

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH

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REMEMBERING POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II'S WORDS AT BELLAHOUSTON IN 1982

Thirty-five years ago, almost to the day, on a glorious summer afternoon, Archbishop Thomas Winning welcomed Pope John Paul II to Bellahouston Park where nearly 300,000 people from all over Scotland gave the Holy Father a tumultuous welcome. At one point during the Pope's homily the crowd, the largest ever assembled in Scotland, applauded him for nearly eight minutes. The message he delivered then is still relevant for Scottish Catholics today:



“We are gathered here on this Scottish hillside to celebrate Mass. Are we not like those first followers who sat at the feet of Jesus on the hillside near Capernaum? With words simple and clear, Jesus outlined the requirements for admission to his heavenly kingdom: to be gentle, generous, simple, and above all sincere. To avoid being arrogant, censorious, or self-seeking. To aim for the Kingdom requires a radical change in outlook, in behaviour, in relations with others.

Be loyal to the memory of those valiant forerunners in the Faith. Be diligent in handing on intact the spiritual heritage committed to you. Be faithful to your daily prayers, to the Mass, to the Sacrament of Penance... Defend the sacredness of life and the holiness of matrimony. Understand your holy Catholic faith and live by its teaching. Face up to the difficult challenges of modern life with Christian fortitude and patience.

You are heirs to a sacred heritage. Your forefathers have handed on to you the only inheritance they really prized, our holy Catholic faith! From heaven their heartfelt appeal to you would be this: 'Set your hearts on his kingdom'. With grateful hearts turn to God and thank him that tranquil days have been restored to the Catholic community in Scotland. And for your dearly beloved Scottish homeland, I wish to adapt and make my own the words familiar to many of you: Lord, let Scotland flourish through the preaching of thy word and the praising of thy name. Amen!"



SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Today is the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, the day when we honour the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in everlasting glory. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

TONIGHT - MAY DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

With a prayerful recitation of the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6pm. Please join us if you can.

May Devotions will conclude on Wednesday evening at 7pm. Next week, being the month of June, we will begin Devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

LAST SUNDAY'S LEGION OF MARY THANKSGIVING PILGRIMAGE - I would like to thank all those who helped to make last weekend's pilgrimage of six hundred Legionaries from all over Scotland such a success: our servers, both adult and children, passkeepers, sacristans, those who prepared the Church, those who worked so hard in hall to ensure that everyone was fed, those who looked after the bishops and invited guests in the presbytery, those who look after the sound and arrangements in the Grotto, our organists and cantor. Everyone I spoke to was extremely grateful and very complimentary. Thank you so much.

NEXT SUNDAY - A special collection will be taken up to support the work of the Communications Office of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland.

FROM DEACON REV. MARK O'DONNELL - I would like to thank sincerely all those who sent me cards at my recent Ordination to the Diaconate a few weeks ago in Rome. I will remember you in my prayers, and I look forward to seeing you in August, when I begin a two month placement at St. Francis Xavier's. With my good wishes. *Rev. Mark O'Donnell.*

LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE ON SAFEGUARDING - Copies of a letter from Bishop Toal are available at the side table below the noticeboard in the porch.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION FOR THE FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST NEXT SUNDAY

Will take place next Sunday at 3pm. I hope that some of our First Communicants will be present, along with their parents, as well as a good attendance of parishioners, as we demonstrate in a public way our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. The procession will last about one hour and conclude with Benediction in the Grotto. Light refreshments will be served in the Xavier Centre afterwards.



SUNDAY 27TH MAY	8.00am The Church opens 9.00am Holy Mass 11.00am Holy Mass 11.00am The Shrines and the Chapels in the Grotto open 6.00pm May Devotions in honour of Our Lady
MONDAY 28TH MAY	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 29TH MAY HOLY FAMILY MOSSEND	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 30TH MAY NURSES' PILGRIMAGE	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 with Novena to St. Thérèse 7.00pm May Devotions in honour of Our Lady 7.00pm Mass for the Nurses' Day Pilgrimage Glass Chapel
THURSDAY 31ST MAY SAINT PATRICK'S PS GREENOCK	9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel 12noon Mass for Saint Patrick's PS in the Glass Chapel 1.00pm Holy Mass in the Glass Chapel NO CONFESSIONS TODAY 2.00pm Wedding
FRIDAY 1ST JUNE	9.35am The Holy Rosary 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel
SATURDAY 2ND JUNE FIRST SATURDAY TENT OF DIVINE MERCY ST PATRICK'S EDINBURGH	9.15am Confessions 9.30am Rosary and Fatima Devotions 10.00am Holy Mass 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel 11.45am Confessions 12.15am Rosary and Fatima Devotions in the Glass Chapel 1.00pm Holy Mass in the Glass Chapel for the First Saturday 2.00pm Tent of Divine Mercy 4.15pm Confessions 5.00pm Holy Mass
SUNDAY 3RD JUNE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION	8.00am The Church opens 9.00am Holy Mass 11.00am Holy Mass 3.00pm Blessed Sacrament Procession for Corpus Christi Sunday led by Bishop Joseph Toal followed by light refreshments

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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 - Anne Feeney (Bradley), Etta McCool, Bridget Coyle, Agnes Fox, John Harvie, Catrina Forde, Alice Oates, Elizabeth Carrigan, Patrick Doyle, Michael Donnelly, Anne Mullen, Rose Devlin, Daniel Cosgrove, Rosetta Murray, Theresa McMahon, Charles Kerr, Etta Murray, David McDermott, Catherine McKenzie, Liam McGrory, Stephen Mearns, Mary McCrossan, John Hourigan, Agnes Fox, Rena McGinn, Bernard McCabe, Jane McKay, Helen Gemmell.

MONTHS MIND, ANNIVERSARIES, AND REMEMBRANCES — Elizabeth Carr, James Joseph Duffy, Arthur McAuley, Florence Carlin, Donald Joseph McLean, Anne McGeeney, Jock (John) Keenan, Bridget Napier, Patrick and Ellen Napier, Ann and Charles Kelly.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 20TH MAY - £1727
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