

St Peter's Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER



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Twenty-Second Sunday of Year C 28th August 2016

CHURCH HEATING FUND	
BALANCE STILL TO PAY	
Initial Cost	£40,000
July	£11,485

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The offertory collection last week was £436.04 and £314.21 for the Building Fund.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will start again *NEXT SUNDAY* 3rd September in the Church Hall, during the 10 am Mass. Please bring your child to the Hall by 9.50 am so that we can start on time. There is a timetable on the tables at the back of the Church. Please take one as you leave Church today.

Coming to the Children's Liturgy will help your children to understand the readings of the day, as they will be explained in a more child friendly way. They will also learn the common prayers of the Mass and will be encouraged to ask questions. Please think seriously about sending your children to Children's Liturgy, it is an important part of their Faith Formation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS

We are desperately needing people to come along to the Sunday Children's Liturgy to be part of a Team. You would only be required to attend once every 3 weeks and do not need any special training to take part. If you would like to help, or find out more, please speak to Canon Eddie

XAVERIAN FATHERS

The Xaverian Fathers will be making an appeal TODAY to help support their Missions all over the world. The Xaverian Missionaries, are a religious community of priests and brothers founded in 1895 by Saint Guido M. Conforti. Inspired by the life and dreams of St. Francis Xavier. They respond to Jesus Christ's invitation to be His witnesses to the ends of the world by a life-long commitment to serving the poorest among the poor. They strive to maintain their commitment to share our faith beyond the boundaries of Christianity, with our brothers and sisters of different faiths and those who do not espouse any faith. PLEASE PUT YOUR OFFERING IN THE SECOND COLLETTION USING THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.

SATURDAY MORNING MASS
Please note that there will be NO MORNING MASS on Saturday: 3 September

TIMES OF MASSES

Morning Mass
at 10.00 a.m.

(In the Parish house Monday-Saturday inclusive, except for funerals and First Fridays.)

Saturday Vigil Mass
at 5.15 pm.

Sunday morning
10.00 am

HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION

10.00 am. & 7.00 pm.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday
10.30-11.00 am.
4.30-5.00 pm.

BAPTISM

Sunday at 12 Noon.

MARRIAGE

Arranged by appointment.
At least six months notice is required for preparations

VIDES FRIEND'S CLUB

Tomorrow, Monday 22nd August, there will be a meeting of the Vides Friend's Club Leaders. Could all existing leaders and young leaders (S4-S6) please attend at 6 pm in the Church Hall. We would also be delighted to welcome any new volunteers who can spare a couple of hours on a Monday night, to work with the young people of our Parish. Please come along if you would like to find out more. Please note that the club will begin again for club members (P6 to S3) on Monday 29th August. New members most welcome.

AMORIS LAETITIA THE JOY OF LOVE

If you are interested in taking part in this Course please return your Application Form which is at the back of the booklet, to Fr. Eddie as soon as possible.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

Jim McIntosh, Christine Clark, John Ward, Anne Craig, Peter Smith, Christine McPherson, Eileen Knowles, Janet Ferguson, Elizabeth Lomas, Allister McNeill, Jonathon Arthur, Christine Hughes, Lynn Smith, Jean Alison, Irene Baillie, Rhian Docherty, Tony Browning, Susan Mullen, Annie Hampson, Rona Kinnell, Drew Meiklejohn, Gavin Lanigan, Nancy Heaton, James Flanagan, Nan Clarke, Betty Magee, Joseph Donnachie, Kirtsy Roache.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED

Meg Leonard, David Sheen, Conor McPherson.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME
William Lennie, Suzanne Parker, Cathie Caveney, John Donnachie, John Doohan, Helen O'Donnell.

