

THE R.C. PARISH OF ST. ALOYSIUS

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18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 2ND AUGUST



Welcome to our parish community, we hope you are made feel welcome. We ask everyone to respect the peaceful atmosphere of our churches - we do not, however, expect the impossible of small children!

Toilets are located in the hall foyer in St. Aloysius' (through the door at the rear of the Church), and at the front right in Sacred Heart. You will also find the stall in the hall foyer in St. Aloysius.

Day	Church	Service	Time
MONDAY	St Aloysius	Requiem Mass: John Reilly	10am
3RD AUGUST		<i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament</i>	12-7pm
		<i>Confession</i>	6.30pm
		<i>Mass</i>	7pm
TUESDAY	Sacred Heart	<i>Mass</i>	10am
4TH AUGUST	St Aloysius	<i>Exposition of B.S.</i>	12-6pm
WEDNESDAY	St Aloysius	<i>Exposition of B.S.</i>	9-10am
5TH AUGUST		<i>Mass</i>	10am
THURSDAY	Sacred Heart	<i>Mass</i>	10am
6TH AUGUST	St Aloysius	<i>Exposition of B.S.</i>	12-6pm
FRIDAY	St Aloysius	<i>Exposition of B.S.</i>	9-10am
7TH AUGUST		<i>Mass</i>	10am
		<i>Exposition of B.S.</i>	12-6pm
SATURDAY	St Aloysius	<i>Exposition of B.S.</i>	9-10am
8TH AUGUST		<i>Confession</i>	9.30am
		<i>Mass</i>	10am
		<i>Confession</i>	5pm
		<i>Vigil Mass</i>	5.30pm
SUNDAY	St Aloysius	<i>Sunday Mass</i>	10am
9TH AUGUST	Sacred Heart	<i>Confession</i>	11.40am
		<i>Sunday Mass</i>	12 Noon

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS

Each month, Pope Leo asks for our prayers for a specific intention. During August we pray particularly:

For evangelisation in cities: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

WORLD CUP SWEEPSTAKE

Congratulations to our winner of the World Cup Sweepstake, Sandra Dunn who drew Spain, and to Jack O'Donnell who drew Argentina.

200 CLUB WINNER

Congratulations to the winners of July's draw for the 200 Club.

1st: Alice Devine, No. 74, £155

2nd: Myra McLachlan, No. 24, £90

3rd: Tim Collins, No. 185, £60

Thanks to all who participate in this fundraiser.

HOLIDAY

I will be spending a weeks retreat at the Benedictine Monastery in Montserrat and then taking a summer holiday, afterwards, on a cruise from Sunday 23rd August. During this time, Fr Tom Magill will cover the Parish.

THIS WEEKEND

Neurodiverse Mass is celebrated on Sunday at 2pm.

First Sunday Devotions begins at 6pm in St Aloysius

COLLECTION: 27TH JULY

Non-Gift Aid: £ 603.13

Gift Aid: £ 934.00

Thanks for your continued generosity!

LISTED PLACES OF WORSHIP GRANT SCHEME

Many thanks to those who have already written letters. The repose from the MSP's has been fairly positive with many not even knowing this was an issue. Please continue to write and support this petitioning.

The UK-wide Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme has closed and the replacement fund applies only in England. For many parishes, this means essential repairs and improvement projects for listed church buildings will become more expensive. Please write to our MSPs asking for clarity on support in Scotland and to back a practical Scottish funding route. This has serious implications for the future fundraising for St Aloysius, Church so please be as supportive as possible in this. Available on this QR code is some information about how to write to your MSP and what to write, if you are prepared to help engage with this issue. As always, many thanks!



RCIA

Are you looking to become Catholic? Or know someone interested in joining the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults are baptised or brought into communion with the Catholic Church. If you are (or know of anyone) interested in this, please speak with Fr Mark.

CHURCH RENOVATIONS

It is my hope to begin some work on the interior of St Aloysius. I am sure you will agree that we need refreshed flooring. I have an idea of trying to restore the tiled floor in the aisles: if you have any thoughts on this (or perhaps pictures of how the church looked), please speak with me.

EXAM RESULTS

This week many of our parishioners will be awaiting their exam results. This weekend we keep them and their success in our prayers. Particularly we pray that they may not find value or validation only from exam results but they each know the worth and plan that God has for them in their lives.

St Joseph of Cupertino, *patron saint of studies*, pray for them.

Please Pray for those who have died :

John Reilly (Requiem Mass, Monday 3rd August, 10am), Joseph McGuire, Anne Burns, Peter Shevlan, Mary Morgan, Phil Leckie.

Please Pray for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of:

Eileen Moore, Robert McPake, Mary Murphy, Mary Airlie.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound:

Teresa McPake; Janette Cairney; Margaret Timmons; Cathy Creilly; Elizabeth Stallard; Anne Dobbin; Teresa Robertson; Christine Morgan; Angela Higgins; Patricia Kiggins; Teresa Smith; Fr Bill Bergin; Christine Mingram; Josephine Parker; Kristine Weir; Scott McGuire; George McKenna; Anne Marie Greig; Tony & Doriss Bonett (Malta); Agnes Malley; Betty Whittarer; Veronica McCluskey (Alloa Clackmananshire); Dorina Emanuelli (Gloucester); Ayley Crawford; Jude McGuire; Phillis McGuire; Baby Skyler McGrath; Tony Laird; Louise Cordiner; John Gray; Paula Kirkwood; James McIntosh, Harrison Carlin; Cameron McIlwriath, Bernadette McGuire, John Turnbull, Pauline Curran, Eileen McGroarty. Gillian Dames, Moira McIndoe, Margaret Sannachan, Euan Donald, Hugh Morgan, Fr Daniel Rooney, Irene & Owen Donnelly.

PARISH YOUNG ADULT GROUP

It is my intention to begin in the near future a young adults group in the parish. It would be hoped this would focus on those parishioners aged 18-25. Looking at holidays and Parish pilgrimage at the end of September, we will likely be aiming for an October start. Please pass the word on and begin to think of inviting people to join the group!

NEW MONKLANDS HOSPITAL PETITION

"Stand up to Monklands" is a non-political group who are holding the Scottish Government to account over their decision to pause work on the new Monklands Hospital.

A petition is available at the back of the church for people to sign to add their voice to the campaign. There is also a poster with QR code on the notice boards where you can find out more information about the group.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

The Parish pilgrimage to Tuscany will take place on the 29th September until the 6th October.

Recently a space has become available for the trip for 2 adults. If you are interested in taking this place then please speak with Fr Mark over the next few days.

Further, it is my hope to get a parish group together to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July of 2027. Normally the date is around the 12th July and the approximate cost will be about £1100.

More details about this will be made known in late Autumn, but it would be good to know if this was something appealing for our parish.