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Mass times: Saturday Vigil – 5.00pm
Sunday – 10.00am, 12.00noon & 5.30pm

Weekdays (Mon-Wed, Fri, Sat) -10.00am
(Thur) – 7pm

Confession: Thursday – 6.20-6.50pm
Saturday – 9.20-9.50am, 4.20-4.50pm

Rosary: Weekdays – 9.30am (unless Funeral)
Exposition: Weekdays – 9.30am (unless Funeral)
Thursday – 6.20pm

Fatima Devotion: First Saturday after Morning Mass

Sunday, 13th August 2023

Second Collection

Many thanks for your contributions to the second collection for the Building Fund last weekend. The amount raised was £729.00.

This weekend the second collection is for Pro-Life.

Holy Day of Obligation

This coming Tuesday, 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses on Tuesday are at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place in the hall **this coming Thursday, 17th August after the 7.00pm Mass.** This is our first meeting after the summer break so please make every effort to attend so that we can plan our next steps.

St Charles' 200 Club

Winners for the month of July 2023

The money will be paid into their accounts this week.

No	Prize	Winner
125	£200.00	Billy Ralph
196	£100.00	Peter McNally
139	£50.00	Jaqueline Robertson
69	£25.00	Eleanor McFarlane
173	£25.00	David Hamilton

Family Quiz Night at St Mirin's

The next Family Quiz Night will take place in the Cathedral Hall on **Friday, 18th August** from 7.00pm. Entry costs £2 per adult and £1 per child. Bring your own drinks and snacks. A maximum of 8 per team. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

Sunday 12.00 noon Mass

A reminder that our normal schedule of Masses resumes next weekend. Times are as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.00pm

Sunday Mass at 10.00am

12.00 noon and 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy

Next weekend the Children's Liturgy also resumes at the 10.00am Mass. Please encourage your children to attend.



Be a Smartie!

From next weekend, why not join in our **Fundraising Challenge for young and old!**
Help towards the cost of the new porch furniture.
Pick up a tube of **Smarties** from the porch.

Once you have eaten them,
save the tube and fill it with coins,
then return it to us by

Sunday, 24th September.



Our next **Fun Family Quiz Night** takes place in the hall on **Friday, 1st September at 7.30pm.**

Think Vocation

"He went up to the hills by himself to pray." Do you feel called to follow a different path to the one people expect, a path of prayer and service? Talk to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison Tel: 0141 889 5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

The National Pilgrimage to Carfin



This will take place at the grotto on **Sunday, 3rd September at 3.00pm**. The Bishops have decided that we will pray for peace, particularly in the Ukraine, at our Pilgrimage. The main celebrant is Bishop Hugh Gilbert, President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family in the UK will preach at the Mass, and the choir of the Ukrainian Catholic community in Scotland will participate in the Mass along with the Motherwell Diocesan Choir.

Strengthening Faith Amid Storms

In the gospel for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Matthew 14:22-33), Jesus uses a stormy situation to strengthen the faith of his disciples. Despite being away, Jesus comes to their rescue, but they struggle to recognize him at first. When Jesus says, "Take courage. It is I," he emphasizes his divine presence, but the disciples still seek proof. Peter, with wavering faith, asks to walk on water towards Jesus but starts to sink due to fear. Jesus reminds them to trust and asks why they doubted.

Finally, as the storm calms, the disciples recognize Jesus as the Son of God. This gospel encourages us to have unwavering faith in the face of life's challenges, knowing that Jesus is always with us.

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First Reading – 1 Kings 19:9A, 11-13A:

Elijah finds shelter in a cave at Horeb. The LORD instructs him to stand outside. Amid powerful elements, God's presence is found in a tiny whisper, prompting awe and reverence.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 85:

God proclaims peace and salvation for the reverent. Kindness, truth, justice, and peace unite. The LORD grants benefits and prepares His path with justice.

RESPONSE: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

Second Reading – Romans 9:1-5:

In Christ's truth, I bear witness to my great sorrow and anguish for my people. Despite their blessings, I'd sacrifice for their salvation. They are my own, and I long for their redemption.

Gospel – Matthew 14:22-33:

After feeding thousands, Jesus goes to pray alone. Disciples cross the lake by boat, struggling in a storm. Jesus walks on water, calming their fears. Peter walks briefly but doubts, sinking until Jesus rescues him. Disciples worship Jesus, recognizing His divine power.

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