

**PRAYER AT THE SENDING OUT OF THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Priest: Almighty and loving Father, as we have received your Son in this Holy Eucharist, we ask you to hear our prayer for our brothers and sisters:

All: **Give your healing, Lord, to those who are sick and housebound. May those who take the Body of Christ to them also be a loving sign of our prayers and thoughts. Keep us united with them in all their sufferings so that we will grow together as one community with the presence of Christ among us.**

Please Pray For

SICK Harry Docherty; Jane Cameron; George O'Hara; Frank Slavin; Rosemary Wotherspoon; Donna & Patricia McGuire; Marie Laird; Patricia Pearson; Michael Hogan; Pamela Brown; David Clegg; John Anderson; Fr Jim Casey; Peter McKenna; Catherine Anderson; Mauricio Puricelli; Margaret Hassan; Anne Mullins; Robbie McNaughton; Patti Brassington; Karen Derbyshire; Richard Hughes; Jean Reilly; Andy Lees; Annie Devine; Jim Sneddon; Simon Logan; Gordon Law; Fiona McCall; Chrissie Drummond; Marion Fox; Margaret Bachiller; Jimmy Kinsella; Eleanor Hughes; George McGowan; Brian Smith; Graeme Wood; Tom Higgins

Children: Zak Matthew Thomson; Corran Davidson; Jade Law; Megan Macauley; Chloe Docherty; Caoimhe Lamb; Aaron Higgins; Aaron Matthew Hosie; Jessica & Ewan Agnew; Isabella Mooney; Connor Simpson



RECENTLY DIED

Betty Brown (Sun 5:30, Mon 9:30), Nessie Jordan Tues (6:30, Wed 9:30)

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael &

MONTHS MIND Patricia McLean

Reflection for the Holidays

Take time to claim your strength; this is a gift from God.

Take time to have fun; it is God's way of teaching you your strengths.

Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.

Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.

Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent.

Take time to share with others; they will bless you and you will bless them.

Take time to have hope; you are a child of God.

Please turn
off mobile
phones and
remove
chewing gum

13TH SUNDAY OF YEAR A
1st/2nd July 2017

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Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you
as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight
and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and
not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that I do
your will.



St. Ignatius'

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Commitment:

Lord Jesus, I'm
ready to follow you
Big Time. No more of
this hit-and-miss,
middle-of-the-road
stuff. I'll need your
help all the way.
Today I offer you my
whole heart. I'm
yours!

SUNDAY MASSES: Vigil: 5:30 pm (Sat), 10 am, 12 noon 6pm
WEEKDAY: Mon-Fri 9:30am; Sat 10am *Thurs Exposition till 4pm*
CONFESSIONS: *Saturday 9:30am and after the Vigil Mass*
Church open till 1pm Mon; Fri; till 4pm Tues, Wed, Thurs

Parish Priest Fr. Gerard Maguinness
Pastor Emeritus: Mgr Michael Conway
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Feasts this Week

Mon 3rd St Thomas
Tues 4th St Elizabeth of Portugal
Thurs 6th St Maria Goretti

A wee reminder to bow your head just before receiving Holy Communion

Congratulations to Karen Galloway & Craig Jeffrey and to Geraldine Chambers & Billy Murray married this weekend



First Friday Padre Pio Mass 7:30pm
First Saturday Our Lady of Fatima Devotion after 10am Mass. If you have a special intention please come along!



Hall Extension Plans— a display board of the proposed extension is at the back of the Church. Please have a look and any comments would be welcomed. We are proceeding with planning and the building warrant. I have also put the plans on the parish Facebook page. Hopefully building should begin in the autumn

SPRED special religious development programme to help those with special needs meets at St Mary's Cleland and is seeking volunteers to help tel 07891297716 or spreadmotherwell@rcdom.org.uk

Holy Ghost Raffles on sale in the stall

**Last Week's Collection £1
2nd for Hall extension £
BIG WINNER £3709 WON2
WEEKS AGO New Lotto Total £2508
Many thanks for your generosity**

Donations for flowers most welcome. Box at Our Lady's Altar



Holidays

We welcome anyone who is visiting St Ignatius Parish during the summer holidays and if you are going away this week have a safe journey and a happy holiday



Ordinations to the Priesthood Diocese of Motherwell 2017.

Please pray for

Rev Bernard Mournian Fri 30th June
St Mary's, Hamilton
Rev John Paul McShane Mon 3rd
July St Francis Xavier's, Carfin
Rev Bruce McPhail 24th August St
Margaret's, Airdrie
Rev Sean Wylie 8th September St
Patrick's, Craigneuk
Rev Paul Denny 8th December Our
Lady of Lourdes, East Kilbride

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Chaplet and Novena meet every
Thursday in the Blessed Sacrament
Chapel at 3pm. New Members welcome

**Facebook St. Ignatius' RC Church
1372 likes** Have a look and comment!

Wishaw Hospital Chaplain Fr Ricklan
for emergency/visit please ask nurse to
contact chaplain or call 263945

SVDP Tel: 07840142894 for help.

Furniture Collection Diocesan SVDP
07773731123 Or 07749467335

GIFT AID— please use white envelope in porch for 2nd collection.

Loyola Centre: booking and enquiries tel: 07939606107 10am-2pm Mon-Fri, Bingo Sunday 7:15pm; Tea Room Mon- Fri after Mass Beavers/Cubs/Scouts Mon 5:45

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience. The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family. Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him. Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

Saint Thomas the Apostle's Story Poor Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as "Doubting Thomas" ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: "My Lord and My God!" and, in so expressing his faith, gave Christians a prayer that will be said till the end of time. He also occasioned a compliment from Jesus to all later Christians: "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed".

Thomas shares the lot of Peter the impetuous, James and John, the "sons of thunder," Philip and his foolish request to see the Father—indeed all the apostles in their weakness and lack of understanding. We must not exaggerate these facts, however, for Christ did not pick worthless men. But their human weakness again points up the fact that holiness is a gift of God, not a human creation; it is given to ordinary men and women with weaknesses; it is God who gradually transforms the weaknesses into the image of Christ, the courageous, trusting, and loving one.

A large, well established, Canadian lumber camp advertised that they were looking for a good Lumberjack. The very next day, a skinny little man showed up at the camp with his axe, and knocked on the head lumberjacks' door. The head lumberjack took one look at the little man and told him to leave. "Just give me a chance to show you what I can do," said the skinny man. "Okay, see that giant redwood over there?" said the lumberjack. "Take your axe and go cut it down." The skinny man headed for the tree, and in five minutes he was back knocking on the lumberjack's door. "I cut the tree down," said the man. The lumberjack couldn't believe his eyes and said, "Where did you get the skill to chop down trees like that?" "In the Sahara Forest," replied the puny man. "You mean the Sahara Desert," said the lumberjack. The little man laughed and answered back, "Oh sure, that's what they call it now