

Parish Finance

First Collection last weekend - £419

Second Collection for parish Funds - £308

Donation to SCIAF - £15

Crib Donations (in aid of St. Margaret's Society) - £5 (total - £216)

Parish News

R.C.I.A.: Next meeting - Monday 6th February at 7 p.m. in parish house.

On Duty during Masses weekend 4-5 February

Readers:

Sat Vigil - C. O'Neill; M. Cunningham
Sunday - B. and J. Uzor

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Sat. Vigil - S. Meany; D. Colgan
Sunday - J. McDonald

First Communion and First Confession Candidates are reminded to bring their Passport and Prayer Card to Sunday Mass Children's Liturgy Group.

Parents/Guardians of Children who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion this May, should have received an invitation to meet individually with Canon Dunnachie. Please remember to bring along the child's Baptismal Certificate.

Marriage Prep: the next meetings will take place on 18 and 25 Feb in St. Mary's Coatbridge

On 18 & 25 March in St. Mary's Coatbridge and 2 and 9 September in St. Mary's Hamilton.

Any couples planning marriage next year should first of all see Canon Dunnachie.

Altar Lamp for the coming week has been sponsored by the Kiernan & Walsh Families in memory of Joan Kiernan.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2017

will be hosted this year by the Coatbridge United Reformed Church, Bank Street, Coatbridge.

In preparation for this St. Mary's are invited to send 2 representatives to the initial meeting on **Thursday 2nd Feb. at 7.30 p.m. in the URC Church Hall, Bank Street.** There will be a second meeting to rehearse in the Church on **Wednesday 22nd February at 7.30 p.m.**

If you are interested to representing St. Mary's at these meetings please see Canon Dunnachie. Tea and coffee will be served prior to the meetings.

"Our cares we can cast on Thee then Thou carest for us. How can we be troubled about the future road since it belongs to Thee? How can we be troubled where it leads, since it finally but leads us to Thee!" John Henry Newman

Ten Guidelines from God (contd)

7. Share: You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who have forgotten how to cry. Share your faith with those who have none.

8. Be Patient: I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes Me a little longer than you expect to handle something on My to-do list? Trust in My timing, for My timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush rush.

9. Be Kind: Be kind to others for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way as you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along for My sake. I created each of you different in some way It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please know I love each of your differences.

10. Love Yourself: As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me for one reason only - to be loved and to love in return. I am a God of Love. Love Me, Love your neighbours. But also love yourself. It makes My heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. You are very precious to me. Don't ever forget

(I trust you enjoyed reading these "Ten Guidelines from God" and that it gave you something to think about and possibly some comfort.)

Parish Activities

Baptism Course is held on the first Tue of month (7th Feb.) - in parish house at 7 p.m.

Parish Bingo in the hall every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Pass the word to your friends!

Wednesday Cafe in the hall on Wednesdays after 10 am Mass. Tea/Coffee, Toast, Raffle!

Novena to St. Peregrine (Patron Saint of Cancer Sufferers) here in St. Mary's every last Thursday of the month (26th Jan) at 7.30 p.m.

Calling Times - Thursday evenings - 5.30-7.00 pm

Saturday Breakfast Club in the hall after 10 a.m. Mass. Call round for bacon/sausage roll, tea or coffee.

Hall Bookings: Tel: 01236 600560 or 01236 435252 (for all your family group celebrations/functions)

Foodbank: Big Thank-you for your very generous on-going donations of food .

Recycling: If you have any old spectacles we will be happy to pass these on for use in third world countries.

Sponsored Lamp/Remembrance Book Application Forms are available at the back of the church .

To help with our collections, I would like to ask all those who pay Income Tax to join our Gift Aid Scheme, as this will give the parish an extra 25p for every £ donated. This is much needed funds we are missing out on. Thank you for your continued support.