

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH

Bulletin for the 18th Sunday of the Ordinary Season - 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019

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## OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

Tomorrow the Church celebrates the feast day not of a saint, but of a building - the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, one of the four most illustrious churches of Rome (the other three being: St. John Lateran [the Pope's Cathedral], St. Peter's at the Vatican [where St. Peter was martyred], and St. Paul Outside the Walls [the place of his martyrdom]). *Santa Maria Maggiore*, as the Basilica is known in Italian, is the most important church in the world dedicated to Our Lady; it is the biggest church in Rome which honours Our Lady, hence the reason it is called 'Maggiore' meaning 'greatest' or 'biggest'.



Even today the Basilica is sometimes known as the *Liberian Basilica*, in honour of Pope Liberius (352-366AD). According to a pious legend, which probably dates from the Middle Ages, Our Lady appeared in a dream to two Roman Christians, the married couple John and Placida, who were wealthy members of Rome's Patrician or upper class. She is said to have asked them to build church in her honour on the Esquiline hill (one of the 'seven hills of Rome'). The location would be indicated, she had said, by a fall of snow on the night of 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> of August. They told Pope Liberius about the dream, and he is said to have traced the outline of the building in the snow, and the first basilica was built on that site. For this reason, the basilica is sometimes called *Our Lady of the Snows* (*Sancta Maria ad nives*, in Latin); something which is further underlined by the fall of white rose petals which takes place this evening at the end of Evening Prayer (Vespers).

The basilica is visited by over a million people each year, including his Holiness Pope Francis, who visits to pray before the icon of Our Lady that hangs in one of the side chapels, the Borghese Chapel - *Maria, Salus Populi Romani* (Mary, health of the Roman People), before he begins one of his Apostolic journeys around the world; he also visits on the way back, and leaves a bouquet of flowers in thanksgiving. **Father McGachey**

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## VISIT OF THE RELICS - DAYS 2 AND 3

We have full a full programme on Day 2 and Day 3 of the visit of the Relics of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. Canon John Udris, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and an expert on the life of Saint Thérèse, will be the main celebrant and preacher at the 10am Mass. An extended period of Confessions will then be offered, and at 12noon Midday Prayer will be sung, followed by the recitation of the Rosary at 12.30pm. At 1pm Father O'Donnell will celebrate the Solemn Mass, after which there will be an opportunity to receive an individual blessing with the Relic of Saint Thérèse. Another period for private visits, during which Confessions will be heard, will follow. At 5pm the Parish Vigil Mass. At 7.30pm special devotions in honour of Saint Thérèse and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. After Night Prayers at 10.30pm, the Rosary will be recited each hour on the hour until 7am.

The Sunday in many ways takes care of itself because of the Parish schedule with Masses at 9am and 11am, although we have the special permission of the Bishops of Scotland to celebrate Votive Masses of Saint Thérèse using the Prayers and Readings in honour of the Saint. From 12.30pm until 2.30pm several confessors will be available in the Parish Church to hear confessions. At 3pm the Right Rev. Joseph Toal, Bishop of Motherwell, will be the principal celebrant at the National Pilgrimage Mass in the Grotto, he will be joined by the Archbishops and Bishops of Scotland, as well as lay faithful from all over the country. At the conclusion of Mass there will a Solemn Farewell to the Relics which will be driven to Galloway Diocese.

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# DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

this evening at 6pm. Please join us if you can.

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## ANNUAL SOLEMN NOVENA TO SAINT THÉRÈSE

Continues on Wednesday of this week at 7pm. The devotions will include the Litany of Saint Thérèse, the Novena Prayers, veneration of the Relic and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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## NEW PUBLICATION



### A FEW MOMENTS WITH CHRIST IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Given the hours that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed here each day, and in response to many requests over the years, we have compiled a book of prayers for visits to the Eucharistic Lord. The book also includes wisdom from the Saints about the Blessed Sacrament. It is on sale in the Church porch, price £2.00 each. As ever, all the profits from the sale of the book will be used for the upkeep of the Grotto.

