



St. Bernadette's Tullibody Parish Newsletter

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Pentecost Sunday

28th May 2023

Parish Diary			
Sat	27th May	9.30am 5.30pm	Morning Mass Vigil Mass
Sun	28th May Pentecost Sunday	8.30am 11.30am	Morning Mass Morning Mass (Also on YouTube)
Mon	29th May	9.30am 10am	Morning Mass First Communion Children Confessions
The Blessed Virgin Mary ~ Mother of the Church			
Tues	30th May	~~	No services.
Wed	31st May	9.30am 11am	Requiem Mass for Margaret Brotherford Stirling Crematorium
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
Thurs	1st June	9.30am 6pm	Morning Mass Followed by First Communion Retreat Cathedral, Dundee ~ Education Mass
Fri	2nd June	9.30am	Morning Mass
Sat	3rd June	9.30am 10am 5.30pm	Morning Mass Flower Sale in Parish Hall Vigil Mass
Sun	4th June The Most Holy Trinity	8.30am 11.30am	Morning Mass First Communion Mass (Also on YouTube)
Mon	5th June	9.30am	Mass with First Communicants

Parish Offerings ~ 21st May 2023

Gift Aid	£325.00	Non Gift Aid	£413.10	Total	£1035.03
Special Collection for Communication Day			£296.93		



Please pray for



Those who are sick ~

Seamus Freyne (Father Mike's younger brother), Natalie Otalini, Jade Dicerbo, Stuart Mason, Sean McCann, Sid Davies, Nellie Gallon, Carly Mournian, Brendan Murphy, Vincent McDaid, Peter Douglas, Mary Gordon, Mary Hughes, Peter & Margaret Stark, Maureen McKay, Sarah Jane Connelly, Duncan McGregor, Maria McIntyre, John & Trisha Smith, Drs. Diane & Mike Basquill, Maurice Di Duca, Heather Stewart, Cathy McCallum, Archie Gallaway, Fr John Callaghan, Bishop Stephen, Cathy Fox, Jim McKay, & all those in Hospital & Nursing Homes.

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time ~

5 year old Jack Bray, Lawrence McArthur, William Conlan, Mel Latte, Alex Byrne, Fr. Colin Golden, Mary Galloway, Suzanne Hughes, Tom Harvey, Mgr. Tony Duffy, Greta Soave, Mary Connor, Anne McNiven, Elizabeth Di Giovanni, John Boyle, Tommy Lawlor, Willie Crews, Canon Michael Milton, Mgr. Charles Henry.

Sunday, May 28th ~ Pentecost

You are cordially invited to a birthday party!

Where: Your Parish

Why: To Celebrate the Church's Birthday



Are you confused by this invitation? Did you know that the feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church? It is called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church.

Pentecost (Greek for *50th day*) is celebrated by Christians 50 days after Easter, and marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles while they were cowering and hiding behind locked doors following Jesus' resurrection. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostles immediately went out and preached Jesus' message to everyone—even those who spoke other languages.

Actually, Pentecost was originally a Jewish feast that concluded the 50 days of Passover and celebrated the end of the barley harvest, plus the beginning of the wheat harvest. The Jewish people at Pentecost also celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai.

Symbols of Pentecost

The symbols of Pentecost are wind, fire and a dove.

The first symbol—wind—is taken from the noise the apostles heard as the Spirit descended upon them (Acts 2:2).

After the wind, flames appeared and rested upon the heads of each of the apostles (Acts 2:3).



A dove serves as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. There is no mention of a dove in Acts, but we associate a dove with the Holy Spirit because of the story about Jesus' baptism: "After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him" (Matthew 3:16)



4th June — First Communions



We have 7 children that will be making this big step in their journey of faith.

Normally this important day fills the church up with relatives and friends of our first communicants.

It may be wise, especially in the current health crisis when we should be avoiding large meetings in closed spaces, that some regular members who frequent the 11.30am mass opt, just for this weekend, one of the other two masses.



Saturday 3rd June 2023

10am to 12noon in the Church Hall

Kathleen & Tony Massanaopoli are holding a plant sale in the Parish Hall between 10am to 12noon on Saturday 3rd June, to raise funds for the Church.

Any plants left over, Kathleen & Tony will sell them after 11.30am Mass in the Parish Hall.

JOURNEYING WITH MARY
Prayer Service in Preparation for the Synod
Carfin Grotto - Feast of the Visitation
Wednesday 31st May 2023 7pm

At the invitation of Pope Francis the Bishops' Conference of Scotland is hosting an hour of prayer at the National Marian Shrine, Carfin, for the success of the Synod. All are most welcome.

Personal reflections will be shared on four aspects of Mary's life interspersed with silence, hymns and the Rosary while pilgrims journey between various Marian stations.

Tea etc will be available at 8pm.

The Prayer Service will be live-streamed on beingCatholic.com

On the Feast of the Visitation Pope Francis has also encouraged prayer at diocesan and parish level for the success of the Synod.



ROSARY STRONGHOLD
PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES AND THE FAMILY OF NATIONS
MAY 2021

Carfin Lourdes Grotto has the great privilege to join live with the Holy Father for the crowning of his May Rosary Marathon. Join us on 31st May across the Grotto's social media.

JOIN THE CARFIN LOURDES GROTTO LIVE 4PM - 7PM (BST)
LIVE ROSARY WITH HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS AT 5.15PM (BST)

Feed the Hungry

Please place non-perishable & tinned items, etc in the box at the back of the church. Our KSC & SVDP will distribute goods to the needy in our area and also support "The Gate" food bank.



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