

National Pilgrimage in honour of St John Ogilvie

The National Pilgrimage in honour of St John Ogilvie will take place on Sunday 2nd September at 3.00 pm at the Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin.

The **Annual Diocesan Vocations Mass** will take place this year on the 28th August in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral at 7.00 pm.

MUSINGS

‘The sacrament of marriage is not a social convention, an empty ritual or merely the outward sign of a commitment. The sacrament is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses, since ‘their mutual belonging is a real representation, through the sacramental sign, of the same relationship between Christ and the Church. The married couple are therefore a permanent reminder for the Church of what took place on the cross; they are for one another and for their children witnesses of the salvation in which they share through the sacrament.’

Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, 72

THE DEEP END: Crowds and Shepherds

The gospel today emphasises the importance of taking time for yourself as Jesus takes the disciples to a deserted place after all their hard work. It teaches an important lesson about remaining connected to Jesus if we are to be his followers. It is unfortunate for them that their break is interrupted. The crowd are thirsty for more and suffering from a lack of real leadership. Jesus has so much compassion for the people that the phrase Mark uses actually means he felt compassion in his intestines! A biblical way of saying he felt compassion for them in the pit of his stomach.

Next month the Irish greet the shepherd of the Catholic Church as Pope Francis arrives in Ireland for the World Meeting of Families. It will be a momentous occasion, for many a once in a life-time experience to see and to hear from a Pope who has so much to say to us about sharing the gospel message in our world. He calls us to be joyful Christians, to reach out to the poor and abandoned, to be disciples in our families, communities, on the streets and to help build a world that is true to Christ’s vision for this world. Pope Francis is a leader who inspires many. We pray for the success of this extraordinary event. Let us pray today for leaders in our Church and in our communities, that they will inspire people, nurture people and listen to the Spirit who guides us on this path.

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Services

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Sunday Mass:

Vigil 5pm, 9am & 12 noon (St Margaret’s)
10.30am (St Serf’s)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: Mass 10am (St Serf’s)
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: Mass 10am (St Margaret’s)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation,
Thursday 7-8pm.
Saturday 10.30.a.m (St Margaret’s)

Response for today's psalm - "The Lord is my shepherd:
there is nothing I shall want."

Welcome to Fr Jerome Ogunleye, from Nigeria, who will be looking after the parish while Fr Breslin is on holiday.

Fr Jerome will celebrate Mass in St Serf's on Monday morning at 10am. Meanwhile, in St Margaret's at 10am, there will be the funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of Mary Ann McKay.

Mary's Meals - Backpacks

We are looking for used children's Backpacks to fill and send to Mary's Meals. If you have a child in P1– P7 that has a Backpack they no longer use could you please leave it in the box provided at the back of the church. For info. please contact Mary 07914 841508, Frank 07840 199676 or Margaret Anne 07783 249907. Thank you.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Do you know anyone who would like to become a Catholic? Now is the time to do something about it. The formal sessions of catechesis and faith sharing will begin after the summer holidays. These meetings take place on a Wednesday at 7pm in St Margaret's Chapel House. If you are interested, or know anyone who may be interested, please see Fr Breslin as soon as possible.

New Altar Servers

Any boy or girls who has already made their First Communion is asked to think about offering their help as altar servers. If you are interested please give your name to Fr Breslin and practices will begin once the schools go back.

SCES – National Parent Gathering 18th August 2018

SCES had organised an annual gathering for parents which will take place on the 18th August in St. Charles' Parish, Paisley.

This gathering is organised and run by the Scottish Catholic Education Service Parent Group. In this historic year, as we mark the centenary of our Catholic schools being run in partnership with local government, and when we see the introduction of a new Education Bill into law, it is more important than ever to promote the role of parents as the first educators of their children. This one day event gathers parents from across all of our Dioceses and offers support, encouragement and the opportunity to talk with other parents about the challenges and joys of sharing faith with children and young people in today's world.

The event is free, but in order to organise catering and resources we would ask that you book a place by phoning SCES on 0141 556 4727.

We remember those who have died recently

Mary Ann McKay, Nancy O'Toole, Ted McGinley, Agnes Close,

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We Pray for Those whose Months Minds & Anniversaries Occur

James & Liam Quinn, Annie Bennett, Anna Brady, Hugh McCaffery,
Mary Macdonald, Rosena & James Wright,
Smith & Quinn families.

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We Pray for Healing, Peace and Contentment for our Sick

Kathleen O'Sullivan, John Rooney, James Green, Jacky Mullen, John Mc Sherry,

Katie Moran, Tracy Horn, John Gallagher, Michael Gribben, Josephine Campbell, Frank McCormack, Helen Travers, Jean Toland, Pauline Coyle, Jim Mulholland, Cory Woods, Harry Spalding, Jessie Duncan, Matthew McGuire, John Timmons, Gary McInnes, Anastasia Boyd, George Cassidy, Megan Wilson, Thomas Harty, Shannon Campbell, Emma Smith, Donna Marie Menzies, Lena Farrell, John Kane, John McSherry, Vera Beckett, Liam Calheur, Michael Tracy, Anne Brown, William Wilson, Elsie Tague, Norma Fox, Douglas Sweet, Jim Flynn, Hugh Bonnar, Rev Ross Murphy, James Campbell, John Brannan, Nora Cochrane, Elizabeth Easingwood, Anne Martin, Annette Coup, Bob Anderson, Sally Campbell, Andy Waite, John Reilly, Anna Danna, Hannah McGhee, James Fay, Fr Dominic Dougan, Laura Chalmers, Siena McVey, Jacob Canning, William Higgins, Kathleen Morgan, Gary Curtis, Kai Fingland, Stewart Hannah, John Keenan, Anne Louge, William Keenan, Marie Elizabeth Tucker, Canon Michael Walsh, Esther O'Neil, Alex Jamieson, Brian McKay, Tracy Dawson, Evan Smith, John Timmons, John Hamill, Geoffrey Hill, Tommy McHenry, Josephine Quigg, Joseph Simmonette, Richard McKay, Gerard McDade, Dan Reilly, Gary Boyd, Hugh Carr, Nicola Cochrane, Kathleen Harold, Gerry Fergus, Karen Marshall, Rose McCann, Edward McCann, Lorette Carey, Aileen Richmond, Marion Richardson, Lucia Jane Gavin, Ellen McLaughlin, Rayhan Mavid, Helen Renucci, Bill Campbell, Patsy Brannan, Myra Taylor, Karen Marshall, John McSherry Liz McCall, Tom McPhail, Helen Anderson, Catherine Byrne, Bryan Herron, Mary Harold, Rena Tague, Mary Reilly, Leanne Marshall, Isabel Bonner, Bobby Brown, Kathleen Johnson.

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