

St Francis Xavier Church

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B - 15th July 2018

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Mass Times



Monday—Friday	10.00 am
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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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament In the Glass Chapel

Monday to Thursday	10.30 am to 7.00 pm
Friday	10.30 am to 4.00 pm
Saturday	10.30 am to 4.30 pm
Sunday	12 noon to 5.00 pm

Parish Collection

Thank you for your contributions to last week's collection. The Parish collection totalled £1420.

Welcome

Thanks to the Holy Ghost Fathers for supplying in the parish last week.

This weekend we welcome Fr Stuart Parkes, presently Vice-Rector at the Pontifical Scots College in Rome. Fr Stuart was previously parish priest at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in East Kilbride and also, for some years, the diocesan Master of Ceremonies. Fr Parkes will be with us for two weeks.

The Xavier Centre

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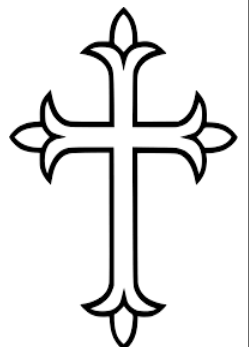


THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who are sick – Please remember all those in our parish and community who are ill or in hospital.

Those who have recently died – Bill Tominey, Sadie Lucas, Henry Hughes, James Friel, Daniel O'Shea, John Henderson, Claire Brogan, Margaret Harvie, Cameron Earl, Betty McGarth, Claire Brogan, William Wilson, Joyce Boyle, Moira Tobin, Claire Brown, Elizabeth McGuinness, Peter Rodgers, Sadie Lucas, Jim Graham, Liam Fitzpatrick, Sadie Wark, Andrew Bradley, Molly Miller, Bernie O'Donoghue, Mary Scott, Robert Rankin, Mary Kelly, Robert Sanders, James McDade, Eileen Graham, Jim Friel, Margaret Harvey, Nancy O'Toole.

The months minds and anniversaries of those we wish to especially remember – Catherine Hughes, Eddie McMahon, Anne, Mark and Gerald Heffernan, the Quigley family, Cathie and John Dolan, Peggy Campbell, Peter McAleer, Peter McAleer Jnr., Geraldine McAleer, Daniel Byrne, Catherine Duffy, Samuel Irvine, Margaret Hillis, Ann Clare Darcey (Keenan), Julia Perkins, Matthew Phee, Margaret Fisher.



We are all familiar with the better-known Scottish saints, such as St Margaret of Scotland and St John Ogilvie, but there are a number of lesser-known Scottish saints whose lives should be of interest to us. During this month, we will look in detail at some of these saints.

Saint Mirin

It is believed that Mirin was of noble birth. While still a young boy, his mother took him to the monastery of Bangor Abbey in County Down in the north east of Ireland, where he was placed under the care of St. Comgall. St Mirin later took oversight of the monastery and thus became the prior of Bangor Abbey, where he accepted visitors and sojourners.



Later on, St Mirin travelled to the camp of the High King of Ireland with the purpose of spreading the Christian faith. Having heard of Mirin's arrival, the king refused to allow the saint to enter the camp. Mirin, thus slighted, was said to have prayed to God that the king might feel his wife's labour pangs, her time being near. The legend continues that, just as St Mirin had prayed, the king fell ill and roared in pain for three days and nights. In desperation the king sought out Mirin and granted him all he wished, including the right to go out and preach the Gospel to the men of his camp. In response St Mirin prayed on his behalf and he was freed from his pain.

Thereafter he was appointed to the west of Scotland and, after a long and difficult journey, arrived where the town of Paisley now stands. The area had recently been abandoned by the Romans and was in the possession of a powerful local chieftain. This chief took a liking to Mirin and the saint was allotted a small field near the river in the southern part of town. This plot was called St Mirin's Croft until it was later developed. He founded the first church in Paisley, thought to be at Seedhill and after his death the shrine of Saint Mirin became a centre of pilgrimage.

In various charters and Papal Bulls Mirin is referred to as *The glorious confessor, Saint Mirin*. His image was engraved on the seal of the Abbey, depicting him in the vestments of a bishop. Around the seal was inscribed the prayer *O Mirin, pray for your servants*. In King James IV's Charter of 1488 raising Paisley to the status of burgh of barony, one of the reasons cited was "the singular respect we have for the glorious confessor, Saint Mirin".

The Catholic Cathedral in Paisley is named in his honour as is the local professional football team, St Mirren.

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday 16th Our Lady of Mount Carmel

This is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12th and early to mid-13th century. They built in the midst of their hermitages a chapel which they dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, whom they conceived of in chivalric terms as the "Lady of the place."

Friday 20th St Apollinaris

According to tradition, he was a native of Antioch in Roman Province of Syria. As the first Bishop of Ravenna, appointed it is said by St Peter himself, though this is not certain. He faced nearly constant persecution and he and his flock were exiled from Ravenna during the persecutions of Emperor Vespasian (or Nero, depending on the source). On his way out of the city he was identified, arrested as being the leader, tortured and martyred by being run through with a sword.



Saturday 21st St Lawrence of Brindisi

St Lawrence was a Priest and Doctor of the Church. He lived from 1559 to 1619 and was a Capuchin monk who preached the Counter-Reformation. He led German armies against the Turks in Hungary and gained peace for the people of Naples.