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CLERGY

Parish Priest: **Fr Bernard Mournian**

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Deacon: **Rev Bill McMillan**

TWENTY FOURTH ORDINARY SUNDAY

SATURDAY 12TH /SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Parish Services this Week

Mass:-	Monday-Friday 10am; 1pm
Eucharistic Adoration:	Monday-Saturday 9.30-10am
Funeral mass:	Wed 16 th Sep, 1pm - <i>Eilish McKaveney R.I.P.</i>
(Mourners only)	Fri 18 th Sep, 1pm – <i>Joanne O'Neil R.I.P.</i>
Saturday	10am; 5.30pm (Vigil)
Sunday	9am; 10.30am; 12 noon & 4pm
Live Streamed Masses:	Sunday 12 noon; Mon-Fri 1pm; Sat 10am
Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Before 10am mass, in the porch or by arrangement

LIVESTREAMING PRIVACY NOTICE

During live streaming, our camera is focussed on the area of the sanctuary. Please note that you may be seen on camera when going to Communion. If this causes you concern, please speak to the Clergy.

WEEKLY DONATIONS

The parish income has been severely affected by the pandemic; however the running costs remain the same. We rely completely on the charity of parishioners, therefore, if you are in a position to do so, please consider setting up a standing order or making a regular contribution. The easiest way to do this is to set up a standing order with your bank. These are our bank details:-

Sort Code: 83-26-24
Account No.: 00255006

If you make a regular donation to the church and haven't already filled out a Gift Aid form, we would encourage you to do so. There is no extra cost to yourself but for every £1 you donate, the church gets an extra 25p through Gift Aid.

Last week's collection:- £1500.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

Places at Sunday Mass MUST be booked through our online booking system www.st-columbkillessunday-mass.eventbrite.com.

Only those who cannot go online should **PHONE or TEXT** 07783 340539. You must leave a message or text to tell us:

1. which Mass you wish to attend (offer 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice)
2. the NUMBER of places to be reserved
3. the NAME of each person attending
4. a PHONE NUMBER so that we can confirm.

Bookings for the next weekend can be made from **Monday 9am until Saturday 10am.**

No-one can be admitted to church for Sunday Mass unless they have reserved a place (maximum of 50).

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO (1603-1663) – Feast day 18th September

Patron Saint: Aviators, flying, studying and those suffering mental handicaps

Despite performing countless miracles and living an extraordinary, supernatural life, St Joseph of Cupertino is probably best known for being the saint we turn to when we are sitting exams. However, his life was so much more than his struggle to pass exams.



St Joseph was born in 1603 in Cupertino, Italy. His father was a carpenter and his mother, through a set of exceptional circumstances gave birth to Joseph in a stable, mirroring the birth of Our Blessed Lord. Joseph was a very pious child but he was slow to learn, clumsy and forgetful and would wander around aimlessly with his mouth open, earning him the nickname *Bocca Aperta* (Open Mouth). This is more than likely due to the fact that from a young age Joseph would experience ecstasies when he was at mass or praying. Even the sound of the church bell could send him into an ecstasy that would leave him frozen, mouth open, eyes looking into another supernatural part of existence.

Poor Joseph failed at many things he tried, including becoming a Franciscan friar. When he was finally accepted into the friary it wasn't long before he was asked to leave because he could do nothing right! He would slip into trances anywhere, at any time, so overwhelmed was he with divine love for Our Lord - not ideal when you're working in the kitchen! His mother persuaded the friars to take him back as a servant and it was during this time that Joseph began to change. The Holy Spirit was at work in Joseph and he grew in humility, his concentration improved and he would do voluntary acts of penance. The Franciscans were impressed with the changes they saw in Joseph and accepted him into the order. Studying and exams didn't come easy to Joseph though and he only passed his exams after being asked by the examiner to tell him what he knew!

As a priest, the Holy Spirit worked many miracles through Joseph, which are beyond the scope of our humble bulletin, but he became very well known for levitating, so much so he was called 'The Flying Saint'! The first time it happened was during a procession to honour St Francis of Assisi (who Joseph had a great devotion to). During the procession Joseph suddenly soared into the air, in front of the whole crowd. This was to be the first of many times that Joseph was witnessed levitating, he even did it in front of Pope Urban VIII!

