

# Westhill Catholic Parish Bulletin



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## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time      25<sup>th</sup> September 2022

The readings for Mass can be found on <https://universalis.com/20220925/mass.htm>

**We will be starting to introduce parts of the Mass of St Francis and hope to commence with singing the 'Lord have Mercy.'**

### MASS TIMES

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September** Mass at **5:30 pm** in the Small Chapel. Rosary from 5:10 pm. The Legion of Mary Group will meet after the Mass.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September** Mass at **10 am** in the Small Chapel. Adoration from 9 am. Rosary from 9:35 am. The Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group and Mothers Prayers Group will meet after Mass.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** Mass at **9 am**.

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr Emmet.*

### WELCOME

Welcome to all new parishioners and visitors to Trinity Church. If you would like to receive our Parish newsletter every week then please fill in your details in the [online form](#) on the Parish website. The Parish has several prayer groups which help us to sustain our faith and to grow in the Love of God and of our Neighbour. The details for these prayer groups can be found on the Parish website and at the back of the newsletter.

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022**

The relics of St Bernadette are coming from Lourdes to the UK in September & October. Unfortunately, she's not venturing any further north than Carfin Grotto, but Carfin with its own close connection to Lourdes is a wonderful place for her relics to visit. *St Bernadette's relics will be at Carfin from Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September until the early morning of Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October.* More information here: [St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022](#).

#### **Children's Liturgy on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Children's Liturgy is open to all children from toddlers up to around Confirmation age.

#### **Sunday School for First Confession & First Holy Communion on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Classes will be in the Small Chapel after the 9 am Mass. Parents who wish to enrol their children (in P4 or above) for these classes should please email Moyra Stephen ([moyrastephen@gmail.com](mailto:moyrastephen@gmail.com)) if they are interested.

#### **Confirmation Preparation Classes to begin soon**

Parents who wish to enrol their children for these classes (P7 or above) should please email Mary Arkless ([mlarkless@gmail.com](mailto:mlarkless@gmail.com)) if they are interested. More information and details to follow soon.

#### **Altar Servers**

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](mailto:mavis.anagboso@gmail.com)).

#### **Prayers at the New Skene Cemetery at 3:30 pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

The Legion of Mary group will be meeting at the cemetery to pray for those buried there. All are welcome to join the group in their prayers.

#### **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March 2023 led by Fr Domenico Zanrè**

See the gospel come to life by following the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land. From Jerusalem and Bethlehem to Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee, you will find yourself immersed in spirituality and culture. For more details and online booking click [here](#).

### PARISH COUNCIL

One of the wonderful ideas which came from our synodal meetings was the idea of re-establishing the parish council.

If you are interested in being a part of it, please let Fr Emmet know.

If you would like to know more, a description of what a parish council is can be found here: [Parish Council](#)

## REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 HERE

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. Although its Catholic identity is clearly evident, WYD opens its doors to everyone, no matter how close to or distant from the Church they are.

Next year it will be in Lisbon, Portugal and we cannot wait to be going together as a diocese! As we prepare to go, we would greatly appreciate if you registered your interest in the form below so that we can get a rough idea of who will be interested, it will also help us communicate with you and inform you of deadlines and future updates.

### Some Key information:

**Location:** Lisbon, Portugal

**Dates:** 26<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (Travel dates may be slightly different)

**Cost:** *Approx. £700-900 - we will be fundraising on a parish & diocesan level to help with this*

**Open to:** All between 16 and 35!

The form below is NOT you making a commitment, just giving us an idea of interest! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the team via the contact info at the end of the form. Here is the [Form Link](#). Any questions can also be directed to Joe Kelly, Youth and Children's Coordinator: [youth@cathedral-abdn.org](mailto:youth@cathedral-abdn.org)

## DIOCESAN DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT COURSES

The retreat courses aim to create a community of connected, confident Catholics across the north of Scotland. The retreat is held at Kilcoy Castle on the Black Isle. The retreats cost £60 per weekend for residents in the RC Diocese of Aberdeen and £150 per weekend for those out with the diocese.

### Retreat Courses:

**The Philip's Course** is an experience of the basic foundation of the Christian life: God's love, our need for salvation, the power of Christ's death and resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit to renew our lives. *Course Dates: 23 - 25 September 2022 [Men] and 4 - 6 November 2022 [Women].*

**The Emmaus Course** is an experience of the Word of God, a companion on our journey to heaven. *Course Dates: 2 - 4 December 2022 [Men] and 3 - 5 February 2023 [Women].*

**The John the Beloved Course** is an experience of meaning and conditions of discipleship, equipping participants to be life-long disciples of Jesus Christ. *Course Dates: 3 - 5 March 2023 [Men] and 12 - 14 May 2023 [Women].*

To register and for further information please contact the Ogilvie Centre [here](#).

## PARISH GROUPS

**The Legion of Mary, weekly meetings in the Small Chapel, Monday evenings at 6 pm.**  
**Contact: Eugene Ogosi (Tel: 07983125904).**

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics, who under the leadership of Mary, serve the Church and the community on a voluntary basis. Meetings consist of prayers (including the rosary), a sermon, reports and discussions.

**The Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group, weekly meetings, Thursdays after the 10 am Mass.**

All are very welcome. We pray especially for our priests, the Pope and for our families. For more information: <https://mmp-usa.net/>

**Mothers Prayers Group, weekly meetings on Thursdays after the 10 am 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.'

## COLLECTIONS

The total given by standing order and online payment for August was £1357.

The collection on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September was £165.

***Thank you very much for your generosity.***

## 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.**