

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH

THE GREAT JUBILEE OF MERCY

Eighteenth Sunday of the Ordinary Season - 31st July 2016



THE ANNUAL NOVENA TO SAINT THERESE



The annual Novena to Saint Thérèse begins on Wednesday of this week at 7pm in the Parish Church. This year we will follow a slightly revised programme: the service will include the Litany of Saint Therese, Novena Prayers and Veneration of the Relic and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

If you would like your petitions to be remembered at the Novena, then please use one of the petitions sheets available at the back of the Church and put it in the Novena box by the statue of the Little Flower. Please include no offerings with these.

All of us will have special intentions for which we have to pray. Let us be mindful of the promise of the Little Flower: "When I die, I will send down a shower of roses from the heavens, I will spend my heaven by doing good upon earth."

SINCERE THANKS - I would like to thank Father Ferdinand for taking care of the parish during the past four weeks. I have been told that his quiet, humble nature has made a deep impression on you. He went to Saint Brigid's, Newmains on Friday to work there for the next month. We wish him well in his doctoral studies in Rome.

Deacon Jim this afternoon (Sunday) begins his own well-deserved holiday for the next three weeks. I would like to thank him for all he has done in my absence.

On Saturday August 13th, Deacon Bernard Mournian, one of our Diocesan seminarians, will be joining us for one month to gain some pastoral experience from parish life and from the National Shrine. He is a parishioner of Saint Mary's in Hamilton, and about to begin his last year as a student in the Pontifical Scots College in Rome. He trained as a teacher of Accounting and Business Studies. I am sure you will make him welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY - is the annual Paisley Diocesan Pilgrimage, led for by the Bishop of Paisley, John Keenan. Holy Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Church with the Sacrament of the Sick at 3pm. At 4.45pm (weather permitting) a Rosary Procession will take place in the Grotto, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Given the poor weather of the past month, I hesitate to ask for help, but if it dry on Thursday evening at 6pm, it would be great to have some help getting the Grotto ready for Sunday with the placing of 400 chairs.

THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK - Monthly Mass at 7pm in honour of Saint Peregrine, patron saint of those with cancer or any other serious illness. Anointing and Veneration of the Relic during Holy Mass.

NEXT SATURDAY IS THE FIRST SATURDAY - with its special devotions and additional Mass at 1pm in the Glass Chapel.

MONTHLY FATIMA MASS - Saturday 13th August at 7.30pm preceded by a Rosary Procession.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY - Falls this year on Monday 15th August (so not a holyday of obligation). There will be a Festal Mass at 1pm during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be given to anyone who wishes to receive it. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Centre.

PILGRIMAGE IN HONOUR OF SAINT PHILOMENA - Saturday 20th August, beginning with Holy Mass at 11.30am, followed by veneration of the Relic of the Saint and Anointing with Holy Oil from her shrine in Italy. 1.30pm Rosary Procession and Novena Prayers in the Grotto, concluding with Benediction at 3pm. **There will be no Mass at 10am today.**

GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE - will take place in the Parish Church on Sunday 21st August at 3pm. The afternoon begins with Holy Mass during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be given to anyone who would wish to receive it. Thirty minutes after Mass Rosary Procession and Benediction in the Grotto.

POLISH PILGRIMAGE - Sunday 28th August beginning at 2pm with a Rosary Procession, 3pm the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Parish Church. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 4pm.

CALENDAR - **Monday** is the memorial of **St. Alphonsus de Liguori**. His charity and apostolic spirit led him to found the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, better known as the Redemptorists to carry on this work. He died at the age of ninety, in 1787. For his great works on Moral Theology he has been declared a Doctor of the Church. On **Tuesday** we remember **St. Peter Julian Eymard**. Born in La Mure, France, Peter became a parish priest in 1834 and joined the Marists five years later. He fostered Eucharistic adoration throughout his life and founded a religious order of priest-adorers of the Holy Eucharist who came to be known as the Priests of the Blessed Sacrament. **St. Eusebius** of Vercelli is remembered on **Wednesday**. He was a Roman priest of the fourth century. According to the acts relating his martyrdom he was condemned by the Emperor Constantius to be starved to death in a room in his own house. He was buried in the cemetery of St. Calixtus in Rome. **Thursday** is the memorial of Saint John Vianney, patron saint of Parish Priests - at the conclusion of all services today there will an opportunity to venerate his relic. **Friday** is the Feast the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome. **Saturday** is the **Solemnity of the Transfiguration of Our Lord**.

