

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

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Seventh Sunday of Easter, A

21st May 2023

All Saints

Monday	7.30 p.m.	Mass/Novena
Tuesday	9.30 p.m.	Mass (funeral)
Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	Mass
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	No Mass (funeral All Saints)
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

FEAST DAYS

Monday 22nd	St. Rita of Cascia
Thursday 25th	St. Bede the Venerable
Friday 26th	St. Philip Neri
Sunday 28th	Pentecost Sunday

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT begins on

Friday 19th May. Following the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven the disciples were instructed to remain in Jerusalem and await the coming of the Holy Spirit. Together with Our Lady the disciples remained in prayer awaiting the Paraclete who would fill them with the fire of divine love, knowledge and courage to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth. The 9 days of prayer were the first and oldest novena in the church and we pray in these days between the Ascension and Pentecost for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit who renews the face of the earth.

NOVENA PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your Love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and thou shalt renew the face of the earth. AMEN

SCIAF "Thank you all so much for your support of the **SCIAF WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE** Lenten appeal. Please return your **WEE BOXES** as soon as you can. "

VOCATIONS The Vocations Director for Motherwell Diocese is Fr. Charles O'Farrell. He can be contacted at frofarrell@rcdom.org.uk.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY TODAY

"Disarming souls by promoting a language of peace"

A soft tongue will break a bone", says the book of Proverbs (25:15). Today more than ever, speaking with the heart is essential to foster a culture of peace in places where there is war; to open paths that allow for dialogue and reconciliation in places where hatred and enmity rage. In the dramatic context of the global conflict we are experiencing, it is urgent to maintain a form of communication that is not hostile. It is necessary to overcome the tendency to "discredit and insult opponents from the outset [rather] than to open a respectful dialogue". We need communicators who are open to dialogue, engaged in promoting integral disarmament and committed to undoing the belligerent psychosis that nests in our hearts, as Saint John XXIII prophetically urged in the Encyclical *Pacem In Terris*: "True peace can only be built in mutual trust" (No. 113). A trust which has no need of sheltered or closed communicators but bold and creative ones who are ready to take risks to find common ground on which to meet. As was the case sixty years ago, we are now also living in a dark hour in which humanity fears an escalation of war that must be stopped as soon as possible, also at the level of communication. It is terrifying to hear how easily words calling for the destruction of people and territories are spoken. Words, unfortunately, that often turn into warlike actions of heinous violence. This is why all belligerent rhetoric must be rejected, as well as every form of propaganda that manipulates the truth, disfiguring it for ideological ends. Instead, what must be promoted is a form of communication that helps create the conditions to resolve controversies between peoples." **Pope Francis Letter for Communications Sunday** A special collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend for the Apostolate of Communications.

COMMUNICATION &
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MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

Online booking is now available for couples preparing for marriage within the Catholic Church. Courses take place from 10.30 a.m. till 3.00 p.m. in St. Augustine's Parish Centre, Coatbridge, ML5 1DQ.

DATES OF COURSES FOR 2023/2024 ARE:

16th September 2023, 28th October 2023,

20th January 2024, 17th February 2024,

16th March 2024, 20th April 2024, and

15th June 2024. Courses cost £50 and includes all course materials. Book your course today at

www.marriagefamilylife.org. Please book only one, one day course. For more information contact Fr. Michael Kane from the Marriage and Family Life Agency: info@marriagefamilylife.org.

CELTIC QUIZ/SOCIAL NIGHT

for Lourdes, £5 per ticket; £2 entry for quiz. Replica European Cup will be there and food at half time.

9th June 7.00 pm till late.

CONFIRMATIONS: St. Stephen's 24th May

Please remember the children in your prayers at this important and crucial moment in their journey of faith. Sincere thanks to the staff and head teachers of both primary schools for their outstanding support and care of our children.



PRAYER FOR CHILDREN BEING CONFIRMED

Lord, you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**"

ST. STEPHEN'S ALTAR SERVERS are going to do a People's Pantry food collection until June 11th. They are looking for non perishable foods and toiletries. If any donations can be left in the church foyer it will all be collected and taken up on the 11th. This will be part of their fund raising badge for the year.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

On 29th of July we set off as part of the Diocesan Youth Group on our pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon. We have been planning this since hearing about it through the Caritas Award in High School and we are looking forward to joining other young people from every corner of the world.

To do so as three young people of this Parish makes it even more special and we thank Fr. Doyle for his guidance and help over the past few weeks and months. There will be many opportunities to get involved with fundraising initiatives and we look forward to working together as a Parish in doing so.

Adam Costello, Bailey Gallagher and Aiden Paterson.