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PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

22nd Sunday of Year C - 28th 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 Sec-
ond Sunday in Ordinary time.**

If humility meant making sure you stayed in the shadows of life, not doing anything worth while, avoiding the praise of others, than it would be fairly simple. But humility has nothing to do with any of that. We don't become humble by doing humble things. We become humble by accepting who we are in the sight of God and then living out of that acceptance.

Humility is tricky. You might think you're humble, when all you are is timid and fearful. Now wouldn't that be a shame? You spend your whole life thinking how great it is that you are humble, only to discover when you meet the Lord, that you have just been a fear-filled and lack lustre human being.

That would be a real kick in the pants, wouldn't it? All of us are God's children,

loved and cared for by God, part of God's universe and God's earth, fellow travellers on a common journey. And we all have been given gifts of one sort or the other. Humility is acknowledging those gifts and allowing them to grow and be a source of comfort and strength and love for others. We are also asked to use our gifts to benefit the natural world that needs us in so many ways.

Pride, since it is the flip side of humility, goes against what is the truth of our existence. We are not God. To lord it over any other person or creature does not reflect the truth of our lives. As an old song says, "We're in the same boat, brother". Pride tells us that we are too good for this world, too good for others. It effectively keeps us at arms length from others. The humble person, on the other hand, draws close to others, because he or she knows deeply that we all belong to the same Lord.

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

God bless you all!
Fr Bogdan SDS

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

In your goodness, O God,
you prepared a home for the poor.

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 souls of
Aileen Abbott
and Giuseppina Jannetta
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 29th August
Memorial of the
Passion of St John the Baptist**

**Tuesday 30th August
22nd Week of the Year**

**Wednesday 31st August
22nd Week of the Year**

**Thursday 1st September
22nd Week of the Year**

**Friday 2nd September
22nd Week of the Year**

**Saturday 3rd September
Memorial of St Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor of the Church**

A Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

Ever Immaculate Virgin Mother of Mercy, Health of the sick, refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure for their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I ask therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. Through gratitude for your favours, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory. Amen.

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! Last Sunday's Collection - 21st August - £507.60.

Priest's Musing

Phoebe, a 50-year-old widow from Beverly Hills, had a heart attack and was taken to Cedars Sinai hospital. While on the operating table, she had a near-death experience. She saw God and asked, "Is this it?" God said, "No, you have another 30 to 40 years to live."

Upon her recovery, she decided that since she had another 30 to 40 years, she might as well make the most of it. So she stayed in the hospital and had a face lift, liposuction, and breast augmentation. She even had someone dye her hair. After the last operation, Phoebe walked out of Cedars Sinai lobby and a speeding ambulance ran her over.

She died and immediately appeared before God. She said angrily, "I thought you said I had another 30 to 40 years?" God replied, "Phoebe? I didn't recognize you!"

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