Levitation is a physical expression of the deep prayer that raises the heart and mind to God. However, at the time it was associated with witchcraft and because of this, Joseph was referred to the Inquisition. They could find no fault or blame but instead were full of admiration for him. The attention Joseph received was unwanted, he preferred a life of solitude and contemplation. But the quiet life was not without its trials. Joseph suffered a 'dark night of the soul', similar to other mystics. He no longer had ecstasies, experienced aridity during mass and while praying. This lasted for 2 years and afterwards Joseph was able to offer advice to those in similar situations.

'Pray', he told them. If you are troubled by dryness or distractions, simply say the Our Father. Then you make both vocal and mental prayer.'

Prayer for success in exams:- *O dear St Joseph of Cupertino, who by your prayers obtained from God the graces that you may be asked at your examination the only propositions you knew. Obtain for me that grace that I may succeed, like you, in the examinations for which I am preparing and in return I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked. Amen.*

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If there are sick or housebound parishioners who wish to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick please get in touch with Fr Mournian.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation in Adults) course will begin as soon as Government restrictions allow for meetings to take place. Anyone wishing to come to the introductory meeting should contact Chris Hughes (0141 563 9548) beforehand. Enquiries are confidential, no commitment required.

CONGRATULATIONS DEACON M^{AC}MILLAN

On behalf of the parish we would like to offer our congratulations to Deacon M^{AC}Millan on the 8th anniversary of his ordination to the permanent diaconate. Our parish is extremely blessed to have him and we are so grateful for all his hard work, not just in our parish but for the whole of Motherwell Diocese. Please keep him and all our clergy in your prayers.

HOLY SOLES

Our walking group will meet again on Monday 14th Sep at 10.30am outside the church for a short walk in the local area. If the weather is inclement, we will head straight to Rutherglen Exchange for a socially distanced coffee and catch up!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The Young Adults Group will start up again, Government guidelines permitting, on Tuesday 27th October at 7pm with a series of talks. We will meet in the church. The group is open to anyone between the ages of 16-35. New members welcome.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

We are hopeful that we will still be able to have October Devotions this year on Monday at 7pm throughout October. Booking details to follow.

VESTS FOR OUR STEWARDS

Thank you to the parishioner who designed and donated the vests for our stewards to wear whilst they are assisting at mass.

CAR PARK WALL

Thank you to Tony Kilcoyne, one of our parishioners for volunteering his son, Stephen to rebuild the wall in the car park. You will remember this had to be knocked down as part of the refurbishment of the church. The wall has been rebuilt using the leftover bricks that were in the car park. Thank you to Stephen for giving so freely of his time and the other materials required to complete the job. This has freed up a few more valuable spaces in the car park.

GARDEN/GROUNDS CLEAN UP CREW

Thank you to all the Caritas students who came along on Saturday to help with the garden/grounds clean up, to the volunteers who directed and supervised them and to the hall staff for providing everyone with some welcome refreshments afterwards!

SVDP FOODBANK

The St Vincent de Paul foodbank is open to anyone who needs it and is available on a Saturday 10.30-11.30am in the Church Hall.

Please pray for the following:-

Sick

Eric O'Neil (5 years), Bea van der Linden (Netherlands), Laurence Buchanan, Margaret Gray, Margaret Malone.

Recently deceased

Joanne O'Neil, Joseph McCourtney, Eilish McKaveney, Betty Cosker, Therese Cafferkey, Betty Killen, Marysia Rosanska, Kathleen Woods (McGreevy), Fred McIver, Domico Quigley, Jimmy McKinley (Hamilton Rd), Angela McAdam, Josephine Forrester

Anniversaries

Mary Connelly, James Traynor, Sam Gallagher, Thomas Keenan, Mary Kinnear, Margaret (Mullan) Cunningham, Thomas Kennedy, Sam Miller, Fr Peter Gorman, Josephine Dempsey, Margaret McPherson, John O'Hare (Quinn), Thomas and Ann Keenan, Thomas Jr Keenan and Kathleen Keenan

Month's mind - Jimmy Murray

Birthday - Geraldine Baird