

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle.
Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray
and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the Power of God thrust down into hell,
Satan and all the other wicked spirits
who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish you all well, and hope you are enjoying the Scottish summer.

As we follow Liturgical Year B this summer, we listen to Chapter 6 of St John's Gospel at Mass through successive Sundays. Last Sunday we heard the Gospel of the Miracle of the Loaves and the Fish, when Jesus fed the multitude gathered around him with the five barley loaves and two fish – "Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted". Hearing of the Lord's abundant blessing on the hungry people we are encouraged to place our faith in the Lord's generosity when he feeds us with his Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. We also are hungry for the Lord's love and protection, and particularly for the sustenance he offers to us in Holy Communion. We come, therefore, to each Celebration of Mass in anticipation and thanksgiving for such a wonderful gift.

In the forthcoming Sundays we will hear Jesus' teaching about himself as the Bread of Life that has come down from heaven – "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world". Our firm faith in the miracle of the Eucharist, that the Lord's Body and Blood become truly present in the consecrated bread and wine, is strengthened and renewed by the Lord's own words and our participation in the holy mysteries of his passion, death and resurrection renewed for us in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I invite you to listen attentively to the Lord's words and to renew your faith in the salvation made present for us in each Mass celebrated. At the end of his discourse in John 6, Jesus asked the apostles if they wished to go away as others were doing, and Simon Peter answered, "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; you are the Holy One of God".

When present at Mass may this profession of faith be ours and may the Lord reassure us of its truth and of all the goodness he bestows upon us. We continue to experience some effects from the coronavirus and, while we hope life can become more "normal" again, we are aware that some threats to our health and well-being remain and will require continuing caution and willingness to make decisions and accept sacrifices for the benefit of others as well as ourselves. We do hope though that more of the faithful will now feel able to return to our Catholic practice of attending Sunday Mass, recognising that we will continue to make every effort to ensure everybody's safety as more restrictions are lifted and larger congregations can gather in our churches. I would like to extend a special invitation to families to come to Sunday Mass, wishing especially to welcome parents and children, teenagers, and young adults, to revitalise the great Catholic tradition of attending Mass each week, thus acknowledging the gift of faith received from the Lord and sustained by his abiding presence in the Holy Eucharist. It may be true that the forced separation of recent months has lessened the desire of some to participate in the Church's worship, but there comes a time to take stock and hopefully to decide on a path of renewed interest and participation. Hopefully this can be a time of new life and hope, not something forced upon us, but rather an invitation from the Lord to come and listen and be fed with the beautiful gift he gives us of himself in the Eucharist. I take this opportunity also to encourage you to attend Mass in your own parishes on Sundays (including, of course, Saturday Vigil Masses). It is quite easy for people to choose to attend Mass in other parishes when churches are so close to one another but we do all live within the boundaries of a particular parish, which we therefore belong to. We are clearly going to face a period of readjustment of some sort in the post-pandemic period and I would think that the loyalty of the local Catholic community to their own parish church, and participation in its worship, sacramental and social life, will very much determine its viability and vitality. Every parish will need the commitment of the present and future generations as well remembering the great deeds of the past. With grateful thanks to the Lord for the wonderful gift of the Eucharist, I thank you for your own prayers and for your support for the Church. May the Lord be close to each one of us and our families as we look to him in our present need and in our hope for the future. Yours in Christ, With my prayers and best wishes,
+ Joseph Toal

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Eighteenth Sunday of the Year/B

31st July/1st August 2021

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Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.

You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what
you will.
Give me only your love and your
grace,
that is enough for me.



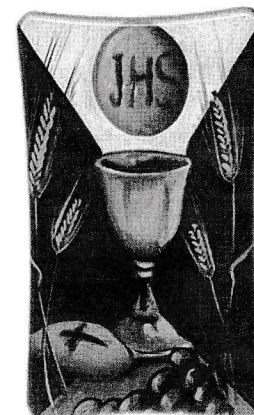
RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

The Lord gave them bread from heaven

This Week

Sunday Mass @ 10am & 12noon
Monday Mass @ 9.30am
Tuesday Funeral Mass @ 10am
Wed Mass livestreamed from St Brigid's
Thursday Mass @ 9.30am
Friday Mass @ 9.30am
Saturday Vigil Mass 4pm & 5.30pm

*All Masses are livestreamed providing
there are no technical problems*



Parish Priest Fr. Stephen Rooney
Pastor Emeritus: Mgr Michael Conway
Website: www.saintignatiuswishaw.org.uk

Charity no.
SCO 11041

Last Collection:

Total: £976.30

(This isn't an accurate figure as some have paid for a number of weeks)

Thank you for supporting our parish

Readings for next Sunday

19th Sunday

1 Kings 19:4-8

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

John 6:41-51

SSVP Tel: 07840 142894 for help

Any items for the bulletin, please send in no later than Thursday mornings.

Feasts this week

Sun 1st St Alphonsus de Liguori

Wed 4th St John Vianney

Thur 5th Dedication of St Mary Major Basilica

Fri 6th Feast of Transfiguration

Prayer to make a Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Collections

Thank you for your financial contributions to support the parish. We understand people are struggling at this time but if you can make any contribution to the parish then that would be greatly appreciated.

You could:

1) put your donation through the letter box of the Chapel House

2) Sign up for Gift Aid~Call/ email

Fr Stephen for a form

3) make donation via Bank transfer

Sort Code: 82 68 28

Account: 10460143

Clydesdale Bank, Motherwell

Thank you

The Month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Immaculate Heart of Mary is often offended by people, what can we do to honour Her heart and to promote devotion to it?

**NO
NEED
TO
BOOK
NOW
FOR
MASS**

Arrangements are being made for CADALBA ladies' group to resume as soon as permitted.

Sacrament of Baptism

There is no availability to book dates for the Sacrament of Baptism before 19th December 2021.

Please Pray For

SICK: Kara Louise Jordan; Joseph Reilly; Colin Slavin; Mary Graham; Pat Brawley; Pauline & Michael Wilson; Pope Francis;

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Recently Deceased

Brian MacLeod(formerly of this parish); Connor Shuel; Moira McCartan; and anyone who has died as a result of the virus

Months Mind

Anniversaries

Dennis McCormack; Joe Dolan; Isobel Currier;

Wishaw Hospital

If any parishioner is in hospital and requires the sacraments then please call

The Chaplain

For emergency visit please ask nurse to contact chaplain or call

01698 263945/07767 392234

Altar Servers

After such a long period of absence it would be good to welcome our young people back to fulfil their much appreciated ministry.

If any server would like to take up their ministry again, please do so the weekend of Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th August 2021.

The latest update from the Diocesan Covid Coordinator is that we should still continue with the cleaning regime after each Mass/ Service.

Reopening parish tea rooms should be with caution and people must follow Scottish

Government guidelines, ie keep 1 meter apart.

Use of confessionals should still be avoided.

Test and protect (Tack and Trace) to still be carried out.

The parish hall can be used providing we adhere to Scottish Government regulations.

The Blair's Museum has launched its new interactive Museum.

Please access it using:

<https://ymlpcl1.net/021ffesazaewemmafaugedabmb/click.php>