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3rd Sunday of the Year - A 22nd January, 2023

Holy Mass (Services marked in red will be live
Streamed)

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 8: 23-9:3

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is my light and
my help**

Second Reading: 1Cor 1: 10-13.17

Gospel: Mt 4:12-23

Weekly Collection

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

Last Week's Collection - £799.14

**There will be a second collection this
weekend for the Building Fund**

**There will be a second collection next
weekend for World Leprosy Day**

Thank you for your generosity

500 Club Winners

1st Prize - No. 148 A Gillick

2nd Prize - No. 430 J Charnley

3rd Prize- No. 207 M Slevin

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, Linda Webb, Ann Smith, Helen
Smith, Margaret Gallagher, Alice Kilmurry, Danny
Dick, Peter Alexander, Ann McAlinden,

RIP: Anne Mary Quinn (Requiem Mass Monday
23/01 at 10am), Kathleen Farrell, Patrick Shevlin,
Ellen O'Neil

Month's Mind: Francis, Elizabeth, Mary,
Margaret, Rose & Anne McGeehan, Catherine &
James McDonald, Cecilia, Frank & Paul Lennon,
Sheila Kennedy, Charlotte Costello, Moira Skillin,
Ann Sood, Lila Williamson, Catherine, John,
James, John, Antony, Stacey Duggan, Peter Burns,
Linda Ann Irvine, Howard & Agnes Thomas,
Caroline, James, William, Elizabeth, Robert, Mary
& James Jr

Anniversaries: Rose McAleese, Archie Shaw, Janet
Gallagher, Daniel Duggan

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

Xaverian Centre

Calder Avenue, Coatbridge ML5 4JU

Warm Hub

Open every Tuesday and Thursday 10am to
4pm

Free hot soup, free sandwiches, free tea &
coffee.

Everyone is welcome.

Reflection - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

Christ, the Light of the world.

In order to appreciate a light, one must be conscious of one's darkness, and desire to escape from it. One must realise one's need to change and want to change. Each of us has areas of darkness in our lives: old hurts, hates, painful memories and fear, illness, sin, guilt, loneliness, and so on. Society too has its dark areas. Hence our need of the light of Christ. Though the light comes as a friend, it also disturbs because it shows up what is wrong. The light of Christ did not come to judge us, but to save us, to show us how to live, to show the way to the Father's kingdom. And each of us can be the sources of light to a darkened world. But unless our own lamp is lighting, we won't be able to enlighten anyone else. There is great joy in being in the light. And there is an even greater joy in being source of light to others.

Enrolment Mass for First Communion & Confirmation

There will be an enrolment mass for all children due to make their Sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation on 29th January at 12 Noon. All children and parents are encouraged to attend this mass.

Last Man Standing!

Our last man standing competition in aid of our Church building fund will resume on the weekend 4/5 February. Entry forms will be available next weekend for anyone wishing to participate. £10 entry and £100 prize.

Altar Servers Meeting

There will be an altar servers meeting in the church on Monday 6th February at 6pm.

Saints of the week

Tuesday 24th January St Francis De Sales

became Bishop of Geneva when it had become a strong centre of the Protestant Reformation. He won back many to the Faith by his gentle and patient nature which even won the respect of his opponents. "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar" was a saying of his.

Wednesday 25th January The Conversion of St Paul

is recorded twice in great details in the Actos of the Apostles. It presents us with the mystery of how he rose to greater prominence that most of the Twelve already hand-picked by Christ, and why he needed to be chosen in such a dramatic fashion,

Thursday 26th January St Timothy & St Titus

were disciples of St Paul to whom he wrote pastoral letters included in the New Testament. There is no strong tradition they were martyred, but lived long lives building up the Church at Ephesus and on Crete, respectively.

Saturday 28th January St Thomas Aquinas

abandoned his aristocratic upbringing to join the Dominican Order. He was a man of prayer which bore fruit in extensive writings on spiritual subjects, for which he has the additional title of Doctor of the Church. His theological works, especially his Summa Theologica, were the standard texts for students for the Priesthood for centuries afterwards.

Children Readers Needed!

We are looking for some of the children in our parish to read at all the masses on the weekend 4th/5th February. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Father Ghislain.