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## THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST - SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN

Since we will have begun our Solemn Novena to Saint Thérèse, there will be no Vigil Mass here on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Instead there will be three Masses on the 15<sup>th</sup> August: 10am, 1pm during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered to anyone who would wish to receive it, and 7pm in the evening.

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## DIARY DATES

- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August** - Monthly pilgrimage in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. Rosary Procession in the Grotto 7.30pm, Mass in the Parish Church with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Celebrant this month is Father Michael Kane, Parish Priest of St. Augustine's, Coatbridge.
  - **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August** - Solemnity of the Assumption. Holyday of Obligation. Mass for the Sick at 1pm.
  - **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August** - Annual Grandparents' Pilgrimage Mass 3pm. Celebrant Bishop Joseph Toal. Followed by Rosary Procession and Benediction.
  - **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August** - Pilgrimage in honour Saint Philomena, Wonder-worker. Holy Mass 11.30am. Confessions. Novena Prayers at the Shrine of Saint Philomena, 3pm Rosary and Benediction. Note there will be no 10am Mass today.
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**CALENDAR** - Monday is the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome. Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. The Pope, Saint Sixtus II and his companions, who were martyred in 258AD are remembered on Wednesday. On Thursday of this week we celebrate the memorial of the Spaniard, St.

**Dominic. Friday** is the memorial of the martyr of Auchwitz, **Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. St. Lawrence, Deacon and martyr's** feast falls on **Saturday**.

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| <p><b>SUNDAY</b><br/><b>3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST</b></p>   | <p>8.00am<br/>9.00am<br/>11.00am<br/>12noon<br/>6.00pm</p>  | <p>The Church opens<br/>Holy Mass for the Eighteenth Sunday of the Ordinary Season<br/>Holy Mass for the Eighteenth Sunday of the Ordinary Season<br/>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel until 5pm<br/>Devotions in honour of Our Lady with Rosary and Benediction</p>  |
| <p><b>MONDAY</b><br/><b>4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b></p> <p>SAINT BRENDAN'S<br/>MOTHERWELL</p>               | <p>9.00am<br/>9.35am<br/>10.00am<br/>10.30am<br/>12.35pm<br/>1.00pm<br/>1.00pm<br/>1.45pm<br/>7.00pm<br/>8.00pm</p> | <p>The Church opens today, and on each day of the week<br/>The Holy Rosary<br/>Holy Mass<br/>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel<br/>The Holy Rosary<br/>Holy Mass in the Parish Church<br/>Holy Mass for Saint Brendan's, Motherwell (Fr. Ness)<br/>Confessions until 2.15pm<br/>Rosary in the Parish Church for Marie Murphy<br/>Evening Prayer and Benediction in the Glass Chapel (Fr. Ness)</p> |
| <p><b>TUESDAY</b><br/><b>5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b></p> <p>SAINT JAMES THE<br/>GREATER,<br/>COATBRIDGE</p> | <p>9.35am<br/>10.00am<br/>10.30am<br/>12.35pm<br/>1.00pm<br/>1.00pm<br/>1.45pm<br/>8.00pm</p>                       | <p>The Holy Rosary<br/>Reception of Remains and Requiem Mass for Marie Murphy<br/>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel until 8pm<br/>The Holy Rosary<br/>Holy Mass in the Parish Church<br/>Holy Mass for Saint James the Greater, Coatbridge (Fr. Gilhooley)<br/>Confessions until 2.15pm<br/>Evening Prayer and Benediction in the Glass Chapel (Fr. McGachey)</p>                                  |
| <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b><br/><b>6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b></p> <p>OUR LADY OF GOOD<br/>AID CATHEDRAL</p>        | <p>9.35am<br/>10.00am<br/>10.30am<br/>12.35pm<br/>1.00pm<br/>1.00pm<br/>1.45pm<br/>7.00pm<br/>8.00pm</p>            | <p>The Holy Rosary<br/>Holy Mass<br/>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel until 6pm<br/>The Holy Rosary<br/>Holy Mass in the Parish Church<br/>Holy Mass for Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell<br/>Confessions until 2.15pm<br/><b>SOLEMN NOVENA TO SAINT THÉRÈSE - WEEK 2 (Fr. O'Donnell)</b><br/>Evening Prayer and Benediction (Fr. Chromy)</p>   |
| <p><b>THURSDAY</b><br/><b>7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b></p> <p>OUR LADY OF<br/>LOURDES, EAST<br/>KILBRIDE</p> | <p>9.35am<br/>10.00am<br/>11.30am<br/>12.35am<br/>1.00pm<br/>1.00pm<br/>1.45pm<br/>8.00pm</p>                       | <p>The Holy Rosary<br/>Holy Mass<br/>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel till 6pm<br/>The Holy Rosary<br/>Holy Mass<br/>Holy Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes, East Kilbride (Fr. Wylie)<br/>Confessions<br/><b>Evening Prayer and Benediction (Fr. Wylie)</b></p>   |
| <p><b>FRIDAY</b><br/><b>8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b></p>   | <p>9.35am<br/>10.00am<br/>10.30am<br/>1.00pm<br/>1.45pm</p>   | <p>Stations of the Cross<br/>Holy Mass<br/>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel till 4pm<br/><b>Holy Mass</b><br/><b>Confessions</b></p>  |
| <p><b>SATURDAY</b><br/><b>9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b></p>   | <p>9.35am<br/>10.00am<br/>10.30am</p>   | <p>The Holy Rosary<br/>Holy Mass<br/>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel - 4.30pm</p>  |

