

The Second Sunday of Easter

This weekend we celebrate the **second Sunday in Easter** sometimes referred to as **Low Sunday** in contrast to last week's **High Sunday**. It is also celebrated as **Divine Mercy Sunday** and we shall have the Divine Mercy devotions on Sunday afternoon. Thank you to the parish for all the fine Liturgy that was celebrated during the season of Lent both in the parish and during our Lenten Masses in school. Such effort meant that the ground had been prepared for an excellent **Holy Week** and **Easter Triduum**. Thank you to our Lectors (including our children) our Ministers of the Eucharist and musicians who contributed so much. To our **sacristans, cleaners, servers** and **counters** we owe much thanks and to all those who attended our liturgies. It was noticeable how much effort and enthusiasm was displayed during these celebrations in honour of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. Thank you to all for this marvellous effort. The parish should feel proud of itself.

We will soon be starting the **month of May** dedicated to the **Blessed Virgin Mary**. The Rosary will be prayed on a regular basis before our weekday and Saturday evening Masses in addition to other devotions in honour of our Blessed Lady. Devotion to our Lady is an essential part of our Catholic tradition and should be reverently practised within the life of the parish.

Friday of this week is the **feast of the Apostles Philip and James**. It is also the day which sees the **Funeral Mass of Billy McNeill**. The terms 'legend, hero, national treasure' are often used in circumstances which are debatable. However, it would not be unfair to attribute each of these to Billy McNeill. A sporting giant for both club and country Billy McNeill was one of a rare breed of individuals who rightly joins the pantheon of mighty men. A sporting great and a total leader, he epitomised everything noble and heroic about the 'people's game'. He possessed courage and stamina. He gave heart and took heart. We have all been enriched by the person of Billy McNeill. **Our prayers of thanksgiving will not be out of place**. And if you know the history

There will be a **Prize Bingo** celebrated in the hall next Sunday as part of our preparations for the 40th Anniversary of Fr Kevin Ryan. **Ask the committee members for details**. Prizes will be very welcome as well as other contributions from talented parishioners. Fr Kevin was here during the week and is looking forward to coming to the parish for the celebration on the weekend of **Corpus Christi**. The next meeting of the organising committee will be this Monday at 7.00 pm. **See Joe Mullen for details**. We will commend all of our efforts to the Lord.

The fire that affected **Notre Dame** so badly has once more drawn our attentions to the need to safeguard our parish buildings in a responsible fashion. Our insurers have drawn attention to the dangers posed by votive candles particularly those encased in plastic holders. Fortunately, we have been phasing these out and using metal containers instead. Before Easter we had all the fire appliances serviced and the alarm systems checked. Over the last months we have tried to empty any rubbish out of lofts, rooms and spare confessionals and we shall be continuing this over the weeks to come. Unwanted materials around our buildings will be collected and disposed of. Any potential fire risks will be addressed.

Pro Life Conference at St Augustine's Coatbridge on Saturday 22nd May. See details on <https://lifeissues.evenbrite.co.uk>

Radio Alba is a Christian radio station sponsored by the Glasgow Churches. See details on www.radioalba.org

*Attendances: Palm Sunday 280, Holy Thursday 105,
Good Friday 127, Easter Vigil 82, Easter Sunday 190
Collections: Palm Sunday £700, Easter Sunday £1,555,
Wee boxes to be counted, Holy Places £420.*

Thank you to the parish for this generosity.

Month's Mind of: Jane McMahan, John Cadden,
Anniversary of: Elizabeth Daly, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Tommy Ward,
Anne McKenna, Lily Daly, Alexander Miller, Mary, Miller, James
Miller, Pat Miller, Mary Connor

A Prayer for Low Sunday

Gracious and Eternal God,
our hearts rejoice in this Easter season.

Now we see more clearly the way,
now we know more nearly the truth,
now we find more dearly the life.

These are the days of the resurrection.

These are the days of unutterable joy.

These are the days of death's defeat.

These are the days you have made new

all our dearest desires,

all our hopes and schemes and dreams,

all our chances to choose to live for the sake of

our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

These are the days and these are the times,

when we gather before you to worship,

in the name of the same Lord Jesus Christ.

And for all those who have gone before us, who
enriched our lives, brought out the best in us and

gave us the story of the resurrection, we give

thanks and bless their names.

Amen.

Response to Psalm: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 28th April	10:00am 4:00pm	Margaret & Patrick Perkins Divine Mercy Devotions
Monday 29th April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	9:05am 9:30am 1:30pm	Short Morning Prayer May Connor Mass at Carstairs
Tues 30th April <i>St Pius V</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Short Morning Prayer Anne McKenna
Wed 1st May <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	8:00am	Alexander Miller, Mary Miller, James Miller and Pat Miller
Thurs 2nd May <i>St Athanasius</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Erin and Martin
Friday 3rd May <i>St Philip & St James First Friday</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Billy McNeill <i>Blessings with Holy Oil</i>
Saturday 4th May	4:00pm 4:30pm	Holy Rosary Lily Daly

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 4th May.	F Carroll	M Connor, C Dabernigg, C Morrissey
Sunday 5th May.	W Doran	J Mullen, I Connor, M Nugent

