all these things, pondering them in her heart' (Lk 2:19; cf. 2:51). The memories of Jesus, impressed upon her heart, were always with her, leading her to reflect on the various moments of her life at her Son's side. In a way those memories were to be the 'rosary' which she recited uninterruptedly throughout her earthly life.

Even now, amid the joyful songs of the heavenly Jerusalem, the reasons for her thanksgiving and praise remain unchanged. They inspire her maternal concern for the pilgrim Church, in which she continues to relate her personal account of the Gospel. Mary constantly sets before the faithful the 'mysteries' of her Son, with the desire that the contemplation of those mysteries will release all their saving power. In the recitation of the Rosary, the Christian community enters into contact with the memories and the contemplative gaze of Mary.

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO THE WORK OF MISSIO, the Pope's own charity that reaches out to the church in the developing world and offers practical help in education, healthcare and parish life. 'Charity is at the heart of the Church, it is the reason for its action, the soul of its mission'.

Pope Francis As part of the Pontifical Mission Societies, Missio Scotland is proud to be the Pope's charity for world mission. There will be a collection for Missio on Mission Sunday.

COLD WEATHER: As with last year, a wee reminder to wrap up warm as the colder months approach. Although there has been a small reduction in the tariff we pay for gas it is hugely inflated in comparison to the previous rates we were paying. This will mean that we must remain prudent with the heating of all our buildings.

TUESDAY CLUB every Tuesday, (unless we are away on a trip). Doors open 10.00 a.m.

BINGO: every Thursday night in the Parish Hall, Doors open 6.00 p.m. Bingo starts 7.00-7.15 p.m

CHRISTMAS CARDS, CANDLES etc. are now on sale in the shop situated at the Sacred Heart side of the church.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 18th November, doors open at 10 a.m. All donations greatly appreciated.



DIOCESE OF MOTHERWELL YOUTH

Gather together with other young adults from across the Diocese for our monthly youth events, Eucharistic Adoration; Reflection; Discussion; Social Time. Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell, 22nd October 2023 7.30 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Father McPhail, the Chaplain to Monklands Hospital recently asked at a Deanery Meeting if any of the priests and parishes in the surrounding area could provide Eucharistic Ministers to help out in the hospital bringing Holy Communion on a Friday or Sunday afternoon. If anyone is able to help please contact Father McPhail, at St. Andrew's Parish, 01236 763720.

SYNOD ADSUMUS (the official prayer of the Synod)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts, teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All of this we ask You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father, and the Son, forever and ever, **AMEN.**

BOILER REPLACEMENT: Last year in conjunction with the Diocese we looked at replacing the boilers in Holy Trinity and All Saints Church. The boilers are very inefficient and frankly on their last legs. Unfortunately the grant available was for an ambient heating system which was deemed to be inappropriate for our needs and the style of building. In discussion with the Estate Office in the Diocese we hope to replace the boilers sometime next year. In the meantime the boilers have been serviced and are awaiting parts, so apologies for any inconvenience this may cause in the Church and Hall.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP TOAL RE SYNOD is available on our website and on our social media pages.

SYNOD PRAYER AND REFLECTION, Thursday 19th October in St. Francis Xavier, Carfin, from 7.00—9.00 pm, will be led by Bishop Toal. **ALL WELCOME.**

VOLUNTEER CLEANERS needed for Church. Please contact the **Parish Mobile: 07707 14999** or message our Facebook page.



CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Youth Service) are looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their internship programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

THE ANNUAL PRO-LIFE TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION will take place on Thursday 26th October 2023. The arrangements are: Pro Life Groups will be gathering in George Square Glasgow from 6 pm onwards. Rosary will be at 6.30 pm followed by a Torchlight Procession to St Andrew's Cathedral for Mass at 7.30 pm. There won't be a bus leaving from St Serf's this year. Any queries, please phone 01236 763 827.