

Parish Finances

Offertory Collection last weekend - £367

Second Collection for parish Funds - £257

Easter Quarterly Collection now due - £50

SCIAF Boxes - £324 (total £746)

Donation to Parish - £40

St. Margaret's Adoption Society Boxes - £7

Parish News

"Bring Flowers of the Rarest....."

To honour the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May, we would ask parishioners to bring flowers for the Lady Altar. These can be from your garden or 'bought' Wouldn't it be nice to honour her during her special month of May!

First Communicants: Please remember in your prayers all those children who will receive their First Holy Communion this month. Canon Dunnachie encourages Parents and Guardians to prepare the children by bringing them to Confession before they celebrate this Sacrament.

SCIAF Boxes: If you have not returned your SCIAF Wee Box, please do so as soon as possible. We hope to send this off soon to be used in all the needy and war-torn countries .

Divine Mercy Conference 21 October 2017 - 9 am - 5pm. Hosted by Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland in St. Augustine's Church, Coatbridge. Register NOW at www.glasgow.ac.uk/catholicchaplaincy/divinemercy

Parents & Guardians of First Communicants

Children of the parish will make their First Holy Communion on Sundays 14th and 21st May . Their Enrolment Service will take place this weekend, Sunday 7 May during the 11.30 am Mass. It is also good for all, including the children, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for First Holy Communion.

Easterly Quarterly Collection is coming in slowly. The total to date is £355. If you have still to contribute and are not in the Gift Aid Scheme, please use an ordinary envelope and mark it "Easter Collection" or pick up a special "Easter Collection" envelope from the back of the Church. If in the Gift Aid scheme please use your white numbered envelope for Easter Collection . Thank you.

Prayer and Contemplation in the Catholic Tradition: You are invited to take part in a series of four workshops focusing on Prayer and Contemplation in the Catholic Tradition. They will take place in the Xavier Centre, Carfin, on the Wednesdays of May (10, 17, and 24) - 11.15 am-12.45 pm. No need to book - just come along.

St. Margaret Pilgrimage Dunfermline will take place on Sun. 11 June 2017. **10 am** - Visit to sites associated with St. Margaret's life; **2 pm** - Gather at gates of Pittencrieff Park for Procession and **3 pm** - Holy Mass at St. Margaret's Memorial Church.

RCIA will meet on Monday, 26th June at 7 p.m. in the parish house.



SHINE - Youth Music Theatre - greatly acclaimed group of talented young performers from across Lanarkshire, will perform in the New St. Andrew's Parish Church, Church Street, Coatbridge on **Friday 19th May 2017 at 7.30 p.m.** Tickets £5 - contact Carol on 07505700486 or pay at the door.

Christian Aid Week takes place from 14-20 May. Christian Aid has been helping refugees since 1945 and do not want to fail them now. Please give generously if presented with an envelope during Christian Aid week.

JOIN THE BIG SING for Christian Aid on Sunday 14th May 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in New St. Andrew's Parish Church, Church St., Coatbridge

THE PERMANENT DIACONATE contd
(A Ministry of Service)

Extract from Constitution of the Church (*Lumen Gentium*) - "Deacons ... receive the imposition of hands not unto the priesthood, but unto a ministry of service." For, strengthened by sacramental grace they are dedicated to the People of God, in conjunction with the bishop and his body of priests, in the service of the liturgy, of the Gospel and of works of charity.

If you feel called to be a Deacon, then after praying about it and, if married, discussing it with your wife and family, you should approach your parish priest or diocesan diaconate director Rev. James A. Grant, Holy Family Parish, 57 Hope Street, Mossend (Tel: 01698 843165) or email jamesa.grant@live.co.uk

Parish Activities

Baptism Course is held on the first Tuesday of the month in the 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 a.m. Mass. Tea/Coffee, Toast, Raffle! Why not join us!

Novena to St. Peregrine (Patron Saint of Cancer Sufferers) here in St. Mary's every last Thursday of the month (25 May) at 7.30 p.m.

Calling Times - Thursday evenings - 5.30-7.00 p.m.

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 pass them 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.