

MASS and PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED : Oscar Glen, John Carty

ANNIVERSARIES : Kevin Trearty, Rosemary Trearty, Henry McNeece

MONTHS MIND : Mary Gallagher

SPECIAL INTENTIONS : Willie Lamont, John Rotchford, Mairead Brown, Christopher King, Joe Capra, Molly Gallagher, Marie Joyce, Isobel McGuigan, Lewis Reeper, Lucas McGeever

REFLECTION

In today's gospel for the 6th Sunday of Easter Year A, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He tells them that he will ask the Father to send them another Advocate, the Spirit of truth, who will be with them forever. This Advocate will teach them all things and remind them of everything Jesus has said to them.

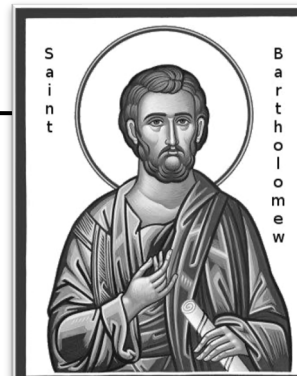
As Catholics, we believe in the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, and it is through the Holy Spirit that we receive the grace and strength to live our lives according to God's will.

Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit is a great source of comfort and hope for us as Catholics. The Holy Spirit is not just an abstract concept, but a real and present force in our lives. When we receive the Sacraments, particularly Baptism and Confirmation, we are filled with the Holy Spirit and become part of the Body of Christ.

Finally, Jesus tells his disciples that he will not leave them as orphans, but will come to them. This is a powerful reminder that even when we feel alone or abandoned, God is always with us. Through the Holy Spirit, we are connected to God and to one another as members of the Body of Christ.

SOME QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON

- *What is my relationship with the Holy Spirit? Do I actively seek the Holy Spirit in my life, or do I tend to overlook this important aspect of my faith?*
- *Can I think of a time when I felt empowered by the Spirit? What was the situation, and how did the Holy Spirit help me through it?*
- *How do I make space for the Holy Spirit in my daily life? Do I take time to pray and listen for the Spirit's guidance?*
- *Where do I see the Holy Spirit at work in my community? How do I see the Spirit inspiring and guiding others in their faith journey?*



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6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

14th May 2023

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SUNDAY MASS

St. Bartholomew's

11:00am and 5pm

St. Margaret Mary's

6pm (vigil) and 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

St. Bartholomew's

9:30am, Mon / Wed / Fri

St. Margaret Mary's

10:00am, Tues / Thurs / Sat

FIRST READING : Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 65

RESPONSE : Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

SECOND READING : 1 Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life

GOSPEL : John 14 : 15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

LAST WEEK'S MASS COLLECTIONS

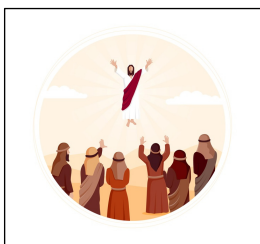
1 st Collection	£394.68
Renovation Fund	£243.00



Next Sunday, 21st May, is Communications Sunday and there will be a Diocesan special collection for that purpose.

Many thanks for your continued support to our parish and other groups. Your generosity is appreciated.

ASCENSION THURSDAY



This Thursday, 18th May, is Ascension Thursday and it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

There will be 2 Masses on Thursday as follows:
9:30am and 7pm

HELP REQUIRED

Do you attend our 5pm Sunday Mass? Or would you be willing to attend this Mass to assist? There's a small number of people who are having to do more and more tasks at the Sunday evening Mass, and it would be great if you could offer your assistance. We need help to distribute bulletins, help with the collections, readings and singing.

If you could offer help by doing one thing on the list, that would be great.

If you are willing to assist, please make yourself known to Kathleen or Moira at the 5pm Mass.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tuesday 16th May, is Fr. Willie's birthday! Happy Birthday Fr. Willie! He won't want to tell you his age, but do you know the number of the bus that comes down Castlemilk Drive that we get to go into the city centre?

May God bless your special day with joy, peace and happiness. Have a wonderful day!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Saturday, 20th May, we will welcome 23 children to celebrate Mass and receive the Eucharist for the first time. The children have been preparing in school and in the parish, and we ask that you remember them in your prayers as they take another step on their faith journey.

Our First Holy Communion Mass is at 10:30am, all welcome.

FUNDRAISING GROUP

The fundraising group are looking for people to join them on a sponsored walk. Why not get all the family together and come and join this group on the day. You are invited to:

Come and join us on the Magnificent 11 route around Glasgow's Southside Parks

A group of us from the Parish are taking part in a sponsored walk on **Sunday 18th June** to raise money for the Parish Hall. We will leave from the hall after 11am mass and head on our walk. People can join for as little or as much of the route as they can - or just offer some support along the way!

You can find details of the route here <https://www.glasgowramblers.org.uk/mag11>

The full route is 11 miles in total. We ask those who are taking part to collect some donations if they can. All money raised will go towards our Parish Hall. All contributions welcome!

If you're interested, please sign up at the back of the Church and collect your sponsor sheet. Or contact Isobel or Margaret for more information.

GLASGOW THE WELCOMING CITY - Invitation open to all

Glasgow Churches Together, with the Lord Provost's Office, warmly invite you to join in the celebration of Glasgow the Welcoming City in Glasgow City Chambers on **Sunday 11th June 2023 at 3pm**. You will be joined at this event by the Lord Provost, Church, and Civic Leaders, and we will Celebrate the Year of Historical Scottish Women, remembering Mary Barbour. We will also Celebrate St Columba, and our Diverse Cultures.

We will pray for Peace in our World, particularly Ukraine. If you wish to attend, RSVP to Elspeth Glasgow office@glasgowchurches.org.uk

GLASGOW CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

The Glasgow Service team of the Glasgow Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you for a Weekend of Renewal on the theme of Pentecost. Guest Speaker is Fr Chris Thomas. Event is in St Peters Church Hall, 46 Hyndland Street, Partick, G11 5PS on Friday 19th May: 7:30-9pm and Saturday 20th May: 10:30am-4pm. Tea and Coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch on 20th May.

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