

The Third Sunday of Easter

The holy season of **Easter** and the month of **Mary** present very rich opportunities for Grace and Favour from the Lord. Every encouragement is given to maintain our high standards of liturgy and prayerful devotion as we journey through these holy times. The time of preparation is of even greater worth to families hoping to celebrate **First Holy Communion** in this parish. There are twenty two children hoping to make their First Holy Communion. Fabulous opportunities have been made available them to grow throughout the Liturgical year. It is always helpful for families to honestly ask how well these opportunities been used to mature spiritually.

This **Sunday** the **Prize Bingo** will take place in the parish hall to which everyone is most welcome. Committee members are available to provide details to parishioners. This is one of the parish efforts to prepare for the 40th Anniversary celebrations of Fr Kevin Ryan on the weekend of June 22nd and 23rd the feast of **Corpus Christi**.

Our parish day at **Carfin** has been organised for **Wednesday 21st August** the feast of **Pius X**. There is **Mass** at **1.00 pm** in the Glass Chapel and **Evening Prayer** and **Benediction** at **8.00 pm**. We will provide one Lector and one Minister of the Eucharist. The Grotto will provide organists for these events.

Builders have been in to see us this week regarding the placing of the **new statue** of St Teresa in front of the Church. The existing plinth will be strengthened and some additional brickwork added to protect the statue from the elements. Also the red slabbing in front of the hall will be re-laid. **The new statue will be in place for the visit of the relics of St Teresa on 29th August.**

Next Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Easter, is **Good Shepherd Sunday** and a special day of prayer for **Vocations** to the priesthood. Let us keep in our prayers the four Deacons who will be ordained for the Diocese during these summer months.

The final amount of **Lenten Almsgiving** is now completed and has been sent away to SCIAF. Many thanks to the parish for this fine effort in support of SCIAF. SCIAF collection (4th Sunday in Lent) **£700**. Famine Box in the porch **£500**. Wee Boxes **£881.97**. This comes to **£2081.97**. Excellent effort. **Thank you**. In addition we will give the Diocese **£740.46** for their Lenten Appeal.

Newarthill Semi Housebound Group. Contact Carole Henry on 340477 for details of the monthly trips. The next one is on May 20th.

Thank you to parishioners for all the help given to the Food Bank. Have a chat with the **SVP** to learn more.

Recent statements from Jeremy Hunt MP have calculated that Christians are the most **persecuted** religious group in the world. From a number of 1.3 million Christian in Iraq in 2003 there are scarcely 120,000 left and the decline throughout the Middle east continues. In an age of rapidly changing attitudes to a great number of moral issues it is very possible that Catholic teaching in our own country may be regarded as breaking the law. This could have consequences for Catholic education as well.

Congratulations to **Margaret McQueen** who was received into the Church at the Easter Vigil one year ago.

Attendances: 259, Collections: £882

Thank you to the parish for this generosity.

***Recently Dead: Billy McNeill, Steve Chalmers,
Anniversary of: Catriona Forde, Peter Molloy, James William,
Francis Howley, Donald MacNeil.***

Birthday Intention: Margaret Shaw, 90th birthday.

A Prayer for The Third Sunday of Easter

The tale is told, the deed was done,
the Christ was killed, but rose again.
And now we know the words to say,
Christ is the truth, the life, the way.

Eternal God,
we commit ourselves to that way,
we crave that life,
we hunger after that truth.

We pray our days
are touched by both
cross-shadow and resurrection-light:
the love and hope
at the base of our belief,
the pain and purpose
at the root of our faith,
the cost and gift
at the heart of our calling.
In Christ's name.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 5th May	10:00am 4:00pm	Margaret Shaw 90th Birthday Divine Mercy Devotions
Monday 6th May	9:05am 9:30am 1:30pm	Short Morning Prayer Donald MacNeil Mass at The State Hospital
Tues 7th May	9:05am 9:30am	Devotions to the Blessed Virgin James William
Wed 8th May	9:05am 9:30am 12:40pm	Holy Rosary Francis Howley Mass at St John Ogilvie School
Thurs 9th May	9:05am 9:30am	Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Peter Molloy
Friday 10th May	9:05am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Catriona Forde
Saturday 11th May	4:00pm 4:30pm	Holy Rosary Billy McNeil and Steve Chalmers

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 11th May.	C Scullion	M Connor, A M Lynn, M Green
Sunday 12th May.	E Smith	P Cullion, J Mullen, F Carroll

Response to Psalm 29: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.