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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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**PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'**

## 21st Sunday of Year C - 21st 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 Twenty First  
Sunday in Ordinary time.**

Jesus seems to be saying today that the gate to eternal life is wide open, and free to enter. But it is narrow in one way: you still have to fit to be able to get through. When Jesus said the gate was 'narrow', he used a word that may have been misunderstood. This narrowness is really within our own power to widen. First, we have to step back and take in the bigger view.

You know, how some cameras take a panoramic picture of the scene? The view Jesus is seeing is one that sees salvation or we could call it wholeness, healing, and eternal happiness not only for the whole human race, but for the whole creation. We should be concerned about how to 'grow into' the kingdom of God every day, because every day is full of moments of salvation when we are offered the chance to enlarge our narrow vision.

Our vision gets expanded when we allow ourselves to listen to the saints and other

radical lovers of God who have a much larger vision than we do. We need to crack open our private shells, and join others whose vision and behaviour imitates Jesus.

And that's why a Church community is important. That's why we need to monitor what we read and what we watch; that's why we need to read something more than the latest romance novel. This expanded vision does not just happen on its own. We have to place ourselves directly in its path and have the courage to allow such an enlarged view of the world to expand our own world view, and our actions.

We need God's huge vision, but first, we need to want it, to crave it, to desire it above all else--because opening our vision is all that will get us ready for the all-inclusive and unlimited vision of God. That is how our baggage falls off, and the narrow gateway becomes our wide path to God's incredible fullness after death.

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

**God bless you all!**  
**Fr Bogdan SDS**

### For today's Mass

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Go out to the whole world;  
proclaim the Good News.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

If anyone loves me  
he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.

## PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Mellor 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 22nd August  
**Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Tuesday 23rd August  
**21st Week of the Year**

Wednesday 24th August  
**Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle**

Thursday 25th August  
**21st Week of the Year**

Friday 26th August  
**21st Week of the Year**

Saturday 27th August  
**Memorial of St Monica**

St Monica is the Patron of Mother's because of her persistence in prayer

**"Nothing is far from God."**

*St Monica*

## 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 - 14th August—£619.74.

## Counters Needed

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

## Priest's Musing

Sixteen-year-old Jimmy had just received his driver's license. To celebrate, the whole family trooped out to the driveway and climbed into the car for his inaugural drive.

Dad immediately headed to the back seat, directly behind the newly qualified driver. "I'll bet you're back there to get a change of scenery after all those months of sitting in the front seat teaching me how to drive," said the beaming boy to his old man.

"Nope," came dad's reply, "I'm gonna sit back here and kick the back of your seat while you drive, just like you have been doing to me for sixteen years."

## National Pilgrimage to Carfin – Sunday 25th September 2022

Normally we have the National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin on the First Sunday in September and clergy and faithful from across Scotland and beyond have participated. It is always therefore a Day of Celebration of our Catholic Faith as we gather to worship God and pray for the needs of the Church and the World. We seek also the intercession of Our Mother Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, and our National Saints whom we honour at our Pilgrimage Mass and in our Devotions.

This is a very special year though and the National Pilgrimage has been moved to the last Sunday in September, Sunday 25th. It is a special year as it marks the Centenary of the Grotto and that in itself is reason enough to encourage a strong and wide participation in the Pilgrimage. Sunday, September 25th, will be very special as the Relics of St Bernadette will be with us at Carfin that day and will remain there throughout the rest of that week.

It has been decided therefore to have the Pilgrimage on Sunday 25th and to invite yourselves and your parishioners to participate. Holy Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette, and in Thanksgiving for the 100 Years of the Grotto, will be 3pm, with the Rosary Procession afterwards. As Bishop of Motherwell I will lead the Liturgy along with my fellow bishops and priests.

I look forward to you joining us for this special day. Please advertise the National Pilgrimage in your own parishes and I look forward to welcoming all who come to give thanks to God for the graces received at and through the Grotto and to seek the continued intercession of Our Lady and St Bernadette in our many needs at this time.

**With my prayers and best wishes,  
Yours in Christ,  
+ Joseph Toal, Bishop of Motherwell**

**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*