



Sat. [21 May]		<i>pro populo</i>	CONFESSIONS 4.20-4.50pm VIGIL MASS 5.00pm
Sun. [22]	6th Sunday of Easter	Mary Doyle RIP (3 months' mind)	HOLY MASS 8.00am CONFESSIONS 4.20-4.50pm HOLY MASS 10.00am
Mon. [23]	<i>feria</i>		NO PUBLIC MASS
Tues. [24]	<i>feria</i>		HOLY MASS 9.00am followed by Rosary
Wed. [25]	<i>feria</i>		HOLY MASS 9.00am followed by Rosary VIGIL MASS 7.00pm
Thu. [26]	Solemnity of the Ascension	Joe Murphy RIP (anniversary)	HOLY MASS 9.30am followed by Rosary
Fri. [27]	<i>feria</i>	James Quigley RIP (anniversary)	HOLY MASS 9.00am followed by Rosary DIVINE MERCY 3.00pm
Sat. [28]	Our Lady's Saturday	<i>pro populo</i>	HOLY MASS 9.30am CONFESSIONS after Mass CONFESSIONS 4.20-4.50pm VIGIL MASS 5.00pm
Sun. [29]	7th Sunday of Easter	Joe Murphy RIP (anniversary)	HOLY MASS 8.00am CONFESSIONS 9.20-9.50am HOLY MASS 10.00am

'Bring flowers of the rarest'

Our Lady has had fresh flowers brought to her for the whole of May. It's lovely to see her honoured in this way.

Catholic Men's Group

The next meeting of the Catholic Men's Group will be on Thursday, 9 June at 7.30pm in the parish house. All the men of the parish are very welcome.

Confirmations

Archbishop Cushley will confirm the children from our parish on Ascension Thursday evening at St Kentigern's.

First Holy Communion Catechesis

The next catechesis is at 6.00pm on Monday, 23 May. First Holy Communion is on Saturday, 4 June at 10.00am

Corpus Christi Procession - 19 June

The *Corpus Christi* procession led by the Archbishop will be at St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk at 3.00pm on Sunday, 19 June. A *Corpus Christi* procession is when the Blessed Sacrament is taken from the tabernacle, placed in the monstrance and processed through the street. It can be a family day out and all the faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to join with the Archbishop. Details to follow.

Stars in the Sanctuary

Many of the stars in the vault of the sanctuary are dedicated to families, individuals and the faithful departed. When they're all dedicated we'll put a list of the dedications in the baptistry. If you would like to do this, speak to Father. All proceeds to parish funds: *'And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever'* Daniel, 12:3.

Sanctuary: Cafferty Family
BVM lamp: Lally
St Margaret's lamp:

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Your prayers are asked for:
Sick: Laurence Marcelin
RIP:
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Collections	15.05.22
Offertory:	£463-18
Building Fund:	£95-97
Please remember to use your envelopes	

What is the '40 Hours Exposition?'
In two weeks' time we will have the 40 Hours'. The Blessed Sacrament is placed in a receptacle called a monstrance. In this way we can see it and pray before the visible Host. Usually we only have a fleeting glance of the Host when the priest elevates it at the Mass. This is a way to prolong that beautiful moment and talk to the Lord from our hearts. It is done for 40 hours since this is the time that Christ spent in the tomb, when we lost His presence. To show our love for God in the Eucharist, during the 40 Hours' we usually fill the sanctuary with candles and flowers. It is a very beautiful and graced filled time for a parish. The Archbishop has asked for every parish in the Archdiocese to have 40 Hours' of adoration to renew our lives of faith after the two years of disruption when, for a time, we did not even have access to the Mass.

Parish 40 Hours' - Pentecost Sunday
Father Joseph McGill will give a Holy Hour with Benediction at 6.00pm on Pentecost Sunday evening. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight on the Monday. Father Bernard Mournian of St Columkille's, Rutherglen will close our 40 Hours' with a Holy Hour and Benediction at 6.00pm on Tuesday, 7 June.