EVENINGS OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER

The Spirituality Development Group of the Parish Pastoral Council invite you to spend a short time in prayer to reflect and pray on a variety of themes. Over the next year there will be 7 of these evenings as noted below:-

7th September 2016—Called to Holiness

2nd November 2016—Year of Mercy

11th January 2017—New Beginnings

8th March 2017—Lenten Reflection on the Trinity-Father

15th March 2017—Lenten Reflection on the Trinity-Son

22nd March 2017—Lenten Reflection on the Trinity-Holy Spirit

3rd May 2017—Mary Our Mother

There are leaflets at the back of the Church giving these dates and a short overview of the content of the reflection. Please take one as you leave Church today and keep it in a safe place for reference.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN

The National Pilgrimage to Carfin in honour of St Margaret of Scotland, will take place on Sunday 4th September. The concelebrated Mass will start at 3 pm. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Tartaglia and the homilist will be Archbishop Cushley. An additional feature this year, in the Year of Mercy, will be the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A number of Bishops and Priests will be available to hear confessions in St Francis Xavier Parish and at points in the Grotto, from 12 noon until shortly before Mass. The Parish also has a Holy Door of Mercy, so people can fulfil all the conditions to receive the Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year during their day of pilgrimage. All welcome.

SIMPLE HOPE

First Friday Mass & Meeting - Friday 2nd September. Mass followed by a fantastic DVD where an Irish priest explains the meaning of the mass and what it means in our daily lives. Tea, biscuits and a good catch-up to follow! 7.30pm Mass, DVD then tea and cake! Venue: St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, High St, Paisley PA1 2AH (Above Hamish's Hoose)

NATIONAL YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

To Whithorn takes place on 18 September 2016. The bus will leave from Greenock, then Port Glasgow, then Paisley to Whithorn arriving home at 9pm approx. Bus times and details will follow next week.

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Alms atone for sins" (Sirach 2:29). Alms are mercy translated into hands-on compassion. Jesus confirms Sirach's wisdom, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7). "Conduct your affairs with humility" (Sirach 3:17). Humility: we're all alike and special, for we're children of God. Jesus confirms that wisdom, too: "Do not recline at table in the place of honor. Take the lowest place" (Luke 14:8, 10). In fact, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite friends, relatives, wealthy neighbors. Invite the poor, crippled, lame, blind," physically or figuratively, society's most vulnerable and marginalized, "who cannot repay you" (see 14:12-14). Jesus seems to be telling us to prepare for eternity with God's chosen by becoming their friend here and now. Mercy is measured not by our delight in welcoming those we like most or who can repay us best, but by sincerely embracing those we like least, who cannot repay us at all. Utter humility inspires pure mercy; pure mercy leads to eternal joy.

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MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY

The Marriage Preparation Day for 10th September has been postponed to Saturday 1st October. If you would like to attend please let your Parish Priest know a.s.a.p.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR MASS

On Tuesday 30 August 2016 at 7.00pm, Bishop John will celebrate Mass in St. Mirin's Cathedral to ask for blessings on the new school year. All who are involved in education in the primary and secondary schools of the Diocese are welcome to attend. We look forward to a large and enthusiastic congregation!

MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

On 4th September 2016 Pope Francis will canonise Mother Teresa as a saint of the Roman Catholic Church

Mother Teresa was widely known as a living saint as she ministered to the sick and the dying in some of the poorest neighbourhoods in the world. Although some people criticised her for not also challenging the injustices that kept so many people so poor and abandoned, her simple service touched the hearts of millions of people of all faiths.

Born to an ethnic Albanian family in Skopje, in what is now part of Macedonia, she went to India in 1929 as a Sister of Loreto and became an Indian citizen in 1947. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950. Shortly after she died in 1997, St John Paul II waived the usual five-year waiting period and allowed the opening of the process to declare her sainthood. She was beatified in 2003.

After her beatification, Missionary of Charity Father Brian Kolodiejchuk, the postulator of her sainthood cause, published a book of her letters, *Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light*. The letters illustrated how, for decades, she experienced what is described as a "dark night of the soul" in Christian spirituality; she felt that God had abandoned her. While the letters shocked some people, others saw them as proof of her steadfast faith in God, which was not based on feelings or signs that he was with her. The date chosen for her canonization is the eve of the 19th anniversary of her death and the date previously established at the Vatican for the conclusion of the Year of Mercy Pilgrimage of people like her who are engaged in works of mercy.