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SINCERE THANKS

THIS WEEKEND

NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil
 9.00am Paul Burns
 11.00am Geraldine Cullen
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Vigil
 9.00am Michael Early
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 11.00am Agnes Monaghan
 Liz McMahan



Billy Monaghan
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 Stephen Wright
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Last weekend's collection for Day for Life came to £805. Many thanks.

THIS WEEKEND:

Deanery Mission appeal given by the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa.

The annual collection for Peter's Pence will be taken up next weekend.

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LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased; John Reid (Thorndean Avenue) Annie Doran (Calderbank), Thomas Heffernan, Elaine Forsyth (Cleland), Rosaleen Miller (Wishaw), Kenny Holland (England), Miss Mary Smith (Sister of Father Brendan Smith - Co. Derry) Mary McStay, Mary Reilly (St Bernadette's Motherwell), Bernard McAdams, Paul Lawlor, Tom Heffernan, Wendy Connarty (Newarthill), Cathy McGugan (Newarthill), Elizabeth (Betty) Grant (Airdrie), Mrs Betty Murphy, Jane Higgins (Cleland), Eileen Marie Burke (Motherwell), Kenneth McGregor, Hugh Mulholland (Motherwell), Betty Murphy (Bellshill), William McAuley (Bellshill), Eileen Doyle (Liverpool), John Moore (Calderbank), William Welsh (Motherwell), Eileen Lamb (Nottingham),

Anniversary; Katie Giblin, Frank Masson, William & Mary O'Leary

Months Mind; Alicia Gallacher,

Birthday Remembrance; Anne McMenemy, Rosemary (McShane) MacIntyre, Anne-Marie Jeffrey, Sheila Reilly,

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

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XII SUNDAY OF YEAR
DO NOT BE AFRAID

You are of more value than many sparrows!
 Matt 10:31

Holy Rosary at 9.40am

MON	10.00am	Requiem Mass
TUE	10.00am	Holy Mass OLSF school present
WED	10.00am	Requiem Mass
THU	10.00am 7.00pm	Sts. Peter and Paul Holy Mass Holy Mass
FRI	10.00am	Holy Mass
SAT	5.00pm	NO MORNING MASS Vigil Mass
SUN	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass

NOURISHED BY SACRED SCRIPTURE

This weekend's readings

FIRST READING Jeremiah addressed the slander and denunciation the prophet faced in his calling. Yet God would care for him, praised be the Lord!

SECOND READING In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul remarked on the sin and its result, death. But he also recognized that, despite evil and destruction, God's grace outstripped both.

GOSPEL Jesus tells his followers to reject fear even in the face of persecution. Instead, they should evangelize and allow God to do the rest.

REQUIEM MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday: Christopher Hanlon R.I.P.
Wednesday: Thomas Heffernan R.I.P.



GIFT AID

This year we received £11,009.87 from the Inland Revenue for the past year's Giftaid. Thank you to all 'GiftAiders'.

Note that this is over £3,000 less than the previous year when we received £14,659.11. Our parish really relies on this extra income so if you pay tax and haven't taken out a GiftAid, I invite you to think of doing so. Forms are available from me in the sacristy.

Many thanks for your financial support of the parish through the weekly collection. Over the last year I have noted from other parish bulletins in the diocese that our weekly income via the offertory and standing orders is now substantially 'under par' compared to other parishes of the same size and Mass attendance. Week by week, we are 'down' a few hundred pounds from what you were giving a few years ago (pre Covid). I am aware, however, that these continue to be difficult times for everyone financially so please simply give what you can. Your financial support is always very much appreciated and more so given the on-going impact of Covid-19 on our lives.

SINCERE SYMPATHIES

to the family of John Reid (Thorndean Avenue) who passed away on Friday evening. Funeral arrangements have still to be made.
May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

THURSDAY 29th June A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

Peter and Paul are the principal pillars of the Church, two giants in the faith who complement each other and shape the mission of the Church. We celebrate the feast of their martyrdom on Thursday and it is one of those days when our Mother, the Church calls all her family to be together to celebrate this feast as a family.



CLEANING THE CHURCH

We have only two regular cleaners who do a marvellous job in keeping our church 'spic and span' but they really could do with a helping hand. They usually clean the church on a Thursday morning after Mass. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

'Many hands make light work'

GROTTO MAINTENANCE

I am aware that a number of years ago there used to be a group of men who gathered on a Saturday morning to help out around the grotto. They worked for around two hours but the 'work' was very light a bit of weeding, sweeping up and getting ready for the 'big days'. I am keen to resume this practice which was as much a social event as anything - all gathered around a table at 1.00pm to enjoy their 'wages' a hot pie a cup of tea and a blether, putting the world to rights - a sort of 'men's shed', if you know what I mean.



If interested, please speak to Jim Nelson, the gardener or Kevin Connelly and explore the possibilities



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'JUNE/JULY FONTES'

The latest edition of the **FREE** magazine published for the people of Motherwell Diocese is available from the church porch. please take one.

This weekend, an appeal on behalf of the

FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY SISTERS FOR AFRICA

This weekend we welcome Sr Ann McAllister FMSA who has come to make her mission appeal on behalf of her religious order.

The Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa were founded by Mother Mary Kevin in Uganda in 1903. They are engaged in ministry in five countries in Africa:

1. South Sudan
2. Uganda
3. Kenya
4. Zimbabwe
5. Zambia



The Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa are engaged in a wide variety of ministries including

- ◆ education
- ◆ nursing and HIV aids projects
- ◆ prison ministry
- ◆ care of the elderly
- ◆ women and youth development
- ◆ formation of young African religious
- ◆ visually impaired children.

This will give you an overall view of the types of ministries in which they are involved. Sr Anne, I am sure, will share some stories that will bring the people and their lives closer to home.

There will be a second collection after the Post-Communion Prayer

BULLETIN ON HOLIDAY

Over the next few weeks, the bulletin is taking a well earned rest. Anniversaries etc will be announced during the prayer of the Faithful and any necessary announcements made at the end of Mass.

Thank you to all those sponsors who advertised in our bulletin in recent months. Your sponsorship is very much appreciated.

CARFIN CHORISTERS



SUMMER CONCERT Tuesday 27th June

The choristers will perform a short summer concert on Tuesday this week, following on from the end of term Mass on Tuesday at 10.00am.

Parents, friends and parishioners are all invited to this concert / coffee morning. the Mass will be in the church then we will head over to OLSF gym hall for this event where the choristers will showcase all the music they have been learning over the last year. This will be a lovely way to end the school year.

The choristers look forward to many exciting opportunities after the summer holidays **including recording an album in October!!!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATI



We offer our heartfelt congratulations to the 32 boys and girls who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the hands of Bishop Toal last week. Thank you to the teachers who helped prepare them for this Sacrament.

PLEASE NOTE

No 10.00am Mass on Saturdays of July
NO EXPOSITION in the Glass chapel next Saturday (1st Saturday of month).