

# St Patrick's Parish Bulletin

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

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## **MASSES and SERVICES**

### **Monday**

9.30 am Rosary

10.00 am Daily Mass

### **Wednesday**

9.30 am Rosary

10.00 am Daily Mass

### **Thursday**

9.30 am Rosary

10.00 am Daily Mass

### **Saturday**

Vigil Mass 4.00 pm

### **Sunday**

9.30 am Sunday Mass

Wednesday: St Monica

Thursday: St Augustine

Friday: The Passion of St John the Baptist

**RIP:** Alan Scott Gray, Claire McCann, James Hughes (Blantyre), Margaret Keating.

### **MONTH'S MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES:**

Peter Gowran, Ela Deptula, Mary Thomson, Ellen McGuire, James Gunn, James and Annie Haley, Charlie Rocks (Snr).

**SICK:** Liz Phillips, Maureen Thompson, Janette Connor, Mary Jackson, John Dobbin, Marie McDonald, Roseleen Daly-Higgins, Theresa Gilgunn, Joseph Hawthorne, Ann Kenny, Margaret McCluskey, Dar Simpson, Kevin Kennedy, Theresa Frame, Gerry Hamil, Gerry McCann.

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE:** Martin John Fox, John Fox.



### **CONFESSIONS**

Thursday 9.30 am

Saturday 3.30 pm

## **PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL**

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who wander through the world, seeking the ruin of souls.

Next Sunday (September 7) is the National Pilgrimage at Carfin

Monday (September 1) is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Next Sunday a second collection will be taken up for the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund.

## THANKSGIVING AND PRESENTATION MASS FOR FR JAMES

Father James will be retiring at the end of August after 52 years serving God in the missions and parishes in the Diocese. A truly remarkable life! To show our appreciation of his time with us, we will be organising a thanksgiving Mass for him at 7.00 pm on Friday September 5<sup>th</sup> in St Patrick's, Shieldmuir along with St Brendan's and hopefully, St Bernadette's. After this Mass, there will be a reception for him in the Parochial Hall. If you would like to contribute to his presentation, please use the box provided at the back of the Church. We will keep this box out for the next 2 weeks. Many thanks in anticipation.

**Assisted Suicide Bill:** It is expected that the next stage of this bill will return to Parliament on the 12<sup>th</sup> September with further scrutiny and debate in the days which follow. If it is to become law, the Bill must be supported by the Lords. The House of Lords would normally be expected to support a Bill where there is a solid majority in the Commons, but because the Commons majority for this Bill is just 23 votes and, crucially, the Bill is not a Government Bill, it is still possible that the Lords could reject it.

There are over 800 members of the House of Lords and the process for contacting them isn't as straightforward as it is for contacting MPs. You can also write to a Peer using the following address:

**[Insert Name of Peer e.g. Rt Hon Lord/Baroness....], House of Lords, London, SW1A 0PW**

There are many defects in the Leadbeater Bill and this excellent [Care Not Killing resource](#) lists 26 of them. You may also want to check out this excellent [briefing by SPUC](#). You can use these resources to formulate your letter/email. Please also remember to share your own concerns and personal stories.

## HALL COMMITTEE / AUTUMN FAYRE

There is a meeting of the Hall Committee on Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in the Lesser Hall. This meeting is open to everyone in the Parish as we approach the date for this year's Autumn Fayre on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00 pm. We would like to allocate most of the duties and make sure everything is in place for another successful Autumn Fayre. This year, more than ever, we need this important income source to cover the many repairs to the Church (see below), especially the roof which is now allowing water ingress. If you would like to help at the Fayre, please hand in your name into the Sacristy or Stall. Meantime we are looking for donations for the various stalls such as bottles of wine and spirit, unwanted gifts....in fact, just about anything which we can sell! Any such items can be handed in to the Stall or Sacristy. We are also looking for people who can bake and make tablet etc. Raffle tickets will be on sale at all Masses from this week. If you can help sell or perhaps take some books for your family and friends, please speak to the sellers at any of the Masses this weekend.

We have now started repairing the Church roof which has been letting in rainwater in two places. Also, the red stairs at the front of the Church will have to be lifted and made safe. We ask you as you come in or leave the Church to use the ramp or the "school stairs". All these jobs are very expensive to carry out. As the work on the roof continues, the side door of the Church will be out of commission. We thank you for patience.



### Visit our Parish Website

[www.stpatricksshieldmuir.co.uk](http://www.stpatricksshieldmuir.co.uk)

Parish bulletins and other information will be uploaded here. **Please get in touch with Fr Mallya if you have notices for the website.**

### PARISH INCOME

Parish income:	£704.79
Holy Day (Assumption):	£371.05
Sort Code:	80 12 97
Account number:	10243263