

# St Francis Xavier Church

**Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - 9th July 2017**

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## Mass Times



Monday—Friday	10.00 am	
Monday—Thursday	1.00 pm	
Saturday	10.00 am	5.00 pm
Sunday	9.00 am	11.00 am

## Confessions

Tuesday	1.45—2.15 pm
Thursday	1.45—2.15 pm
Saturday	4.15 - 4.45 pm



## **BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE**

To arrange a Baptism or Marriage please speak to Fr McGachey or Deacon Jim after Mass at the weekend. At least six months' notice must be given of intention to marry. Please remember that if you live outside of the boundary of Saint Francis Xavier's then you must ask for these Sacraments in your own parish.



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## **PARISH COLLECTION**

Thank you for your contributions to last week's collection. The Parish collection totalled £1811.

## **FATIMA NOVENA AND MASS**

On Thursday evening at 7.30 pm

## **EVENING PRAYER**

Monday	8.00 pm
Tuesday	8.00 pm
<i>St Mary's, Cleland/St Aidan's, Wishaw</i>	
Wednesday	8.00 pm
<i>St John Bosco, Easterhouse</i>	

## **THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Those who are 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 Cunningham, John Cook, Ann Dunbar, Matt Lees.

**Those who have recently died** — Frank O'Halloran (Reception at Church Wednesday 6.00 pm / Funeral Mass Thursday 10.00.am), James Docherty, Wiltrud Godhes, Sadie Kearney, Franky McLenikin, Eve Lyons, John Coyle, Maureen Carley, Brian Brown, Mary Fearon, Angela Gallacher, John Mooney, Elizabeth Shannon, Elizabeth Malloy, James Johnston, Henry Cassidy, Moya Murphy, Christine Muir, Con Lafferty, Maurizio Puricelli, Angels Passmore, Heather McKindless, Harry Edmonds, Moya Murphy, Con Boyle, David Shephard, Kathleen McLean, John Mooney, Elizabeth Currie.

**The months' minds and anniversaries of those we wish to especially remember** — Sarah Keenan, Kathleen Hughes, Frank McMahon, John and Mary McShane, Rosemary and Ronald McIntyre, Frank, Agnes and Desmond McMahon, Agnes Heffernan, Patrick Heffernan, Catherine Hughes, Alex Kirson, Joe Fletcher, the Love family, the Frame family, Gerry Delaney, Patrick and Ellen Napier, Irene Timmons, the Muir family, Bill Perkins.

## WELCOME

We wish a very warm welcome to Fr. Michal Sidowski who will be supplying in the parish until the end of July. Many of you will remember Fr Sidowski from five years ago when he was here before.

Fr. Sidowski is currently working in a seminary, where he teaches dogmatic theology, so this month at Carfin should be a welcome change from his usual routine. I am sure you will all make him feel very welcome.

## MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE

Last week was a very happy and blessed week for the parish with the Ordination and First Mass of Fr John Paul McShane. I am sure that everyone will agree that the celebrations and liturgies went very well and that this was such an occasion that we will remember for many years.

Fr John Paul would like to thank everyone who made this possible; Bishop Toal for celebrating the ordination, the diocesan MCs, Fr McGachey, the organist and the choir, altar servers, pass keepers, church cleaners, hall staff, but most especially the hundreds of parishioners who joined with him in this most memorable and spiritual experience and for the many gifts he received.

Holy Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

In the twentieth century the Church had a succession of memorable Popes, some of whom we are fairly well acquainted of. However, some of the Popes we will be less familiar with and, over the next few weeks, we will examine the lives and contributions of these lesser known Popes of the twentieth century. This week, we examine the life and papacy of -

### Pope Benedict XV (1854—1922)

Pope Benedict XV born Giacomo Paolo Giovanni Battista della Chiesa was Pope from 3 September 1914 until his death in 1922. His pontificate was largely overshadowed by World War I and its political, social, and humanitarian consequences in Europe.

His wish to become a priest was rejected early on by his father who insisted on a legal career for his son. At age 21 he acquired a doctorate in Law on 2 August 1875. He had attended the University of Genoa, which after the unification of Italy, was largely dominated by anti-Catholic and anti-clerical politics. With his doctorate in Law and at legal age, he again asked his father for permission to study for the priesthood, which was now reluctantly granted. He insisted however, that his son conduct his theological studies in Rome not in Genoa, so that he would not end up as a village priest or provincial Monsignore.

He entered the diplomatic service of the Vatican in 1882 and quickly rose through the ranks to a senior position under the Cardinal Secretary of State. In April 1907 he was appointed Archbishop of Bologna, his episcopal ordination being carried out by Pope Pius X himself. Seven years later he was appointed as a Cardinal. Within three months, just before the start of World War I, Pius X died and a consistory was held to choose his successor. Despite being a cardinal for this short period of time, della Chiesa was elected as Pope and took the name Benedict XV.



The war and its consequences were Benedict's main focus during the early years of his pontificate. He declared the neutrality of the Holy See and attempted from that perspective to mediate peace in 1916 and 1917. Both sides rejected his initiatives but he made many efforts to bring the opposing sides to the peace table though, in doing so, all participants looked suspiciously at his efforts.

Almost from the beginning of the war, November 1914, Benedict negotiated with the warring parties about an exchange of wounded and other prisoners of war who were unable to continue fighting. Tens of thousands of such prisoners were exchanged through the intervention of Benedict XV. On 15 January 1915, the Pope proposed an exchange of civilians from the occupied zones, which resulted in 20,000 persons being sent to unoccupied Southern France in one month. In 1916, the Pope managed to hammer out an agreement between both sides, by which 29,000 prisoners with lung disease from the gas attacks could be sent into Switzerland. In May 1918, he also reached agreement that prisoners on both sides with at least 18 months of captivity and four children at home would also be sent to neutral Switzerland. After the war, Benedict focused the Vatican's activities on overcoming famine and misery throughout Europe.

After a month of pain from flu and then pneumonia, from which he was said not to recover, he succumbed to that illness on 22 January 1922 at the age of 67. In Turkey, a non-Christian country, reflecting the great work he had done, erected a statue and plaque with the inscription -

***The great Pope of the world tragedy... the benefactor of all people, irrespective of nationality or religion.***

In April 2005, Pope Benedict XVI, on being elected Pope, would take the same name in honour of his predecessor.