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14th Sunday of the Year B 7th July, 2024

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 Personal prayer: from 10.30am Rosary & Solemn blessing: 6PM Confessions: Mon - Sun 9.30am – 9.55am Baptisms & Marriage: - To arrange a baptism or marriage please contact Father Ghislain

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- First Reading: Ez: 2: 2-5
- Responsorial Psalm: Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy
- Second Reading: 2 Cor 12: 7-10
- Gospel: Mk 6: 1-6

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: £997.99 Second Collection- Peter's Pence: £435.25

There will be a second collection next weekend for Day for Life.

Thank you for your generosity

Please keep in your Prayers

Sick: Mary Cunningham, Peter Alexander, Alice Gallagher, Carol McGuinness, Caroline Miller, Matt Miller, John, Ann McShane & Family, Catherine McPhee, John Lannigan, Thomas Lally, Jim, Pat, Grace & Felix Dillon, Patricia McGhee, James Brown, Mathew Miller, Robert McKirdy , Georgette O'Neill, Mary Hughes, Christine Clelland, Carrie Miller, Mathew Miller, Ann McAlinden, Andrew Maxwell, Margaret Trower, Maria Bolton, Mary Torbet, Elizabeth McKenna, Hugh Docherty, Teresa Marshall

RIP: Father John Lochran

Month's Mind: May & Jimmy McLaughlin, Peter McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Mattie, Tommy & Thomas Collins, Jim Boyle, John, Ellen, Katherina & Jonathan Laughran, Shaun Furlong, John Haley, Margaret McLaughlan, Michael Mitchell, James, Elizabeth & Sadie Prunty

<mark>Anniversaries:</mark> Ellen Laughran, Bridget & Francis McDonagh, Betty O'Hagan, May Mitchell

Please also remember the souls who have noone to pray for them.

500 Club Winners!

1st Prize: M McCann (94) 2nd Prize: B Kennedy (554) 3rd Prize: B Currie (56)

St Andrew's Hospice Fundraiser

Thank you for your great support in our recent Fundraiser for Saint Andrew's Hospice which raised £1320 for their invaluable work. Your support is always greatly appreciated.



Sunday Reflection : People who wouldn't listen

One of the signs of God's care for his people was that he kept on sending messengers (prophets) to call them back to the right path. Even though the word of prophets was often a critical one, it was a word spoken out of love. God does the same for us. He does not leave us in the darkness of error or wrong-doing. He sends us messengers, mostly those near us. Who else could it be? But we too may reject the messengers, especially when the message may not be one that we want to hear. The truth can hurt. "You are working too hard. You're out of the house far too much. You have no home life for yourselves or the children... you are spoiling your children.... You are too materialistic... You drink heavily too much, you smoke like a chimney, putting your health in danger. You're all full of prejudice...You always put yourself first... Your worship of God is mere lip-service....

If someone were to say one or more of these things to us, how would we react? Might we not want to attack the messenger? "Who are you to teach me lesson" The fact is, none of us have any particular appetite for the truth. We ought to pray for the courage to listen to the truth even though it may be painful and come as a blow to our pride. The truth, as Jesus says, will set you free. The person who, out of love for us, tells us the truth, knowing that it is going to hurt, and at the risk of losing our friendship, is a true friend. We should also pray for the courage to be able to speak the truth to others. To set a person on the right road is a great thing. There is a way of doing this. It has to be done with love and concern for the person. The secret is to be totally honest and totally kind at the same time.

Saturday 4pm Mass Choir

Now that we have a talented organist, Samuel Sheridan who plays at the 4pm mass it is an opportunity to build up a choir. Please consider joining Samuel in the loft at this mass.

Youth Group Leader

If you would like to join the Youth Group Leaders of our Parish, please speak to Father G. I would need you to be available just once a month at our 10am Family Mass and to spend one hour after this mass to help prepare our children for their Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.

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10/09/2024	Preparation of Sacrament of
	1 st Reconciliation and 1 st
	Communion at 6pm
24/09/2024	Preparation for Sacrament of
	Confirmation at 6pm
25/02/2025	Sacrament of 1 st
	Reconciliation 6pm Mass
08/06/2025	Sacrament of 1st Communion
	12 Noon Mass

Feasts during this coming week

Tuesday 9th July Our Lady of Aberdeen –

Devotion to our Lady of Aberdeen stems back at least to Bishop Gavin Dunbar (1514-1531) when a statue of the Madonna and child was placed by him in a chapel near the Bridge of Dee. It was saved from destruction during the Reformation, and eventually found its way to Brussels. It continues to be venerated there under the title Notre Dame du Bon Succès (Our Lady of Good Success). A number of copies are the object of devotion here in Scotland

Thursday 11th July St Benedict was born at Norcia, north-east of Rome, where he went to study law. He was appalled by the immorality of the city, and abandoned it, going to Subiaco, east of Rome, where he became a religious hermit. Gradually others attracted to join him and communities were set up which he directed. Local jealousies made it unwise for him to stay so he set up anew at Monte Cassino, south of Rome. His influence was widespread: many came from Rome to consult him, and many monasteries were founded elsewhere, so that his way of life and thinking had a huge civilizing effect on Europe, which made Pope St Paul VI name him Patron of Europe in 1964.

Church Refurbishment

A letter will be distributed to every family in our parish over the coming weeks regarding our church refurbishment. To ensure you receive a copy of the letter please add your contact details to the list in the church porch.

Have a lovely Weekend!