

# Westhill Catholic Parish Bulletin



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Children's Liturgy on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

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

### **Prayers at the New Skene Cemetery at 3:30 pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

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.

### **Sunday School for First Confession & First Holy Communion on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Classes will be in the Small Chapel after the 9 am Mass and are led by Moyra Stephen ([moyrastephen@gmail.com](mailto:moyrastephen@gmail.com)).

### **Confirmation Preparation Classes begin on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Classes will be held in the meeting room (near the kitchen) after the 9 am Mass. 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.

### **Teas and Coffees on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November after the 9 am Mass in the back hall**

All are welcome to attend. If you would like to help with this, do let us know by speaking to Antonella Tonna ([antonellatonna@hotmail.com](mailto:antonellatonna@hotmail.com)).

## NOVEMBER LISTS

November is the month we traditionally pray for all those who have gone before us, especially those we have known and loved, and those who have formed part of our community.

November lists can be found on our [Parish website](#).

You can either download them, fill them in, print them off, and send them back to Fr Emmet via email, or bring them to Mass with you the next time you come. We will place them at the Altar for all of our November Masses.

In the writings of St Margaret Mary, we read:

*"In union with the divine Heart of Jesus make a short pilgrimage to Purgatory at night.*

*Offer Him your activities of the day and ask Him to apply His merits to the suffering souls.*

*At the same time implore them to obtain for you the grace to live and die in the love and friendship of this divine Heart. Fortunate will you be, if you succeed in obtaining deliverance for some of these imprisoned souls, for you will gain as many friends in Heaven."*

## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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

**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 31<sup>st</sup> October** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November** 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 6<sup>th</sup> November** 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)

## 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 Date: 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 25<sup>th</sup> September was £155.

***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.**