

THE R.C. PARISH OF ST. ALOYSIUS

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 23RD AUGUST 2026



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 24TH AUGUST	St Aloysius	<i>Requiem Mass of John James Bryce</i>	10am
TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST	Sacred Heart	<i>Mass</i>	10am
WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST	St Aloysius	<i>Mass</i>	10am
THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST	Sacred Heart	<i>Mass</i>	10am
FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST	St Aloysius	<i>Mass</i>	10am
Saturday 29th August	St Aloysius	<i>NO MASS</i>	10am
		<i>Confession</i>	5pm
		<i>Vigil Mass</i>	5.30pm
SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST	St Aloysius	<i>Sunday Mass</i>	10am
	Sacred Heart	<i>Confession</i>	11.40am
		<i>Sunday Mass</i>	12 Noon

PLEASE NOTE:

- There will be **NO** Monday Night Mass at 7pm
- There will be **NO** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- There will be **NO** Saturday Morning Mass at 10am
- The Church will remain **closed** during the day.

These will resume upon Fr Mark's return from holiday on week beginning 13th September

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Next year the Diocesan Pilgrimage travels to Lourdes in July of 2027. Normally the date is around 12th July and the approximate cost will be about £1100. More details in late Autumn.

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.

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 - I will return on the 14th September.

During this time Fr Tom Magill will cover the parish. If there are any emergencies or you need to arrange anything please get in touch with him on: 07789 708192.

RCIA

The Parish RCIA group will meet after 10am Mass on Sunday 6th September in St Aloysius Church House.

WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS

If you'd like to place an order for the Western Catholic Calendar please put your name at the Stall. They cost £3.50 and an order will be put in this week.

PARISH YOUNG ADULT GROUP

In the near future a young adults group will be starting parish. For those 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!

COLLECTION: 16TH AUGUST

Non-Gift Aid: £ 685.94 Gift Aid: £977.60

Thanks for your continued generosity!

LISTED PLACES OF WORSHIP GRANT SCHEME

A Fund will support eligible listed places of worship across Scotland by helping them recover VAT costs. The pilot scheme has been developed in response to the closure of the previous UK-wide Grant. Many thanks to those who took time to email their MSPs. This will operate as a standalone scheme ending March 2027, and the fund is only financed to £1m which is by no way a substantial amount of money so please continue to lobby our local politicians.

UPCOMING DATES

- Vocations Mass, Motherwell Cathedral, Tuesday 25th August, 7pm.
- National Pilgrimage, Carfin Grotto, 6th September, 3pm.
- Mass with Archbishop Fisichella, Motherwell Cathedral, 7pm. Archbishop Fisichella serves as the pro-prefect for the New Evangelisation section of the Dicastery for Evangelisation in the Vatican.
- Parish Family Mass, St Aloysius, Sunday 20th September, 10am.

GOSPEL FOCUS

The Gospel Focus group have started meeting again after a break over the summer. They meet on a Tuesday night on St Aloysius House at 7pm. The group selected passages of Scripture accompanied with some study notes and discuss/share their knowledge/reading of it. All are welcome to join for what is a warm, friendly and interesting discussion.

DIOCESAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Join the Motherwell Diocesan Children's Choir! Children from P5-P7 form across the Diocese are invited to join our new Children's Choir. There is no audition and no cost to take part. Whether your child already loves singing or would simply like to give it a try they will be very welcome.

The choir starts on Wednesday 2nd September from 6pm-7pm in **Our Lady of Good Aid Primary School**, Motherwell.

If you'd like to register interest please visit www.rcdom.org.uk/childrens-choir-registration

Please Pray for those who have died :

John James Bryce (*Requiem Mass, Monday 24th August, 10am*), Sarah Devlin, Joseph Lyden.

Please Pray for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of:

Betty Carey, Tommy Carey, Margaret McGowan, Kathleen & Bridget Togher, Eileen Moore, Frank MacGregor, Brian O'Hare, Kathleen Gallagher.

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 Mingham; Josephine Parker; Kristine Weir; Scott McGuire; George McKenna; Anne Marie Greig; Tony & Doriss Bonett (Malta); Agnes Malley; Betty Whittarer; 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.

ASSISTED SUICIDE (WESTMINSTER)

On 11 September, MPs are expected to vote again on assisted suicide. It is not simply another parliamentary debate, but a decision profoundly affecting how society protects people who are seriously ill, elderly, disabled or vulnerable. Approaching the end of life we all want to be treated with dignity, compassion and proper care. But assisted suicide is not the answer to this difficult time. The answer is better palliative care, stronger safeguards and a society that tells every person: your life matters, you are not a burden. The proposals returning to Westminster remain deeply unsafe: allowing assisted suicide to be raised with vulnerable patients. That creates a real risk of pressure, subtle coercion or a sense that choosing death is expected. Concerns have also been raised about people with hidden disabilities, eating disorders or complex medical conditions being inadequately protected. Once the principle is accepted, there is a serious danger that assisted suicide could come to be seen as a cheaper or easier alternative to high-quality care. Before your MP votes, please make sure they hear from you. A short email matters if you are able. Please contact your MP today and urge them to vote no. Ask them to defend vulnerable people and focus on fixing care, not legalising assisted suicide.

BULLETIN

While I am away there will still be a published bulletin. If you have any Months Minds/Anniversaries **please ensure these are posted through the letter box of the house by Thursday afternoon.**