

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Tenth Sunday 'of the year' B

Genesis	2 Corinthians	Mark
3:9-15	4:13-5:1	3:20-35



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Recently Dead:

Brian McCardie (Lanark), Winifred McQuade.

Funeral Arrangements:

John Alexander	Reception:	Sunday 2 June, 6.00pm
	Requiem Mass:	Monday 3 June, 9.30am

Months Minds & Anniversaries:

Jean Bradley (31 May), Charlie Burns (3 June), Mary Jackson, Mrs Josephine Paul (Bathgate).

*May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you
and take you into the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.*

The sick and housebound:

Kara Louise Jordan; Mary Graham; Nina Brown; Pauline & Michael Wilson; Alice Ann Bjorn; Ann Paterson; John Dobbin JNR; Baby Alfie James Milligan; David Clegg; Rosanna Bulmer; Joseph Bulmer; Catherine Donnelly; Evelyn Ringer; Elaine McCarren; George O'Hara; Angela McLaughlin; Laura McIntosh; Thomas Lally SNR; Liam Benham; Bridget McIlvaney; Peter Convery; Bill Wood, Ciara Loughery, Nicholas McAnaw, Hugh Windsor, Helen Woods, David & Elizabeth Cooper, Rosemarie Casey, Mary Goodwin.

Those who will be baptised or married this year in St Ignatius'.

The Calix Society: We welcome any person concerned with the illness of alcoholism who wish to join us in prayer. Meetings every Friday in St Stephen's Church, Coatbridge at 7pm. Visit www.calixsociety.org.uk for details.

Going into hospital? Please remember to request the Sacrament of the Sick by speaking to the clergy in advance, or requesting a visit through hospital staff. This sacrament forgives sins, comforts the one who is ill and unites them with Jesus' saving and healing power. For an emergency visit, either speak to one of the nursing staff or call the chaplain on duty: 01698 263945 or 07767 392234.

Support in Pregnancy: A range of services is available to any women or girl who thinks they may be pregnant and for whom the pregnancy is likely to cause a problem. These services include: • Practical help • Confidential counselling • Free pregnancy testing. Visit the website of the Society of the Innocents for more information: www.innocentsociety.org.uk

Rachel's Vineyard: A retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on Wednesday 26 – Friday 28 June. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call or text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk or see rachelsvineyard.org.uk

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Solemnity of The Most Holy Body & Blood of the Lord - B 2 June 2024

SUNDAY 2 JUNE

*The Most Holy Body & Blood of the Lord
(Corpus Christi)*

10.00am Holy Mass

12noon Holy Mass

6.00pm Reception of John Alexander

MONDAY 3 JUNE

Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

8.15am Holy Mass

9.30am Requiem Mass for John Alexander

TUESDAY 4 JUNE

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE

St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

10.00am Tea and Coffee served in Loyola Centre

THURSDAY 6 JUNE

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

FRIDAY 7 JUNE

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

SATURDAY 8 JUNE

3.30pm Confessions

4.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 9 JUNE

10th Sunday 'of the year'

10.00am Holy Mass

6.00pm Holy Mass

Church open until 1pm

Monday – Friday

If you're out and about in town, you could pop by for some quiet prayer in the church during this time. Access to the church is via the side door as the main doors will be locked as usual after the morning mass.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Loose plate

£810.26 Gift Aid

£471.00

Many thanks for your donations to support the parish.

From Fr Christopher: As I leave this Wednesday from St Ignatius' parish to start my appointment in St Patrick's Strathaven, I want to express my sincere thanks to all of you for your warm welcome, your words of encouragement and support which I have received since I began my ministry here in February. I realise the parish has experienced quite a bit of change in recent years, but you have been so patient and understanding, and I am very grateful to you for that. May God reward your kindness! On Wednesday the hall is open for tea and coffee after Mass; that'll be a chance to say 'cheerio' to many of you, I hope.

From Deacon Stuart: I want to thank everyone for being so kind to me over the past eight months. It has been a lovely parish, and very welcoming to me. Thank you for all the cards and gifts. I promise to keep you all in my prayers. May God bless you all. High fives and fist bumps to all the kids!

