

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH

Parish Bulletin for Pentecost Sunday 20th May 2018



SAINT RITA OF CASCIA

Tuesday of this week, the 22nd of May, is the memoria of the Fourteenth-century saint, Rita of Cascia. Her feast day was re-introduced into the Church's calendar some years ago by the late Pope Saint John Paul II, who felt that her life and example have much to say to people of our own day.



Rita was born in 1381 at Roccaporena, a small village in Umbria, central Italy, the only child of devout peasant farmers. As a teenager she was attracted to the Religious Life but she married Ferdinand Ferri in deference to her parents' wishes.

Rita became a good wife and mother, but her husband had violent temper; his angry outbursts often ended in him beating Rita. Moreover, he was a heavy drinker and regularly unfaithful to wife. Rita endured her husband's insults and infidelities for eighteen years. But they were blessed with two sons, Giovanni and

Paulo. After many tears and prayers, their broken marriage was healed and they were reconciled. Some weeks later Ferdinand was brought home dead, murdered because of a vendetta waged against him by a fellow villager. His sons wanted to avenge their father, but Rita managed to persuade them to forgive their father's assassin.

Within a year of Ferdinand's death Rita's sons died. Alone, she devoted herself to prayer and penance. Some months later she was admitted to the Augustinian convent in Cascia. Her devotion to Our Lord's Passion was so intense that she shared in it through the mystical experience of a wound in her forehead, which looked as though she had been pierced by a crown of thorns. The wound continued for fifteen years and could not be healed. She died on 22nd May 1457, and was canonised in 1900.

Like St Jude she is invoked as patron saint of desperate cases, but also as patron of couples with marriage difficulties. Her feast is perhaps an opportunity to offer prayer and support to all married couples, but especially those whose relationship, for whatever reason, is strained or tested, that the Lord will renew and heal their love. **Fr. McGachey**



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today is the fiftieth day after Easter Sunday and the Solemnity of Pentecost when we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit on Our Lady and the Apostles, recorded by Saint Luke in the Acts of the Apostles. The Pentecost event is closely linked with the Sacrament of Confirmation, for this reason we will renew our confirmation promises at Mass today.

At the end of all Masses this weekend we will offer an anointing with the Oil of Gladness will be given to anyone who would wish to receive it.

This anointing is mentioned in the Prophet Isaiah when he says, "To grant those who mourn in Zion, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning." In the Old Testament this anointing was considered as a powerful means of transmitting the gift of God's Spirit.

Unlike the Sacrament of the Sick, everyone is eligible to be anointed with the Oil of Gladness for spiritual, mental, emotional and physical healing. All of us can benefit from this spiritual healing. I hope that many of you will come to receive this blessing.

On Monday we pick up the Ordinary Season of the Church's year which we left on Shrove Tuesday. During this Season, which will last for the remainder of the Sundays until the end of November, we recall no particular aspect of Our Lord's life on earth but look at it in small episodes which are presented to us the weekday and Sunday Gospels. Green vestments will be used at Mass for the first time in thirteen weeks! Whenever green is used as the liturgical colour it reminds us that as the natural world grows and matures around us, so too should we grow and mature in our faith and in our love of God and our neighbour.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS - to the pupils of Primary 4 who made their First Holy Communion, yesterday. I pray that they will come to know and love Christ each day, more and more. I offer my good wishes too to their families too. My sincere thanks to the staff of Our Lady and St. Francis Primary School, especially Mr Maxwell and Mrs Donnelly, for all their hard work in preparing the children for these sacraments.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION - Sunday 3rd June at 3pm in the Grotto. A special invitation is extended to all First Communicants and their families.

WELCOME TO THE LEGION OF MARY FROM ACROSS SCOTLAND

The Legion of Mary Scotland will be celebrating their 90th Anniversary with a special Pilgrimage Mass today at 3pm. Celebrant Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, with Bishops Toal, Keenan and McGhee. Rosary Procession and Benediction at 5.15pm.

MAY DEVOTIONS - in honour of Our Lady will take place on Wednesday, with the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm.