- How to keep the 40 Hours'**
- Plan to spend some time in silence before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament over the three days;
 - If you have children, be sure to bring them along, even for a short time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament;
 - Sign up for an hour of watch if you can - the Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended and we need all the hours covered;
 - There are votive lamps that you can purchase to burn before the Blessed Sacrament for particular intentions during this time. Please arrange this at the back;
 - There are various prayer cards and materials at the back to help you to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. These are very helpful;
 - Plan to come to at least one Holy Hour. If you have children, each spouse could let the other attend one of the holy hours.

Solemnity of the Ascension
This Thursday, forty days after Easter, is Ascension Thursday. It is a holyday of obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass at 7.00pm and Mass on Ascension Day at 9.30am. We are instructed to take up a collection on Ascension Thursday.

Our Faith on Sunday

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6th Sunday of Easter (C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Is 48:20

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

FIRST READING: Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials.

PSALM: Ps 66:2-3.5-6.8.R.v4

**R) Let the people praise you, O God;
let all the people praise you.**

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth,
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R)**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R)**

SECOND READING:

Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jn 14:23

**Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will
keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall
come to him.'**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Jn 14:15-16

**If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send
you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION



"I am going to the Father," Jesus says; and at the same time, "I am coming back to you"; for if you obey me, if you love me, then both the Father and I will be with you. It is a love story; not an emotional or sentimental love story, but love in its most profound and true sense: faithful love; love faithful through thick and thin. On the part of Jesus' followers, love must be obedient to the truth, to Jesus' teaching. It must be a faithful love, that endures to the end. But, "do not let your hearts be troubled, do not be afraid," for Jesus will come back, bringing his Holy Spirit. The Love of the Father and Son for each other is a living, teaching Love. It is the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who will "teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." The

Spirit introduces the human lover into the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity: the mystery of the Origin of Love which is at the same time the Origin of all created existence. "Peace I leave with you," Jesus says, because peace is the offspring of Love.

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A STRANGER ON THE ROAD

77. Each day offers us a new opportunity, a new possibility. We should not expect everything from those who govern us, for that would be childish. We have the space we need for co-responsibility in creating and putting into place new processes and changes. Let us take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies. Today we have a great opportunity to express our innate sense of fraternity, to be Good Samaritans who bear the pain of other people's troubles rather than fomenting greater hatred and resentment. Like the chance traveller in the parable, we need only have a pure and simple desire to be a people, a community, constant and tireless in the effort to include, integrate and lift up the fallen. We may often find ourselves succumbing to the mentality of the violent, the blindly ambitious, those who spread mistrust and lies. Others may continue to view politics or the economy as an arena for their own power plays. For our part, let us foster what is good and place ourselves at its service.



Golden Thoughts on Death



It is not to think black but golden thoughts that we think of death. Even among an abundance of graces, sometimes we are seized by the sense of the loneliness of exile on earth, and we find ourselves wanting to say again with Paul: 'I should like to depart and be with Christ, which is a far better thing,' or 'We would rather leave our home in the body and go to live with the Lord.'

The more we appreciate and go into the depths of suffering, the more we also understand that death is the ultimate offering of ourselves as 'royal priests' here on earth and, therefore, the culmination of our lives. For whoever loves and knows what it means to love, it is the desired moment.

I would like to explain what I mean. It is really 'desired' in the sense that gold is desired and smoke is not. In short, a moment kissed by God, as Jesus crucified is kissed.

Our Christian brothers and sisters who have died and have lived the moment of death know what it is. Oh! how often we would like someone to have come and told us something about this 'passing' ...

But perhaps - no certainly, because this, too, is love - it is better that each one of us should go through this unique experience in life: it has more value and ... for the little suffering, for the little faith we have in God's love for us in those moments, then for all eternity we will be with him.

Chiara Lubich

