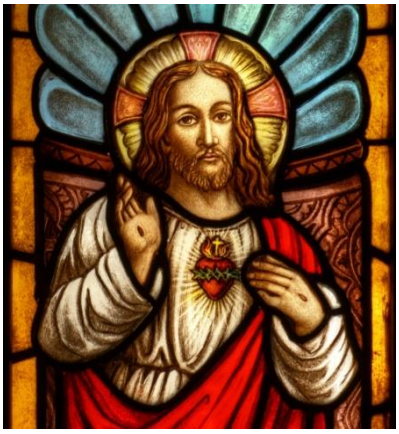
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

18th June 2017

JUNE – MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart, as we know it, began about the year 1672. On repeated occasions, Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, in France, and during these apparitions He explained to her the devotion to His Sacred Heart as He wanted people to practice it. He asked to be honoured in the symbol of His Heart of flesh; he asked for acts of reparation, for frequent Communion, Communion on the First Friday of the month, and the keeping of the Holy Hour.



When the Church approved the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, she did not base her action only on the visions of Saint Margaret Mary; she approved the devotion on its own merits. There is only one Person in Jesus, and that Person was at the same time God and Man. His Heart, too, is Divine - it is the Heart of God. True devotion to the Sacred Heart means devotion to the Divine Heart of Christ insofar as His Heart represents and recalls His love for us. This love of Christ for us was the moving force of all He did and suffered for us - in Nazareth, on the Cross, in giving Himself in the Blessed Sacrament, in His teaching and healing, in His praying and working. When we speak of the Sacred Heart, we mean Jesus showing us His Heart, Jesus all love for us and all lovable.

In the apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Jesus gave these twelve promises for those who are devoted to His Sacred Heart:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honoured.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
12. The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Today is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, sometimes still called 'Corpus Christi' Sunday. It is a day for special honour to be given to Christ really present at Holy Mass and in the Blessed Sacrament.

We invite you to join us for a Corpus Christi Procession after the 11am Mass in the Grotto. The Procession will last around 30 minutes and will conclude with Benediction. Afterwards we would like to invite you to tea/coffee/soft drinks and cake in the Xavier Centre.

DEVOTIONS TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS - On Wednesday evening at 7pm, with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

PRIMARY SEVEN CHILDREN - from Our Lady and Saint Francis Primary School will be at Mass on Friday morning.

SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS - An additional Mass will be celebrated at 1pm today in the Parish Church.

THE XAVIER CENTRE - To make bookings or enquires about the Xavier Centre either ring 07581239872 or use the new email address: **xaviercentre@gmail.com**

EXTRADORINDARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - New rota available outside the sacristy.

Sunday 25th June
MOTHERWELL DIOCESAN LOURDES DAY

Holy Mass with the
Sacrament of the Sick at 3pm,
followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Celebrant: Joseph Toal, Bishop of Motherwell

CALENDAR - **Monday** is the commemoration of **St Romuald**. Born in the Imperial town of Ravenna in the North East of Italy, and founded the Camaldolese monks — one of the Italian branches of the Benedictines — in which the solitary life is combined with life in community. He died in 1027. **Wednesday** is the memorial of **St Aloysius Gonzaga**. Growing up in 16th century Italy, he saw the decadence around him and vowed not to be part of it. He became a Jesuit and cared for the sick in Rome during an outbreak of the Plague within a few weeks, he contracted the plague himself and died. He was 23 years old. **Thursday** in the memorial of **Sts John Fisher and Thomas Moore**. St. Thomas More was born in London, England and was Chancellor of King Henry VIII. As a family man and a public servant, his life was a rare synthesis of human sensitivity and Christian wisdom. John Fisher studied Theology in Cambridge and became Bishop of Rochester in Kent. He and his friend Thomas More gave up their lives in testimony to the unity of the Church and to the indissolubility of Marriage. **Friday** is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. On **Saturday** we keep the Solemnity of the **Birth of Saint John the Baptist**.

NEXT SUNDAY - A representative from the Apostleship of the Sea will make an appeal on behalf of the work that they do: the Apostleship of the Sea serves seafarers from across the world, regardless of belief, nationality or race. In all the main ports in Great Britain our team of chaplains and volunteer ship visitors visit thousands of seafarers each year, meeting their needs through the provision of help, support and advice.