PROSECCO AFTERNOON TEA

In the Xavier Centre on Sunday 27th May at 2pm. The cost is £15 per head. To book contact Mick McCormick on 0782797527.

SUNDAY 20TH MAY LEGION OF MARY	8.00am The Church opens 9.00am Holy Mass 11.00am Holy Mass 11.00am The Shrines and the Chapels in the Grotto open 3.00pm Mass to mark the Ninetieth anniversary of the Foundation of Legion of Mary in Scotland - Celebrant Archbishop Tartaglia
MONDAY 21ST MAY HOLY CROSS GOVANHILL	9.00am The Parish Church opens and opens each day at the same time 9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 1.00pm Holy Mass in the Parish Church 1.45pm Confessions 7.00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction in the Glass Chapel
TUESDAY 22ND MAY SAINT PATRICK'S SHOTTS	9.00am The Church opens, 9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel 1.00pm Holy Mass in the Parish Church 1.45pm Confessions until 2.15pm 7.00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction in the Glass Chapel
WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY SAINT AUGUSTINE'S PS COATBRIDGE SAINT NINIAN'S HS EASTWOOD	9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel 12noon Holy Mass for Saint Ninian's in the Glass Chapel 1.00pm Holy Mass for St. Augustine's PS in the Glass Chapel 1.00pm Holy Mass in the Parish Church with Novena to St. Thérèse 7.00pm May Devotions in honour of Our Lady
THURSDAY 24TH MAY SAINT MARY'S CALDERCRUIX SAINT NINIAN'S HS EASTWOOD	10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel 12noon Holy Mass for Saint Ninian's in the Glass Chapel 1.00pm Holy Mass for Saint Mary's Caldercruix in the Glass Chapel 1.00pm Holy Mass in the Parish Church 1.45pm Confessions
FRIDAY 25TH MAY	9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel
SATURDAY 26TH MAY	9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel 4.15pm Confessions 5.00pm Holy Mass
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THE SACRAMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Baptisms are celebrated most Sundays of the year, except during Lent and on Easter Sunday, at 12.30pm.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE - At least six months' notice must be given of intention to marry.

*Please telephone or email Father McGachey to make an appointment,
or speak to Father McGachey or Deacon Jim after Mass at the weekend*

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Jacob Canning, Mary Hart, Aqueel Naseem, Susan Inayat, John Brady, Teresa Cochrane, Eileen Knowles, Michael Miller, Elenor Giuberelli, Margaret Curran, Michael Gaynor, John McKeown, Peter McKenna, Nancy Buggie (Cullen), Ella Kearney, Francey Connelly, John Cook, Matt Lees, Mary Doyle, John Reilly, Gill Dobbie, Father Kamran, Yousaf Inayat, Margaret Feeney, Catherine Strain (Watson), James McCluskey, Eva McCluskey, Mamie Entrican, Jimmy Mays, Robert Higgins, Elizabeth Sawyer, Bernard Donnelly, Paul McAllister.

RECENTLY DEAD - John Devlin, Theresa McMahon, Tina Forde, Marie Alan, Elizabeth Carrigan, Stephen Mearns, David McMillan, Tonki Rice, Pat Flynn, Rene McLean, Henry Meehan, John Montague, Sadie Bartle, Janet McIntosh, Mary Friskey, Pauline Scott, George Johnson, Rose Devlin, Terrence McAdam, Hugh McGhee, Margaret Glen, Elizabeth Gallagher, Bridie McGuire, Stephen Differ, Rhea McNamee, Bowie Duncan.

MONTHS MIND, ANNIVERSARIES, AND REMEMBRANCES — Gerald Riordan, Agnes and John Riordan, Gerard O'Donnell, Alicia Gallacher, Joseph Hughes, John Hughes, Patrick Cairns, Maureen Campbell, John Reilly, Bill Perkins, Jim Farrell, Francesca Della Corte, May McIsaac, Sadie McCabe, Jackie McCabe, Ann Clare Darcey (Keenan), Frank McMahon, John and Mary McShane, Rosemary and Ronald MacIntyre, Frank, Agnes and Desmond McMahon, Betty Knight,

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 13TH MAY - £1786
Sincere thanks for your generosity to our Parish