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

THE MARGARET SINCLAIR STORY - A new play by Stephen Callaghan, from the 6th-12th August at 7.45pm, in Saint Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh. Tickets £6 available from the Fringe Box Office or online at tickets.edfringe.com

TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL - Any pupil who would like to discuss changes to their options following exam results should report to the school office on Thursday 11th August.

SUNDAY 31ST JULY	9.00am Holy Mass - Father McGachey 11.00am Holy Mass - Father McGachey 12noon Opening of the Chapel of Angels and Little Flower Chapel, Bethlehem Cave, Divine Mercy Chapel, The Lord's Tomb 12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel 12noon Baptisms NO AFTERNOON OR EVENING DEVOTIONS TODAY
MONDAY 1ST AUGUST	9.00am The Parish Church opens, and each day at the same time 9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel 1.00pm Pilgrimage Mass in the Parish Church 1.45pm Confessions until 2.15pm 8.00pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction
TUESDAY 2ND AUGUST	9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel 1.00pm Pilgrimage Mass in the Parish Church 1.45pm Confessions until 2.15pm 7.00pm Reception of the Remains of Theresa Cairns 8.00pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction
WEDNESDAY 3RD AUGUST	9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Funeral Mass for Theresa Cairns 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel 1.00pm Pilgrimage Mass with Little Flower Novena and Veneration of Relic 1.45pm Confessions until 2.15pm 7.00pm Annual Novena to Saint Thérèse of Lisieux
THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST	9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 1.00pm Pilgrimage Mass in the Parish Church 1.45pm Confessions until 2.15pm 7.00pm Monthly Mass in honour of St Peregrine, with anointing and veneration
FRIDAY 5TH AUGUST	9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel NO DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS
SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST	9.15am Confessions 9.30am Rosary and Prayers for the First Saturday 10.00am Holy Mass 10.45am Confessions 11.45am Confessions until 12.15pm 1.00pm Mass for the First Saturday in the Glass Chapel 4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm 5.00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday
SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST PAISLEY DIOCESAN DAY	9.00am Holy Mass 11.00am Holy Mass 12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel 3.00pm Holy Mass for the Motherwell Diocesan Lourdes Day with the Sacrament of the Sick (Parish Church - Bishop Keenan) 4.45pm Rosary Procession in the Grotto with Benediction

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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 — Mary Hart, Cathy Hughes, James Kenny, Margaret Mitchell, Aqueel Naseem, Susan Inayat, Betty Walsh, Julie Fleming, Nan Rooney, Patricia Griffiths, Robert Green, John Brady, Teresa Cochrane, Ellen Knowles, Michael Miller, Elenor Giuberelli, Margaret Curran. Therese Cairns.

RECENTLY DEAD - Teresa Cairns (Funeral: Tuesday 7pm; Wednesday 10am), James Rouse, Rose McMahon, James Montgomery, George Taylor, Mary Glass, Marie Meechan, Willie Gray, Robert Green, Mary MacNeill, George McLachlin, May Cullen, Catherine McIntyre, Liam Cowan, Ferdia McMahan, Alex Short, Gerald Bergin, Allan Gallagher, Cathie McIntyre, Mary McGuigan, Jim McNulty, Russell Davidson, Thomas Lamb, Kathleen McHaffie, Alan Brown, Patricia McCormack, Margaret Hackett, Sister Anna O.Carm, Brother Bernard OFM.CAP, John Keane, John Lynch,

MONTHS MIND, ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Catherine, Charles and Tracy Devine, Joseph Devine, Elizabeth Carr, Annie McGoldrick, Thomas McGoldrick, Alice O'Rourke, Kevin O'Rourke, Bartholomew and Ellen O'Rourke, the O'Rourke family, James and Alice Doherty, the Doherty family, Mary Kelly. Margaret Murray, Neil Logue, John and Alice McFarlane, Charles and Mary Magdalene Devine, John M. McFarlane, Bobby Tiffney, Patricia Evans and the Evans family (London), Jim Mackie, William Wood, Henry Wood Snr, Bessie Wood, Netta Wood, Margaret Wood, Isabel Wood, the Wood family.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 24TH JULY - £1558

SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE UPKEEP OF YOUR PARISH

