

Westhill Catholic Parish Bulletin



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th October 2021

MASS TIMES

Thursday 14th October

Communion Service at 10am.

Adoration from 9am. Rosary from 9:35am.

The Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group meet after the Mass.

Mothers Prayers Group meet after the Mass.

Saturday 16th October

Vigil Mass at 5pm.

Sunday 17th October

Mass at 9am.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before Saturday Vigil Mass or by appointment with Fr Emmet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Liturgy on Sunday 10th October

We will be using the large hall to allow better social distancing and enable us to split the children into younger and older groups, depending on numbers. Children's Liturgy is open to all children from toddlers up to around Confirmation age.

Sunday School for First Confession and First Holy Communion

The next online class is on Sunday 10th October, 10am to 10:45am. For more information, please email Bronwyn (bronwyn.d@vidson.me).

Altar Servers

We can now have altar servers back at Mass! Should your child be interested in learning or returning to serving the Altar, do let us know by speaking to Mavis Anagboso (mavis.anagboso@gmail.com) or to Fr Emmet.

SAFEGUARDING IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SCOTLAND

On 8th September 2021 the Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) issued an updated version of "In God's Image", the Safeguarding document which had first been issued in March 2018. Known as "IGlv2", it is intended "to explain and to direct the approach to Safeguarding that is practised at every level of the Catholic Church". Here are a few excerpts:

OUR SAFEGUARDING CULTURE

"Everyone in the Catholic Church in Scotland - especially those in positions of leadership and responsibility - values the lives, wholeness, safety and well-being of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone. We seek to uphold the highest safeguarding standards in our relationships with people of all ages who are involved with the Church and its organisations. As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us - ordained, professed, employed and volunteer lay people - to work together to uphold these safeguarding standards that have been designed to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse or harm."

OUR CORE SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

- We regard as our paramount concern the safety of children and vulnerable adults.
- We demonstrate zero tolerance of abuse. We report all allegations of abuse to the statutory authorities.
- We show compassion for all who have suffered experience of abuse.
- We acknowledge and learn from our past failings.
- We open our safeguarding procedures to independent scrutiny.
- We provide training and support to all who are responsible for safeguarding.
- Together we commit to continuous improvement in our safeguarding practice.

OUR SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS

Standard 1 Creating and maintaining safe Church environments.

Standard 2 Safely recruiting clergy, religious, lay employees and volunteers.

Standard 3 Responding to safeguarding concerns and allegations of abuse.

Standard 4 Providing care and support for those who have experienced abuse.

Standard 5 Managing and providing care for respondents to allegations of abuse.

Standard 6 Working together to develop a culture of care. Recognising that safeguarding responsibilities are intrinsic to Christian baptism and to the mission of the Church, we all work together, as ordained, consecrated and lay people, to develop a culture of care in the Church that says "never again" to every form of abuse.

Standard 7 Training and support for all responsible for safeguarding.

Standard 8 Planning for continuous improvement in safeguarding.

The full text of In God's Image v2 can be found at:

<https://bcos.org.uk/InGodsImagev2> or www.rcda.scot/safeguarding/

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Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Mrs Anne Rae (trinitywesthillpsc@rcd-abdn.org) Newsletter: bronwyn.d@vidson.me

PARISH GROUPS

The Legion of Mary, weekly meetings in the Prayer room, on Monday evenings at 6pm. Contact: Eugene Ogosi (Tel: 07983125904). Meetings consist of prayers (including the rosary), a sermon, reports and discussions. You could also consider becoming an Auxiliary member by supporting the Legion through your prayers. For more information see the Parish website <https://westhill.rcda.scot/legion-of-mary/>

The Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group, weekly meetings on Thursdays after 10am Mass. Contact: Bronwyn (bronwyn.d@vidson.me) All are very welcome. We pray especially for our priests, the Pope and for our families. For more information see the Parish website: <https://westhill.rcda.scot/cenacle-of-prayer/>

Mothers Prayers Group, weekly meetings on Thursdays after 10am Mass. The 'Mothers Prayers' prayer group was begun by mothers in England in 1995. These mothers felt that they should bring all the pain and the worries they had for their children to Christ and to trust in His words 'Ask and you will receive.' Since then, it has spread rapidly, and Mothers Prayers is now in over 100 countries around the world. For more information see the Parish website: <https://westhill.rcda.scot/mothers-prayers-group/>

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

You can support the work of our parish financially either in the **Offertory Collection Basket** at the door, using our **Offertory Envelopes**, or by setting up a **Standing Order** so that money will be donated to the parish every week or month.

If you use the envelopes or set up a standing order and you pay tax, we can claim **Gift Aid** for every donation that you make. This means that we receive a further 25p for every £1 you donate, at no extra cost to you.

To register for **Gift Aid**, to get offertory envelopes, or to set up a Standing Order, please speak to Fr Emmet either directly before or after Mass or by phone/email and he will give you the details. **Thank you to all of you.**

UPCOMING NOVENAS

Here is a link to some Novenas starting in October, which may be helpful for your personal prayer (<https://catholicnovenaapp.com/list-of-all-novenas/#>).

- Pope St John Paul II Novena (starts October 13th)
- St Jude Novena (starts October 19th)
- Novena for the Holy Souls in Purgatory (starts October 24th)
- St Martin de Porres (starts October 25th)

DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood? God calls each of us to something. St Paul reminds us there are many parts in the Body of Christ, and that we all have a part to play. (Rm 12)

Some men he even calls to the Diocesan Priesthood. If you feel that this is how God is calling you to follow Him in this life, the Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary.

For more information please contact: Fr. Mark Impson, Vocations Director, on 01569 762433 or by email at mark.impson@rcda.scot

ST. MARY'S FAMILY LIFE CENTRE

St. Mary's Family Life Centre offers non-judgemental support, in strictest confidence, to those going through a difficult time, or who have emotional problems they need help with. These might include depression, relational issues, bereavement, pregnancy crisis, post-abortion trauma etc. The Centre also provides basic needs like food, clothing, baby goods and information on natural family planning.

For general enquiries and online or face-to-face counselling appointments please contact Sr. Mary Joseph Justin HFSN.

Office opening hours are Monday to Thursday 10am to 4pm.

Email: hfsnflifec@rcd-abdn.org Tel: 01224 631319.

UPCOMING DATES IN THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2021

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| • <i>All Saints</i> | Monday 1 st November |
| • <i>All Souls</i> | Tuesday 2 nd November |
| • <i>Christ the King</i> | Sunday 21 st November |
| • <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> | Sunday 28 th November |
| • <i>Saint Andrew</i> | Tuesday 30 th November |
| • <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> | Sunday 5 th December |
| • <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | Wednesday 8 th December |
| • <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> | Sunday 12 th December |

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