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|  | 4.15pm | Confessions until 4.45pm                                   |
|  | 5.00pm | Vigil Mass of the Nineteenth Sunday of the Ordinary Season |

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## THE SACRAMENTS

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** - Baptisms are celebrated most Sundays of the year, except during Lent and on Easter Sunday, at 12.30pm.

**THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** - At least six months' notice must be given of intention to marry.

*Please telephone or email Father McGachey to make an appointment, or speak to Father McGachey or Deacon Jim after Mass at the weekend*

## PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**RECENTLY DEAD** - Marie Murphy (Reception of Remains - Tuesday 7pm; Funeral Wednesday 10am), Felix O'Neil, Sadie Quinn, John Rooney, Sadie Dudgeon, Ann Millar, Jim Baxter, Robert Boyle, Sister Margaret O'Brien, Agnes Smith, Mary Clocherty, Flora McMahon, Jean Robertson, Sean Robertson, Mary McKeown, James Gillespie, Janet Martin, Fabian Muoka, Mary McDonnell, Marissa McGinn, Morra and Mulholland Family, Liz Rooney, John Murphy, Alice Morrison, Thomas Caldwell, Patricia Smillie, Ellen Dixon, Margaret McAnaw, Peter McMurray, Mary Coulter, Margaret McAnaw, Charlie Ferrie, Margaret Robertson, Frank Devine.

**MONTHS MIND, ANNIVERSARIES, AND REMEMBRANCES** - Dunn Family, N.K. Jose, Joseph Mullen, William Lockhart, Thresiamma Chacko, Robert Clark, Jean McGahan, Alice O'Rourke, Kevin O'Rourke, Bartholomew and Ellen O'Rourke, O'Rourke Family, James and Alice Doherty, Doherty Family, William Wood.

**ALL INTIMATIONS SHOULD REACH THE CHAPEL HOUSE BY 7pm ON A THURSDAY EVENING**

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offering for the Seventeenth Sunday of the Ordinary Season - £1794.00  
 Thank you for your generosity to our parish.