Welcome: Fr Kevin, our new parish priest, takes up his appointment this Friday. Please note the new mass times take effect next weekend.

Congratulations to Orla Lisa Hennan who will be baptized this Sunday at the 12noon mass, and to Roe James Slavin and Maya McAdam who were baptized in recent weeks.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 3 June

**Saint Charles Lwanga
& companions, Martyrs**

MEMORIA

These twenty-two martyrs were among many newly baptised Catholics and Anglicans who were killed for their faith and virtue in Uganda between 1885 and 1887 by a debauched and brutal ruler. They included judges, catechists, soldiers, and teenage pages under the leadership of Charles Lwanga, who was burned alive on this day in 1886. They are remembered for the heroic calm of their fidelity to Christ.

Wednesday 5 June

St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

MEMORIA

Born in Devon (England) about 675, Boniface was killed in the Netherlands on this day in 754. As a monk and teacher, Boniface went to evangelise the Germanic peoples. Ordained bishop, he was given wide-ranging papal commissions throughout Germany and Gaul. He founded monasteries and established dioceses, presided at synods, and maintained close associations with various emperors. Boniface is remembered as a determined missionary and as a Church organiser and reformer whose work shaped the future of Europe. He is buried at his abbey of Fulda and is honoured as Apostle of Germany.

Friday 7 June

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

SOLEMNITY

This devotion, which dates back to the Middle Ages, flowered in France in the seventeenth century as a result of the visions of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (16 October). The feast was extended to the entire Western Church by Pius IX in 1856. It recalls the mystery of God, who is love, and honours the heart of Jesus as the source and centre of the incarnate love of God.

The First Reading describes the ceremony which ratified the **covenant** at Mount Sinai, following Israel's **liberation** from slavery. They sealed the covenant by first sprinkling the altar (which represented God) with the blood of the animal offered in **sacrifice**, then making the oath of obedience before sprinkling the people with the **blood** which remained. This act **united** the People of Israel with God as one family—sharing one blood, just as members of one **family** do.

The Psalm would have been sung in the Temple at Jerusalem as part of the Liturgy of Passover. It sings of their **gratitude** for their salvation: 'a **thanksgiving** sacrifice I make..'- this refers to the *Toda* in Hebrew, or *Eucharistia* in Greek: the worship of God by the covenant people, in His presence.

St Paul's letter to the Hebrews is the second reading. He's addressing former Jews who were excluded from the synagogue to help them see that Jesus takes the place of, and is superior to, the Jewish institutions like the Temple, sanctuary, priesthood and ritual sacrifices. It affirms that **Jesus**, as **High Priest**, sealed the New Covenant in his **Precious Blood** on the **Cross**—ending the need for animal sacrifices. His sacrifice, made once and for all, perfectly accomplished what the Mosaic sacrifices imperfectly accomplished for Israel.

The Gospel, as recounted to us by St John, tells us how Jesus converted this ancient ritual into a **sacramental banquet** and **sacrificial offering**. At the Last Supper, he repeated the words uttered by Moses at the ratification ceremony at Sinai in offering the 'blood of the covenant', and passed the chalice of his Precious Blood; He showed Himself the mediator of the new and eternal covenant.

The Eucharist, as instituted by Christ, is a visible sign that confers God's **grace** and **life**.

It **nourishes** our souls. It is a re-presentation of the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary. At Mass, the priest, in the name of all the assembly, offers to the Father, in the Holy Spirit, this same sacrifice, in an unbloody manner. This offering, made in the great **Eucharistic prayer** is the high point of the whole celebration. It assures us of God's love for us, and his gift of **forgiveness** for our sins.

Through the action of the priest, and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the offerings are **transformed**—the substance of bread and wine become the substance of the risen Lord's Body and Blood, while the 'accidents'—the outward appearance of bread and wine—stay the same.

By our reception of **Holy Communion**, we are transformed into **one body**, the Body of Christ, the Church: Christ is the Head, we are the Body. Together we are one.

