



# St Lucy's Parish

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## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

### This week in the Parish.

#### Vigil Mass of Sunday

Saturday  
6.00pm Mass

#### Sunday:

11.00am Mass with The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick  
5.00pm Rosary, Evening Prayer, Benediction

#### Monday: Optional Memorial of St. Henry

9.10am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass  
6.00pm Liturgy Preparation for the Sunday

Mass in back sacristy—Fr. Raphael will meet with any parishioners who would like to reflect together on the scriptures and choose the hymns for the coming Sunday.

7.15pm-8pm Pro Life Rosary Group in Church: feel welcome to come along and pray for life.

#### Tuesday: Optional Memorial of St. Camillus de Lellis

9.10am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass  
7.00pm RCIA in Chapel House: Fr. Raphael will meet with anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or interested in becoming a member of the Church. All welcome

#### Wednesday: Memorial of St. Bonaventure

9.10am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass

#### Thursday: Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

##### Day of Prayer for Vocations

9.10am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass  
10.15-11.15 Rosary, Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Benediction

#### Friday:

9.10am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass  
6.00pm Holy Hour

#### Saturday:

9.10am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass

#### Anniversaries:

Rachael Mullaney

#### Sick:

John McCluskey, Jean McCluskey, Billy Kerr, Kate Hogan, Vincent McLaughlin, John McNeil, Erica Sneddon, Cathy Taylor, Jamie Daly, Ronnie Neil

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 10.30-11.00am; 5.15-5.45pm

Sunday: 10.30-10.45am

#### Many Thanks

First Collection:

GAD: £245.00

SDS: £217.33

Second Collection

£321.39

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Like all the sacraments, the sacrament of anointing was instituted by Jesus Christ during his earthly ministry. No longer is the sacrament reserved only to those in imminent danger of death, the "last rites." The passage from the Letter of James (5:14-16) that has served in the Church's tradition as the scriptural warrant for this sacrament, does not mention death, only sickness. The Church is now concerned to see that the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with "those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age." Old age is not an illness but often brings with it a lot of health issues which can seriously impair our health. There are three distinct and integral aspects to this celebration.

1. **The Prayer of Faith** - the community intercedes on behalf of the sick, asking in faith for God's help.
2. **The Laying on of Hands** - this gesture has major significance in the rite. The sick person is singled out by the community as the object of the prayer of faith. This is also a sign of blessing as the Church prays for the sick person to be restored to health or strengthened in his or her time of illness. Above all, it is the biblical gesture of healing and indeed Jesus' own manner of healing.
3. **The Anointing with Oil** - signifies healing, strengthening, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. The anointing will have a greater chance of being an effective sacramental symbol if it is not removed after the anointing. It can then be seen and felt by the sick person as a sign of the Spirit's healing and strengthening presence.

This sacrament is central to the Church's ministry to the sick but must be seen in conjunction with the other sacraments. Together with the Sacrament of Penance it comes under the heading of **Sacraments of Healing** in the catechism. There are two aspects of this sacrament which should be emphasised: *that through this sacrament the Church is united with the sick in support of their struggle against illness, and that in this way the Church continues Christ's messianic work of healing.* Please try to receive the Sacrament of Penance beforehand.

**RIP Reverend James Cosker** died peacefully, on Thursday, 9th July, 2015, at St Francis Nursing Home, Glasgow. He was Assistant Priest of St Brendan's Church, Yoker. Fr. Jim served as a priest of the diocese for 54 years. He never

accepted a parish but preferred to remain as an Assistant Priest throughout his time of service. He had suffered a series of strokes over the past 3/4 years but bore his sufferings with heroic fortitude. He had a great devotion to Ven. Margaret Sinclair. Vigil & Rite of Reception in St Brendan's Church, Yoker, on Monday, 13th July at 6.30pm. Requiem Mass on Tuesday, 14th July at 11.30am with burial thereafter in the clergy lair at St Kentigern's Cemetery. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon him. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. Venerable Margaret Sinclair, Pray for us.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** As we contemplate Jesus crushed by violence and the weight of the cross, think of the greatness of God's love; He who was God humbled himself, stooping down to encompass the passion of every man. On the cross, the heights of suffering coincide with the fullness of love, which stoops down to human suffering.

- **Love Gives Itself** The entire life of Jesus is a manifestation of the love of God, who "so loved the world the He gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16) for the salvation of humanity. In the face of Jesus, we contemplate the greatest of love. Today, to allow Christ - who, at the hour of the Last Supper, stooped down to the feet of Simon Peter - **to stoop down to you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

- **Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation** Pray and meditate on these words taken from the Gospel of John. "Before the Feast of Passover Jesus, knowing that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father, having loved his own in the world, he loved them to the end. During the supper, when the devil had already put in the heart of Judas, to betray him, Jesus knowing that the Father had given everything to him in his own hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from table, set aside his garments, took a hand-towel and girded himself with it around his waist. Then he poured some water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, and to dry them with the hand-towel with which he was girded" (Jn13:1-5)

- **Examination of Conscience** Just as Jesus stooped down to the feet of the disciples, so too now the Lord "stoops down" into your life. He does not judge, does not condemn, but receives your fragility and your wounds, and washes them with his love. With his own eyes of compassion, you, now, too, reflect on your life without lingering too much on individual faults committed, but,

rather try to understand the deep motivations that caused them, and the consequences that they have created. You will then discover that the first sin to confess - the greatest sin - is that which is against God: lack of faith in him; mediocrity in witnessing to your faith; prayer that is lazy and inconsistent; abandoning liturgical practice; frequenting environments that drove you away from him; inconsistency in choices made taken in private and public. From this fundamental sin there are sins committed against others and against yourself: little attention to the necessities of those near you and those who are the most unfortunate; lack of justice in work and society; misuse of time, money, body. As you examine your conscience in a moment of silence, look upon Christ crucified; the Christ who washes away our miseries and wipes out the distance that separated us from God. Now, after personal prayer, rise and you too, like the disciples - allow the Lord to stoop down before all your faults. With confidence, go to the priest and confess your sin, and you will receive as a gift from God the joy of reconciliation.

**Apostleship of the Sea** Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. The second collection this week is for the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers and their families both practically and spiritually. **If you are a taxpayer, please take an envelope from the back of the Church for your donation.**

**Pro-Life Mass** Wed, 15<sup>th</sup> July in Bl. John Duns Scotus, Glasgow G5 0YT. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6pm, Rosary at 7pm and Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Fr. Joe's 'missionary' journeys!** They begin in 'sunny' Drumchapel, before going to Lourdes on Friday to serve as the Deanery Representative on the diocesan pilgrimage. *En route* back to Scotland, I am presiding at the annual Mass for the Beatification of Ven. Margaret Sinclair at the Poor Clare Collatines in London [the community to which she belonged]. I am also spending a couple of days researching their archives before taking the train north on 30th July. On the Saturday I am then going over to Ireland for two week's holiday. A bit of touring and a bit of 'relative bashing'. Let us pray for one another.