SUNDAY **18TH JUNE** **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION**	9.00am Holy Mass 11.00am Holy Mass followed by Corpus Christi procession in the Grotto 12.30pm Baptisms 12.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel Opening of the Chapel of Angels and Little Flower Chapel and and Bethlehem Cave until 5pm 6.00pm Evening Devotions
MONDAY **19TH JUNE**	9.00am The Parish Church opens, and each day at the same time 9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass in the Parish Church 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel Opening of Chapel of Angels and Little Flower Chapel and Bethlehem Cave and daily the same time 1.00pm Pilgrimage Mass in the Parish Church 1.45pm Confessions until 2.15pm 8.00pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction
TUESDAY **20TH JUNE** **HOLY FAMILY, MOSSEND** **COMPANIONS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS** **SAINT PATRICK'S KILSYTH MEN'S GROUP**	9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass in the Parish Church 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel **1.00pm Pilgrimage Mass for Mossend in the Glass Chapel (Father Grant)** **1.00pm Pilgrimage Mass for Companions and Saint Patrick's Kilsyth Parish Church** 1.45pm Confessions until 2.15pm 4.00pm Benediction for Saint Patrick's Kilsyth Men's Group 7.00pm Reception of the Remains of Mr Bill Perkins 8.00pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction (Father Grant)
WEDNESDAY **21ST JUNE**	9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Requiem Mass for Mr Bill Perkins 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel Opening of Chapel of Angels and Little Flower Chapel and Bethlehem Cave daily 1.00pm Holy Mass in the Parish Church 1.45pm Confessions until 2.15pm **7.00pm Devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**
THURSDAY **22ND JUNE** **SAINT PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL KILSYTH**	9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass in the Parish Church 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel 12noon Mass for the Saint Patrick's Primary School Kilsyth 1.00pm Holy Mass in the Parish Church 1.45pm Confessions until 2.15pm NO EVENING PRAYER
FRIDAY **23RD JUNE** **PIONEERS OF THE SACRED HEART**	9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass in the Parish Church with the children of P7 OLSF 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel **1.00pm Pilgrimage Mass in the Parish Church for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** 7.30pm Holy Mass for with Presentations for Pioneers of the Sacred Heart
SATURDAY **24TH JUNE** **CELTIC SUPPORTERS MEMORIAL MASS**	9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass for the Deceased Members of Carfin Celtic Supporters' Club 4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday
SUNDAY **25TH JUNE**	9.00am Holy Mass 11.00am Holy Mass 12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel Opening of the Chapel of Angels and Little Flower Chapel

DIOCESAN LOURDES DAY	**3.00pm**	**Annual Motherwell Diocesan Mass Lourdes Day with the Sacrament of the Sick and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

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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 THIS WEEK

SICK — Jacob Canning, Mary Hart, Aqueel Naseem, Susan Inayat, John Brady, Teresa Cochrane, Ellen Knowles, Michael Miller, Elenor Giuberelli, Margaret Curran, Michael Gaynor, John McKeown, Peter McKenna, Nancy Buggie (Cullen), Ella Kearney, James Hughes, Tom Ahearn, Francey Connelly, Daniel Hughes, Jennifer Cunnington, John Cook, Ann Dunbar, Andrew Lees.

RECENTLY DEAD - Bill Perkins (Reception of Remains Tuesday 7pm; Requiem Wednesday 10am), Bernadette McGinlay, Brian O'Sullivan, James Cullen, Henry Cassidy, Marty McGowan, Vera Green, Maureen Robinson, Hugh McGuinness, Betty Breen, John McKeown, Sadie Delaney, Rosemary Caldwell, Catherine Irvine, Mrs Murphy, Mary O'Donnell, Ellen Reilly, Tony Moore, Ken Carty, Mr Watson, Caolan Melaugh, James Houston, Moira O'Neil, Margaret Young, John Nugent, Fay Adams, James Curivan, Maureen Gray.

MONTHS MIND, ANNIVERSARIES, AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES — Henry McAvoy, John McAvoy, Margaret McAvoy, Bronie and Margaret Smith, Joseph, Annie and Kathleen Hughes, Michael and Gwyneth Clark, George and Susan Ilgunas, Jim Burns, William Currie, Frank Masson.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 11TH JUNE - £1724
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