

THE R.C. PARISH OF ST. ALOYSIUS

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19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 9TH 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 10TH AUGUST	St Aloysius	<i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament</i>	12-7pm
		<i>Confession</i>	6.30pm
		<i>Mass</i>	7pm
TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST	Sacred Heart	<i>Mass</i>	10am
	St Aloysius	<i>Exposition of B.S.</i>	12-6pm
WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST	St Aloysius	<i>Exposition of B.S.</i>	9-10am
		<i>Mass</i>	10am
THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST	Sacred Heart	<i>Mass</i>	10am
	St Aloysius	<i>Exposition of B.S.</i>	12-6pm
FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST	St Aloysius	<i>Requiem Mass of Joseph McGuire</i>	10am
		<i>Exposition of B.S.</i>	12-6pm
SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST	St Aloysius	<i>Exposition of B.S.</i>	9-10am
		<i>Confession</i>	9.30am
		<i>Mass</i>	10am
		<i>Confession</i>	5pm
		<i>Vigil Mass</i>	5.30pm
SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST	St Aloysius	<i>Sunday Mass</i>	10am
	Sacred Heart	<i>Confession 11:40 Mass</i>	12 Noon

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 if you'd like to sign and add your voice to the campaign.

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.

SCIAF SHIELD

Sadly last weekend we did not manage to retain our title as winners of the SCAIF Shield. Instead we picked up a broken foot and a pulled hamstring! Thanks again to all who played this year! Despite the defeat a good say was had by all!

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

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.

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: 27TH JULY

Non-Gift Aid: £ 646.87 Gift Aid: £ 941.50
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

The Parish RCIA group will run after 10am Mass on a Sunday in St Aloysius Church House starting from 6th September. If you are (or know of anyone) interested in this, please speak with Fr Mark.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Please keep those returning to school in your prayers this week, particularly those beginning Primary 1 and High School! Before the summer I agreed with Mrs Flannigan on the dates for the celebration of the Sacraments. They will be as follows:

First Reconciliation: Tuesday 9th March
First Holy Communion: Saturday 8th May
Confirmation: Wednesday 11th November

There will be a meeting for those parents with children in the sacramental classes on Tuesday 15th September at 6pm.

Please note that the primary school will join us on Friday 21st August for a 'Primary 1 Welcome Mass' at 10am.

There will be an S1 Welcome Mass on Thursday 20th August at 2pm in St Margaret's High School. All parents/family welcome.

Please Pray for those who have died :

Jospeh McGuire (*Requiem Mass, Friday 14th August, 10am*), John Reilly, Anne Burns, Beth McGuire, Bobby Oakes.

Please Pray for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of:

Annie Brown, William Cairns, Joe Mooney, Bernadette McMullan, Margaret Cochrane, John Maynes, John Ferguson, Tom & Nan Somers, Anne & Theresa Marton, Margaret Cushley.

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.

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.

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.