

Westhill Catholic Parish Bulletin



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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th September 2023

The readings for Mass can be found on <https://universalis.com/20230924/mass.htm>

MASS TIMES

- Monday 25th September** There will be **no 5:30 pm Mass**. The Legion of Mary group will meet at 6 pm in the Small Chapel.
- Thursday 28th 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 the Mass.
- Sunday 1st October** Mass at **9 am**.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Confession is available before, or after, all Masses or by arrangement with Fr Emmet.

COLLECTION

The collection for Sunday 17th September was £120. Thank you very much for your generosity. **Please note that on Sunday 1st October there will be a second collection for the sick and retired Priests of the Diocese.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Liturgy on Sunday 24th September

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

Sunday School for First Confession & First Holy Communion, Sunday 24th September

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

Adoration Volunteers, St Mary's Cathedral

Eucharistic Adoration is an affirmation of our faith. Through this vigil of prayer, we give witness to our belief that God is truly dwelling with His people.

Fr Keith is looking for Adoration Volunteers especially on a Friday afternoon, for at least an hour with the Lord. Book your Holy Hour [here](#).

Shroud of Turin Exhibition, Monday 25th September to Sunday 8th October

A full-size copy of the world-famous Shroud of Turin is coming to St Mary's Cathedral. It will be on display for two weeks and will be available to view outside of Mass times. More information can be found [here](#).

Prayer for Creation, Tuesday 26th September, 7 pm at St Francis Church, Mannofield

FOR A JUST AND GREEN WORLD "Praise be to you, my Lord". Prayer for Creation will be led by Bishop Hugh. Refreshments in the Hall afterwards. All are welcome.

Alpha, Wednesday 27th September, 7 pm to 9 pm, at St Mary's Cathedral (Main Hall)

Alpha is a series that explores the basics of the Christian faith. More information [here](#).

Spirit & Truth Weekend, Craig Lodge, Argyll, 29th September – 1st October

Join us for a weekend that will lead you deeper into worshipping the Father in spirit & truth. More information at: <https://www.craiglodge.org/events/spirit-truth-oct-23>

Bingo-Supper, Friday 13th October, 7pm, in St Francis Hall

Fundraiser for the charity 'LET THE CHILDREN LIVE' which is run by Fr Peter Walters. Fr Walters looks after many street children in Columbia. A 2-course supper, with bingo-tickets included, for £15.

Parish Retreat, Saturday 14th October, 10 am at Trinity Church

We will begin with Mass at 10 am followed by the planned spiritual programme led by Sr Francesca Therese, Apostolic Sister of St John. The theme for the retreat day will be: Mary: Beloved Child of the Father *"Therefore I will boast all the more gladly in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest on me."* - 2 Corinthians 12:9.

Men and Women Discipleship Retreats

You are invited to the Discipleship Retreats by the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia at Kilcoy Castle. The Men's Retreat will be held the weekend of 27th – 29th October, and the Women's Retreat will be the weekend of 3rd - 5th November. Cost is £60, and £150 for participants outside Aberdeen.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

Power of Grace Retreat for S2 & S3 Youth, 3rd – 5th November, Tomintoul

Are you in S2 or S3? Then this is the retreat for you! Fun, Friendship, Prayer & Music, Inspiring Talks, Outdoor Activities and Lots More! For more information or to register contact Sr Bernadette Marie (op@rcda.scot) or Joe Kelly (youth@cathedral-abdn.org).

PREGO

PREGO is a weekly leaflet to help people pray the Sunday Mass Readings. There is an additional page (PREGO PLUS) providing simple background material on the two Scripture texts. Prego is produced by St Beuno's, a retreat centre in Wales.

The idea is that a person will hear the readings at Mass on Sunday and then refer to their Prego publication throughout the week as a stimulus for personal prayer and reflection: <https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego/>

CHRISTIAN ART

Christian Art's mission is to offer a pathway to grow closer to God through the beauty of art and the Gospel. Each day, they select a work of art relevant to the day's scripture passage and offer a short-written reflection on the two. For more information: <https://christian.art/about/>

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

In Trinity Parish, we ensure the safety and wellbeing of all parishioners. To do this, we adhere to the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures of the Catholic Church in Scotland.

These can be read in full in the document [In God's Image](#) or online by following the link to the National Safeguarding Office: www.scsafeguarding.org.uk or www.bcos.org.uk

The latest edition of Safeguarding Matters Newsletter: [Safeguarding Matters May 2023](#)

The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Mrs Anne Rae; her role is to support the parish by organising the recruitment, induction and training of volunteers who work with children, young people or adults at risk. She is the person to approach if you have any Safeguarding issues to discuss or report (email: trinitywesthillpsc@rcd-abdn.org).

THE SUNG MASS PARTS

The sung Mass parts can be found at the back of the Parish Mass book.

The Gloria, which we sing each week, can be found on page 208.

Some weeks we will also use the other Mass parts from the Parish Mass book.

They are The Holy Holy (p. 213), the Mystery of Faith (p. 213-4), and The Lamb of God (p. 216). This will be announced before Mass.

PARISH GROUPS

The Legion of Mary, weekly meetings in the Small Chapel, Monday evenings at 6 pm.
Contact: Eugene Ogesi (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.'

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.**