

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

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**7th Sunday of the Year— YEAR C**

**20th February 2022**



**GIFT AID** is one of the simplest and most effective ways to boost our parish's income. It is a scheme administered by the Inland Revenue which allows us to claim 25p for every £1 that you donate.

**So, for example, if you donate £100 per year we can claim an extra £25, making your gift worth £125.**

To join our parish's Gift Aid scheme, you need to have paid or will pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax that is at least equal to the tax that our parish and other charities you donate to will reclaim on your donations in a tax year.

We simply need to be able to record your donations. The easiest way to do this is by setting up a standing order from your bank account to make a regular payment or by using a set of Gift Aid envelopes.

You just need to complete your name and address including your postcode on our simple Gift Aid Declaration and decide if you want to pay and we'll do the rest. Once again we thank parishioners for their great generosity to the Parish especially given these worrying financial times.

**We have been advised that all windows and doors must be kept open during services so PLEASE, PLEASE WRAP UP WELL. Every effort will be made not to prolong services especially during the winter months.**

**EXCERPT FROM BISHOP TOAL'S LETTER**

Through this year also the Church in Scotland wishes to encourage the faithful to return to Sunday Mass. **The re-introduction of the Sunday Obligation from the 1st Sunday of Lent, March 6th**, is an important step in calling everyone to renew their commitment to this necessary aspect of our Catholic Faith, which Covid has restricted. Effort will be necessary in all parishes to reach out to parishioners and welcome them back to Mass, while recognising that some may be remain hesitant. Over the Corpus Christi weekend in June it is planned to have a "Eucharistic Congress" at Carfin including a Procession from St Teresa's, Newarthill to Carfin Grotto. The growing devotion to Blessed Carlo Acutis, whose life was centred on love of the Holy Eucharist, will be another feature of the spiritual life of the Grotto, along with the traditional pilgrimages and monthly gatherings.

**SYNOD**

**Our Synod meetings will take place during Lent on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> of March:**

**7.00 – 8.30 pm**

**Please use tear off slip if you intend to participate.**

Name: .....

Contact Number: .....

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

**Sacramental Arrangements:** If you wish to arrange baptisms, weddings or other appointments please see Fr Doyle after Sunday Mass. These are far too important to discuss on the telephone or via email.



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**BINGO NIGHT: 25th February.**

Tickets £2 Refreshments included in ticket price. 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

Entry by ticket only because of Hall capacity.

Donations of prizes, which can be handed into the Sacristy, will be gratefully accepted.

**MEN OF MOTOWN**

**Saturday 5th March** Tickets £20.

**PARISH HALL:** As the hall is now up and running it is being used on a Monday for an ASN Disco;

Tuesday for Pilates, and Wednesday for the Guides.

It is also available to hire for social functions.

**FEAST DAYS**

Tuesday 22nd Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Wednesday 23rd St. Polycarp

**Ash Wednesday is on 2nd March 2022.**

It is a day of fasting and abstinence.



Please bring to the Church any blessed palms from previous years which we will burn and use for Ashes on Ash Wednesday. Please leave at the back of the church. Lenten packs from SCIAF will be available from Ash Wednesday. We should be thinking about where God is calling us to change, to grow closer to him in the sacred days of the Lenten Season.

**HOLY WATER** The use of Holy Water is permitted once again, We remember as Catholics that the use of this blessed and consecrated water is a reminder of our baptism and that we enter the church, which is God's house, as his beloved and cherished children, as we