

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

On the weekend of the fifth **Sunday** in **Easter** we welcome the **Holy Ghost Fathers** to the parish for the celebration of Mass. We are indebted to the Holy Ghost Fathers from both Carfin and St Bernadette's for the generous way they help supply in our parish as well as in other parishes of the Diocese. Fr Bergin is currently in Rome but will be returning before next weekend.

After our Masses this weekend the members of the **SVP** will be distributing leaflets outlining details of their work, a work which has lain at the very centre of the Lord's command given at the Last Supper (the **Mandatum**) to wash the feet of other people. The parish has always been very supportive of the work of the SVP and will continue to do so.

The **Easter season** starts to move into its final stages as we approach the feast of the **Ascension** next Thursday. This feast marks the completion of the Lord's **'Paschal Saving Events'** namely his Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension. The feast of the Ascension is a **Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics**. There will be no Mass at St Teresa's in the evening. Fr Bergin has an evening Mass at St John Ogilvie school.

Following the celebration of the **Ascension** the Church begins nine days of prayer (a **Novena**) in preparation for the great feast of **Pentecost**. The Pentecost event is well recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.

On the weekend of **Pentecost** Mary's Meals will be visiting us. They will sell raffle tickets in support of their work and collect textiles on **SUNDAY MORNING ONLY**. Parishioners are invited to bring their textiles, shoes, handbags, belts, curtains to the garage on **Saturday** and **Sunday**. Margaret McQueen and James Langton will coordinate efforts.

In the evening of **Pentecost** we are invited to attend prayers in **Newarthill Church** to which everyone is invited. Such Ecumenical efforts support the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and continue to forge good relations within our village. Could we provide some refreshments before the service as we have before?

Congratulations to Kevin McKenna and Emma Nailen who will be married on Friday afternoon the feast of the Visitation.

The month of **May** is dedicated to the **Blessed Virgin**. The month of **June** to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**.

On **Saturday 15th June** at noon there will be the celebration of **First Holy Communion**. Twenty two children will be involved. Eight presented applications to receive the Sacrament. We will welcome all families and visitors to the parish and would like to remind them of some guidelines which are in the best interests of everyone. **We ask the all families are seated ten minutes before Mass** to take a quiet moment of reflection and enable us to begin on time. **Phones should be switched off** and chewing gum outlawed. The Safeguarding directives of our Diocese are clear about the inappropriate use of cameras. While dress can seem appropriate for a party or family reception it might not be appropriate for worship within a Catholic Church. Visitors to the continent will remember the strict rules enforced in many places. We recommend prudence in this regard and ask that families respect the holy place. There can sometimes be confusion regarding the sacred action of receiving Holy Communion. Non practising Catholics may not simply take Holy Communion out of a sense of entitlement. Proper disposition is important. **The Sacrament of Confession should be attended beforehand**. This would seem to be rather important for parents to honour. **Those who are not receiving Holy Communion may find that receiving a blessing is very appropriate**. The guidelines for Communion dress have been delivered by school. Fr Bergin encourages us to keep things simple. An expense of £500 on a dress is not always necessary. **Keep it simple and enjoy the grace of the day**.

A **reminder** to all parishioners that Fr Kevin Ryan will be celebrating the feast of **Corpus Christi** in his home parish on the weekend of June 22nd-23rd. He will celebrate both the weekend Masses and take time to meet his many friends within the celebrations which are being enthusiastically organised. Fr Kevin hopes this will be a celebration about the parish which encouraged him, not simply about his years as a priest. Everyone is invited to attend the Masses and parish celebrations.

Attendances: 252, Collections: £695
Thank you to the parish for this generosity.

Lately Dead: Nan MacNeil,
Months Mind: Nicola Cairns,
Anniversary of: Susan O'Rourke, Geraldine Orr, John Orr, Howson
John Orr and the Orr Family.

A Prayer for The Fifth Sunday of Easter

God of surprises, we worship you now
as we celebrate the biggest surprise of all.

The Lord is risen: Alleluia!

Like his disciples,
we have walked with Jesus through the gospel stories.

We have listened to his teaching;
we have seen him heal those in need
and we have come to know him our hearts.

And then we saw him taken away, cruelly treated and killed.
Black night fell on our souls until the sun rose on Easter Day.

The Lord is risen: Alleluia!

God of hope,
our faith in you is restored: we know that not even evil and death
can separate us from your love.

The Lord is risen: Alleluia!

God of Joy,
there is laughter on our lips and deep peace in our hearts
as we greet our beloved risen Jesus.

The Lord is risen: Alleluia!

God of love,
in Jesus you have done for us
more than we could expect or can understand.

In thanks, we offer ourselves to you.

The Lord is risen: Alleluia!

God of our salvation,
with the help of your Holy Spirit we will share with the world,
by word and deed, the Good News of our risen Saviour.

The Lord is risen indeed: Alleluia!



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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 19th May	10:00am	John Molloy
Monday 20th May <i>St Bernadine of Siena</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Nicola Cairns
Tues 21st May <i>St Christopher Magallanes</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Susan O'Rourke
Wed 22nd May <i>St Rita of Cascia</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Geraldine and John Orr
Thurs 23rd May	9:05am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Nan MacNeil
Friday 24th May	9:05am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Howson John Orr
Saturday 25th May <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	4:00pm 4:30pm	Holy Rosary The Orr Family

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 18th May.	F McQuade	M Connor, I Connor, C Morrissey
Sunday 19th May.	C Scullion	P Mackle, F Carroll, M Nugent

Response to Psalm 144: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.