

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

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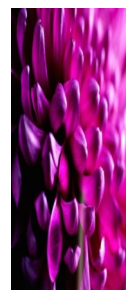
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3rd Sunday of the Year— YEAR C

23rd January 2022



Jesus said
The Spirit of
The Lord is
upon Me

All Saints

Monday	7.30 p.m.	Mass with Novena
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	Mass
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.30 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	4.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Mass
Sunday	5.30 p.m.	Mass

St. Stephen's

Tuesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Sunday	12.15 p.m.	Mass

VOCATIONS

Jesus is “sent to bring the good news to the poor”. Perhaps you feel a call to do the same in priestly life in our parishes, in service as a deacon or in a religious order dedicated to serving the poor. Answer it! Speak to your local Vocations Director, Father Charles O’Farrell, either by phone **01698 423044** or email frofarrell@rcdom.org.uk.

SYNOD

The Fundamental questions we are asked?

Participation: In a synodal Church the whole community, in the free and rich diversity of its members, is called together to pray, listen, analyse, dialogue, discern and offer advice on making pastoral decisions which correspond as closely as possible to God's will.

Basic Attitudes for the Synodal Process

Prayer: Synodality is a spiritual experience rooted in prayer. It is not a round-table discussion but rather a way of being Church which comes from prayer and is led by prayer.

Attentive Listening: We pay deep attention to the person speaking, welcoming without judgment what is being said. Awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit allows us to sit in silence. We listen with humility, patience and a readiness to learn.

Speaking from the Heart: We speak from our personal experience, paying attention to our feelings. We avoid generalised statements and the temptation to apportion blame. We offer our words as a gift to the group and do not seek to dominate or manipulate. We do not say anything which could be heard as hateful or belittling of others.

OUR SYNOD MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING LENT.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: In 2018 Pope Francis established the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis says he wrote this Apostolic Letter in response to requests from the faithful around the world to celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God. Such a Sunday has an important ecumenical value as it recognises the importance the scriptures occupy in other Christian churches. Pope Francis invites local communities to find ways to “mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity”. The Bible is for all and is not meant for a privileged few, continues Pope Francis. It belongs “to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words”. The Bible cannot be monopolized or restricted to select groups either, he writes, because it is “the book of the Lord’s people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity”.

THE CAR PARK adjacent to St. Stephen’s Church will be closed for the foreseeable future to accommodate the building of a new primary school.

FEAST DAYS: Monday 24th: St. Francis de Sales
Tuesday 25th: The Conversion of St. Paul
Wednesday 26th: St. Timothy and St. Titus
Friday 28th: St. Thomas Aquinas

THANK YOU to everyone who joined us for Sister Frances’ funeral, to the Altar Servers, and also those who posted lovely tributes to her on social media and a sincere thanks to all who helped prepare the church and participated during the funeral Mass. We recognise what a great loss Sister Frances’ death has been to the parish, Especially those in St. Stephen’s.



RCIA

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages

marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass.

Participants in the RCIA are known as catechumens.

They undergo a process of conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist. The RCIA process follows the ancient practice of the Church and was restored by the Second Vatican Council as the normal way adults prepare for baptism. Please remember in your prayers two candidates who are taking part in this journey of faith. **If anyone would like to think of becoming a member of our RCIA team please speak to Fr Doyle.**

cubs OUR CUB SCOUT GROUP is back and looking for children between **7½ and 9 years to join.**

We meet on **Friday evenings 7-8.30pm** in Coatbridge High School Sports Hall, Kildonan Street, Coatbridge. Bring your child along on **Friday evenings** to find out more and join in the **fun.**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 5th March Men of Motown
Tickets £20.

RAFFLE: 1 Gallon of Grants Whisky, Tickets £1 now on sale. Be in it to win it!

