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PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

The Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary, 14th August 2022

MASS SCHEDULES

Monday
No public Mass

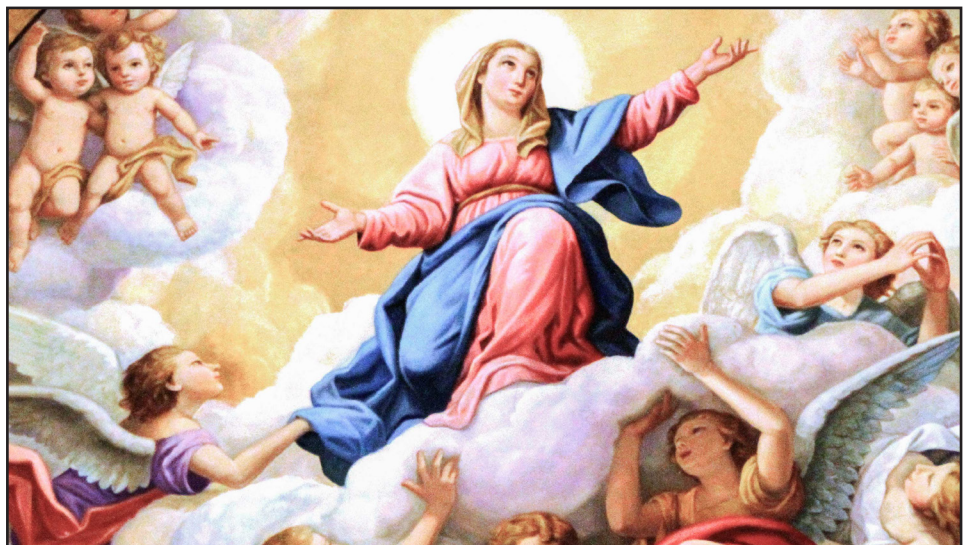
Tuesday – Saturday
9am

Friday
7pm (Polish)

Sunday
10am (English)
12noon (Polish)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
9:30am (after Mass)
or call to make an appointment.



Dear Parishioners and Friends of our parish, we are so happy that you could join us today to celebrate The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Talking to the Mother of Jesus is usually something that all Catholics begin to do in childhood. When non-Catholics ask, "Why do you worship Mary?" we can reply that we don't worship her: we honor and give reverence to Mary. All of Mary's feasts relate directly to us; they teach us how to live out Christ's gospel more completely. Today, we celebrate the Assumption – Mary being taken, body and soul, into heaven.

Most people have never heard this feast explained, but it is so relevant to our everyday lives. The Assumption celebrates the greatness and dignity of the human person, and especially the human body. When we proclaim the fact that Mary was taken up not only in spirit, but "body and soul" into heaven, we are strongly reminded that we

are precious for our bodily selves, not just our souls. Compare this to the world's example of how to treat the body: pornography, casual sex, and drug use; the sex trade abuses men, women, and children, even the youngest. But we admit we, too, dishonour our bodies when we don't watch our weight, our fitness level, our lungs, our hearts.

Our Catechism says, "Life and health are precious gifts entrusted to us by God." Instead of being couch potatoes, we have a positive duty to exercise, go to bed early enough to get proper sleep, and learn how to eat healthily and cook this way for others. Instead of joking about 'stuffing our faces' or 'getting wasted', we have a duty as Catholics to eat slowly and mindfully – and to let drinking be part of a gracious meal with friends, not a solitary addiction. Let us ask Mary to help us transfigure ourselves in God's plan!

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

God bless you all!
Fr Bogdan SDS

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

On your right stands the queen,
in garment of gold.

Gospel Acclamation

Mary has been taken up into heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Kate Campbell
and all those whose
anniversaries occur
about this time

**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Important Memorials

Memorials can be dedicated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion—birthdays, anniversaries, living and dead etc... or for your own special intention by ordering a Holy Mass. Offering a stipend for a Mass intention is a way of contributing to the upkeep of your priest. It is a donation.

SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

Monday 15th August
20th Week of the Year

Tuesday 16th August
20th Week of the Year

Wednesday 17th August
20th Week of the Year

Thursday 18th August
20th Week of the Year

Friday 19th August
20th Week of the Year

Saturday 20th August
St Bernard
Abbot, Doctor of the Church

Thank You!!!

We thank you for your spectacular generosity. Your generous support of our Parish and your help with the needs of our community is greatly appreciated!

Collections

Sunday's Collection July 31st—£441.75.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Today we celebrate
Sunday Mass at 10am.**

**We are back at the original
time of 10am.**

**Please, share this message
with those you know
that attend our services.**

Priest's Musing

Once there were two exceedingly mischievous brothers. Whatever went wrong in the neighborhood, it turned out they had a hand in it. Their parents were at their wit's end trying to control them. Hearing about a priest nearby who counseled problem children, the mother suggested to the father that they ask the priest to talk with the boys. The mother went to the priest and made her request. He agreed, but said he wanted to see the younger boy first. The priest sat the boy down across a huge, impressive desk. For about five minutes they just sat and stared at each other. Finally, the priest pointed his forefinger at the boy and asked, "Where is God?" The boy looked under the desk, in the corners of the room, all around, but said nothing. Again, louder, the priest pointed at the boy and asked, "Where is God?" Again the boy looked all around but said nothing. A third time, in a louder, firmer voice, the priest leaned far across the desk and put his forefinger almost to the boy's nose, and asked, "Where is God?" The boy panicked and ran all the way home. Finding his older brother, he dragged him upstairs to their room and into the closet, where they usually plotted their mischief. He finally said, "We are in BIG trouble." The older boy asked, "What do you mean, BIG trouble?" His brother replied, "God is missing, and they think we did it."

CENTENARY OF CARFIN GROTTTO AND THE SCOTTISH VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

This year 2022 is the Centenary of the Lourdes Grotto, the National Marian Shrine, at Carfin.

It is also the occasion of the Visitation of the Relics of St Bernadette, the teenage girl to whom our Lady appeared in Lourdes at the Grotto of Massabielle on a number of occasions in 1858. The relics will be arriving in Carfin on Saturday, 24th September and will remain there until Friday, 30th September 2022.

The Shrine can be visited any day during that week, though the timetable begins fully on the Monday.

There are designated days allowing for all, individuals and groups, to visit the Shrine (Tuesday-Friday) with the exceptions of the Sunday 25th September which has a separate timetable.

Pilgrimage Centenary Mass in the presence of the relics of St Bernadette, Sunday 25th September 2022 at 3pm with Rosary Pilgrimage following the Mass.

Bishop Stephen invites you to join him and the rest of the Scottish Bishops for this occasion.

All are welcome!

Counters Needed

Would you like to help us to count the Sunday's Collection? Please, give your name to Fr Bogdan.

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Fr Bogdan after Mass