

+ Please Remember in Your Prayers +

Recently Dead: Velma Andreini - formerly Hunthill Road; Derek Drever; May Finnigan; Charles Allen; Jim Japp; Kathleen Duffy; Ryan Murphy; Christopher Murphy

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Hugh McGuinness; Brian & Martin Spencer; Maisie McLaughlin; Anne Sankus; John Sankus; Esther Fallon; William Donnelly; Lorraine Gallacher; Alice Cassidy; Pat O'Neil; Pat & Moira O'Neil; Chrissie Thomson.

Funeral Arrangements:

Velma Andreini: Funeral Mass - Thursday 22nd June at 10.00 am .

Catholic Social Teaching

If our church is not marked by caring for the poor, the oppressed, the hungry, we are guilty of heresy.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Stall

A selection of LED lit glass votive candles for various saints is available from the temporary stall in the Hall at St Joseph's and also at the exit of St John Ogilvie's Church. Priced £8.00 each.

Sacred Heart Statue

The large statue of the Sacred Heart in St Joseph's Church is being restored and repainted and will be returned to the parish probably in October.

SSVP

It has been an extraordinary year for everyone but for us, in the SSVP, it has been nothing short of miraculous. Despite the pandemic, and because of your kindness and support, we collected £12,910 and distributed £11,615 (including Christmas) in the last year to those in need. We carried out almost 300 visits, provided furniture to 15 families, provided £240 to our twin conferences in India and South Africa and a further £1,102 to support various national and international projects. All the people we have helped, and continue to help, are extremely grateful for your generosity. Many have been moved to tears when they realise there are still people in this world who provide help and support without looking for anything in return. We have been able to make a huge difference to so many people and given hope to those who had none. On behalf of all of them, thank you and God Bless you.

As we move closer to normality, beginning this weekend, we will be standing outside the church with our collection boxes as you leave Mass.

Parish of St Joseph

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Parish of St John Ogilvie



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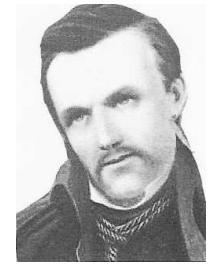
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Year of St Joseph



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16th Sunday of the Year - 18th July 2021

St Joseph's

Mass Times:

Mon - Sat: 10.00am

Thur: 7.00pm

Sat Vigils: 5.00pm & 6.30pm

Sun: 10.00am, 11.00am

12 noon & 6.30pm

St John Ogilvie's

Mass Times:

Mon - Fri: 9.30am

Sat Vigil: 6.30pm

Sun: 11.00am

The 10.00am Mass from St Joseph's Church is Live streamed each day on Facebook and YouTube.



They were like sheep without a shepherd.

Parish Priest: Rev. Brian Lamb

Assistant Priest: Rev. Kevin Lawrie

Deacon: Rev. Joseph Dowds

Blantyre Catholic Bulletin

Update to arrangements for attendance at Church

On Monday 19 July we move to level 0. Social distancing will be reduced to one metre and the layout of the church will be changed after the evening Mass today (Sunday), to allow more capacity and reduce the need for the hall. Please follow the directions of the volunteers as to where to sit. Congregational singing (with masks) will be allowed again but if someone is exempt from wearing a mask, please do not sing. We won't be giving out hymn books, but well-known hymns will be sung so feel free to join in. For the time being, communion will continue to be distributed at the end of Mass.

Please continue to come along to the Mass of your choice without pre-booking. The extra Masses - Vigil 6.30 pm and Sunday 11.00 am will continue to be offered for the next few weeks to see how things go regarding numbers attending. With the current provision of Masses we have been able to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend without having to refuse anyone access. If you feel ready to return to Mass please look at last weekend's Mass attendance numbers to see which Mass you might choose to attend.

Mass attendance numbers - last weekend

The numbers attending Mass last weekend at St Joseph's were (all figures include Mass in the Hall): Sat 5pm **120**; Sat 6.30pm **33**; Sun 10am **120**; Sun 11am **51** Sun 12noon **92**; Sun 6.30pm **98** - **Total 514**.

Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms

Funeral Masses and Weddings can as of Monday 19 July take place with a maximum of 100 people able to be in attendance. If anyone wishes to arrange a Baptism for their child please speak to one of the priests after any Sunday Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

One of the priests will be available for Confession on Thursday evening of this week from 6.30 pm till 6.55 pm and after 7.00 pm Mass if required. There will be a screen between priest and penitent. There will be no kneeler so you will need to stand to make your confession.

Exposition & Confessions

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at St Joseph's on Thursday 6.00 pm till 6.55 pm and Confession will be available in the Sacristy between 6.30-6.55 pm.

Tuesday Evening Mass

The Tuesday evening Mass was started when access to the church was more limited due to the pandemic than it is now. The Mass will no longer be celebrated at this time.

Church Offerings

The Weekly Offerings Gift Aid boxes are available as you leave St Joseph's and St John Ogilvie's Churches and the Hall at St Joseph's.

COP 26 Conference - UN Climate Change Conference

We have been asked to host some walkers who will make a pilgrimage to Glasgow when the city hosts the conference for World Leaders in October. Pope Francis has been invited to speak at the Conference. The walkers will be accommodated in the church halls and will require breakfast and evening meal for two nights. Nearer the time we will ask for volunteers to help us host the group.

Day by Day Booklets

The August Day by Day booklet is available as you leave the Churches of St Joseph's, St John Ogilvie's and the Hall at St Joseph's.

St Joseph's Church Hall 300 Club

The winners for June are published below. Because the income to the 300 Club has been much less than pre-Covid times there will be only two sets of prize winners rather than four. We hope everyone will understand the reason this is happening - as the prize money required would be more than the income to the fund. Our intention is to carry on the draw till Christmas and then close the 300 Club. Over the past three years we have been able to renovate different parts of the hall thanks to the existence of the club. This year we hope to renovate the ladies toilets. The next quarter £13 subscription is now due. If you wish to participate simply put your money in an envelope marked 300 Club with your name and address. Thanks to every one who support this fund by direct debit as well as those who pay directly.

Appointment

Bishop Toal has appointed Fr Lawrie as Parish Priest of St Teresa's, Newarthill and Chaplain to Taylor High School, New Stevenson. His new appointment will take effect in September. We congratulate Fr Kevin and wish him all the best. The Bishop has also informed us that he may not be in a position to provide another assistant priest to Blantyre.

Parish Meetings

On Sunday August 15th Bishop Toal will celebrate the 11.00 am Mass at St John Ogilvie's and a parish meeting will take place afterwards. There will be a second/mirror meeting at St Joseph's at 1.00 pm. The reason for these meetings is:

To present the different options regarding pastoral provision in Blantyre

To allow the congregation to respond to these options

To allow the Bishop to see and hear our communities response to the present dilemma brought on by shortage of priest in the Diocese and wider Church.