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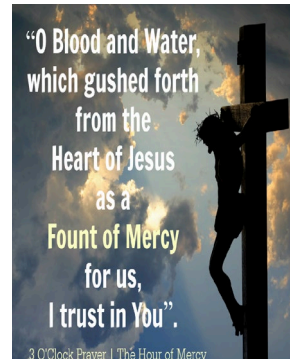
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15th Sunday – Year A. 16th July, 2023

Holy Mass & Services

Mon - Fri: 10am

Saturday: 10am, 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 10am, 12 Noon & 5pm

Children's Liturgy 12 Noon Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: -Mon – Sat 9am – 9.55am

Divine Mercy Novena: Mon 2pm

Confessions: Mon - Sun 9.30am – 9.55am

Baptisms & Marriage: - To arrange a baptism or marriage please contact Father Ghislain

Mass Liturgy - Year A

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- First Reading: Is 55:10-11
- Responsorial Psalm: **Some seed fell into rich soil, and produced its crop**
- Second Reading: Rom 8: 18-23
- Gospel: Mt 13: 1-23

Weekly Collection

Please support your parish through the weekly collection, our income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners.

Last week's collection

First Collection: £766.21

There will be a second collection this weekend for our Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity.

World Day of Grandparents 2023

Bishop Toal will celebrate a special Mass in Saint Augustine's Church, Coatbridge on Sunday 23rd

July at 12noon. He invites grandparents and families from across the diocese to gather and to celebrate this special vocation. Bishop Toal will offer the Blessing of Saint Joachim and Anne to all grandparents present on this day, seeking their heavenly protection and guidance. There will be a buffet reception afterwards in the Parish Centre to which everyone is invited.

Please keep in your prayers

Sick: Ann & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Isobel Reilly, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Anne Marie Snodden, James Donnelly, Patricia McGhee, Bernadette Homer, Kelly Noble, Michael McGarrity, Sadie McBride, Mary Torbett, Sharon, Elizabeth McKenna, Alex Cooper, Sr Kathleen Owens, Ann Smith, Helen Smith, Margaret Gallagher, Alice Kilmurry, Danny Dick, Peter Alexander, Ann McAlinden, Mary Cunningham, Patricia McGhee, Margaret Wallace, Irene Leckie, Jenny Divine, Kay McDonagh, Daniel McAuley, Mary Glasgow, Jamie McCormack.

RIP: Josephine Fisher, Eleanor McGuinness, Mary Stockton (Nee Curran)

Month's Mind: Neil Lannigan, Frank & Agnes Wilson, Stephen Henry, John & Bridie Docherty, Eddie McGonigal, Patrick, Margaret & Gillian Curran, Pat, June, Peter, Netta, Jimmy & Brian Hetherston, Mark Shaw, Rita Callaghan, John Clarke, Danny Watson Snr & Danny Watson Jnr

Anniversary: Martin Coyle, Rose McKeown, Tom Kelly, Betty O'Hagan, James Smith, Margaret Andrews (McNab)

Please also remember the souls who have no-one to pray for them.

500 Club Winners!

1st Prize: 171 E Thompson

2nd Prize: 298 A Gillick

3rd Prize: 119 E Battersby

Reflection 15th Sunday A.

Through His word God continually calls us to a better and more fruitful life. Blessed are those who make the voice of God the most important voice in their lives! His word is as soft, as weak, as defenceless as a seed to fall into the ground. Yet this word is more effective than the word of the most powerful dictator. It can change people's hearts. God speaks to us not only in the Holy Scriptures; He also speaks to us through the events of our lives. How many words were uttered to us when we were young? These words came from our parents and many others. We heard words of greeting, of encouragement, words of advice and guidance, words of correction and punishment, words of warning and consolation. At the time we may have not appreciated those words, but we needed to hear them. Only God knows how many of these words took root in our lives. But one thing is clear: our lives would be immeasurably poorer without the sowing of all these words. As adults, we still need the sowing of the word. Pity those people who hear nothing but the words of criticism and blame, or who must survive a diet of silence.

We need the word of God; it gives us advice in time of doubt, reassurance in difficult times, comfort, moment of sadness, correction in times of madness, challenge in times of laziness and sloth, warning in case of danger and hope in times of despair.

People can receive the word of God, but there are so many other interests in their lives. People are too busy praying. People are so invested in the career that they have no time or energy left for things of the mind. God never ceases to sow his word in our hearts even though he knows that much of what he sows will be eaten by the birds.

The word of God is at the heart of man what a seed is to the earth. However, just as a seed needs soil, so the word needs a receptive heart. The earth responds to rain and sun so that even the desert blooms. But the arid human heart has the power to resist so that it remains sterile. Lord, soften our hearts with your grace, open them with your sweet love, so that the precious seed of your word may be rooted in our hearts and bear fruit in our lives.



SCIAF Ethiopia Emergency Appeal

The changing climate has led to severe food and water shortages. Ethiopia is experiencing its worst drought in recent history. Rivers have dried up, crops have withered and died, livestock have

perished. Families are trapped in a deadly cycle of poverty. Millions of people are on the brink of famine. There are severe food and water shortages. The amount of available food has reduced dramatically. Adults, especially mothers, will choose to go without food so that their children can eat.

Bishop Toal encourages parishes to support the appeal and further information can be found on the following link. <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/516-summer-appeal>



Saints of the week

Thursday 20th July St Apollinaris, a native of Antioch in Syria, was appointed Bishop of Ravenna (it is thought by St Peter, himself once Bishop of Antioch). During his time in Ravenna Apollinaris endured constant hostility, ending after 26 years in martyrdom.

Friday 21st July St Lawrence of Brindisi, 1559 – 1619, orphaned in boyhood, lived in Venice with his uncle before becoming a Capuchin friar. Skilful in languages and renowned as a Scripture scholar, he rose to be Capuchin Father General. During his leadership, the Capuchins had a great expansion in numbers and became renowned for recalling many to the Catholic Church during the Reformation. He undertook several missions for popes and others. One such mission was to King Phillip III of Spain to complain about his viceroy's cruel regime in Naples (a Spanish possession at the time). His plea was successful, but he died a few days later.

Saturday 22nd July St Mary Magdalene (Magdalene from Magdala village in Galilee) is the most prominent of the group of women who accompanied Jesus and the Apostles and 'provided for them out of their own resources' (Lk 8: 2-3). Often confused with other Marys in the gospels or presumed to have had a sinful past, she is named in the gospels as having seen Jesus crucified and buried and then, early on Easter morning, having met the risen Lord (Jn 20: 11-18) who told her to go and tell the Apostles. Hence, she is called 'Apostle to the Apostles'. Pope Francis raised her memorial to the rank of Feast

Wishing you all a
HAPPY SUNDAY