

**MASS and PRAYER REQUESTS**

**RECENTLY DECEASED** : Joe McFadyen, Kathleen Shiels, Debbie McInally, Claire Barrowcliffe, James Clark, Margaret Morgan, Jim Hendry

**ANNIVERSARIES** : Maureen Haggerty, Sophia MacDougall, Mary P Shiels, William Cairns, Helen Cairns, Isabella, Hugh and John Fairley,

**MONTHS MIND** : Charles Haggerty, May McGuigan

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS** : Betty Thomson, Betty Lamont (80<sup>th</sup> birthday wishes), Mitchell Crombie, Anthony Kelly, Thomas Stevenson

**REFLECTION**

**The Priceless Kingdom** In the gospel today, Jesus tells his disciples about the kingdom of heaven using parables.

He compares the kingdom to a hidden treasure in a field. If someone finds it, they would be so happy that they would sell everything they have just to buy that field and keep the treasure.

Jesus also compares the kingdom to a merchant who is searching for valuable pearls. When the merchant finds a pearl that is worth a lot, he sells everything he owns to buy it.

These parables teach us important lessons about the kingdom of heaven. They show us that the kingdom is like a precious treasure or a valuable pearl. It is something so special and important that we should be willing to give up everything we have to be a part of it.

Jesus wants us to understand that the kingdom of heaven is worth more than any material possessions we may have. He also tells us that those who are knowledgeable about the kingdom should be like wise leaders, who bring out both new and old teachings and share them with others.

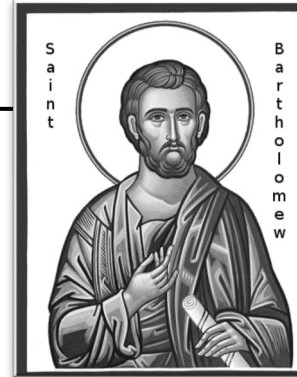
These parables remind us to value the kingdom of heaven above all else and to keep growing in our understanding of it.

**FUNERAL SCHEDULED**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 9:30am, St. Bartholomew's, James Morgan Hendry

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 9:30am, St. Bartholomew's, Joe McFadyen

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE**



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**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**30<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**PARISH PRIEST**

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Fr. Willie Hattie sx

Fr. Robert Sowa

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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** : 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
*Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** : Psalm 118  
**RESPONSE** : *Lord how I love your law!*

**SECOND READING**: Romans 8 : 28-30  
*Those he called, he justified*

**GOSPEL** : *Matthew 13 : 44-52*  
*He sells everything he owns and buys the field*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

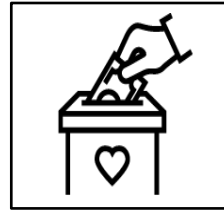
'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

## **LAST WEEK'S MASS COLLECTIONS**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection

£601.90



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## **PARISH HALL**

Work has begun on our parish hall to carry out the necessary repairs which, once completed, will allow the hall to be used again.

Please do not approach the hall (nor the workers) during this work so as not to impede nor delay the progress.

Please avoid parking next to the hall entrance to allow the workmen, vans and skip to get access.

Thank you

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## **CHALLENGE**

Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude.

Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness.

Thankfulness may consist merely of words.

Gratitude is shown in acts.

(WORDS BY : Henri Frederic Amiel, Philosopher)

*Today make a list of things that you are thankful for.*

*Then reflect on how you can show your gratitude through actions.*

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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Huge CONGRATULATIONS to Fr. Robert, who on Friday, completed his studies and we are extremely proud to say that he is now

## **Rev. Doctor Robert Sowa**

All the time, effort, and hard work that he put himself through has certainly paid off. We are all so proud of him. A wonderful achievement!

## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

CARFIN LOURDES GROTTTO, National Marian Shrine of Scotland

National Pilgrimage to Carfin

PRAYING IN SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

## **YOUNG ADULTS (18+) Pilgrimage to Skye**

Exploring the life of St Therese of Lisieux.

4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023. £280.

Visit [www.revivescotland.co.uk](http://www.revivescotland.co.uk) for more information and to book your place.

## **MARYVALE INSTITUTE, BIRMINGHAM**

**Study part-time, by distance learning for a Bachelor of Divinity (BDiv) or a Licence in Divinity:** The Maryvale Higher Institute of Religious Sciences (HIRS) is the only ecclesial institute of this kind in the English-speaking world.

**The Ecclesiastical BDiv** is a five-year part-time, collaborative-learning degree programme in Catholic theology providing a comprehensive exposition and analysis of Christian doctrine based on the study of the sacred Scriptures, the works of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and the documents of the Magisterium.

**The Licence in Divinity:** Pathway in Catechetical Sciences is another qualification of the Holy See, distinct from an STL, it is a three-year, part-time, programme aimed at those in leadership positions in catechetics and in other positions of responsibility. Contact: Admissions tutor :

Deacon Dr Harry Schnitker at: [researchcentre@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:researchcentre@maryvale.ac.uk)

## **CARFIN PILGRIMAGE**

There will be a bus from second bus stop in Castlemilk Drive for the pilgrimage to Carfin on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August. The pilgrimage takes the form of rosary procession, Mass and Adoration, included in the intentions of the pilgrimage is prayer for world peace.

Please consider coming along, bus leaves from Castlemilk Drive at 6.15 pm prompt and returns at approximately 10 pm.

Please put your name on the list at the back of the church if you wish to come along, payment of £6 is required in advance.

## **WELCOME**

A very warm welcome to Fr. Andrea Falcinelli from Italy, who will be spending some time here over the next few weeks.

Fr. Andrea is from a small village in Italy 10 minutes from Fr. Montesi's family, and he is currently studying at the Gregorian University in Rome.

He is here to improve his English and is attending classes every day to assist him with this.

Please say hello to him and welcome him to Castlemilk in your usual warm way!