



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, EAST KILBRIDE

16th Sunday of the Year A, 19th July 2026,

Divine Office Week 4

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HALL BOOKINGS: All Functions at Reasonable Rates - Call 07709 051558

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday 20th July

09:10 AM – Morning Prayer

09:30 AM – Morning Mass (*St Apollinaris – Optional Mem*)

10:00 AM – Church Cleaning

07:00 PM – Prayer Group (Side Chapel)

Tuesday 21st July

09:10 AM – Morning Prayer

09:30 AM – Morning Mass (*St Lawrence of Brindisi – Opt.Mem*)

07:30 PM – Legion of Mary (Meeting Room)

Wednesday 22nd July

09:10 AM – Morning Prayer

09:30 AM – Morning Mass (*St Mary Magdalene – Feast*)

02:00 PM & 7.00 PM – Divine Mercy Group (Meeting Room)

Thursday 23rd July

09:10 AM – Exposition and Rosary

09:30 AM – Morning Mass (*St Bridget of Sweden – Feast*)

10:30 AM – Tea and Toast (Hall)

Friday 24th July

09:10 AM – Morning Prayer

09:30 AM – Morning Mass (*St Sharbel Makhluf – Opt. Mem.*)

Saturday 25th July

09:10 AM – Morning Prayer

09:30 AM – Morning Mass (*St James – Feast*)

10:00 AM – Confessions

17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

05:30 PM - Confessions

06:00 PM - Vigil Mass

Sunday 26th July

10:00 AM – Sunday Mass[^]

11:30 AM – Sunday Mass[^]

04:00 PM - Sunday Mass

06:30 PM – Bingo Night (Hall)

[^]= Mary's Meals Breakfast Club After Mass

RECENTLY DEAD: David Presly,
Edward O'Rourke, Joseph Reynolds,
Jean Armour

Months Mind: Betty McNulty

ANNIVERSARY Catherine O'Brien,
Maria McCormack, Kathleen McAllion,
Agnes McLaren, Mr & Mrs Tommy
Smith, Catherine Carroll, Margaret Smith

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

DD Gift Aid Collection for

June 2026: £2435

Card Reader June: £197

Weekly Plate Collection: £574

Stella Maris £376

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phone to scan the QR code. If you are a
taxpayer, you may also wish to join our Gift
Aid scheme at no extra cost. Forms are
available from Grace Gordon.



READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, you are good and
forgiving

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia.*

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom
to little children

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Thank you for welcoming Fr. Emmanuel Onuoha, who has been with us for the last week whilst Fr. Romanus was away on retreat. We thank you for celebrating daily and weekend Masses for our parish and for your spiritual guidance.

SCIAF Shield 2026

Please see poster in porch for details about how to register for this year's SCIAF Shield taking place on Saturday 1st August in Glasgow. Perhaps some of our younger men/ women would like to enter a parish 5 a side team to participate. (Up to 8 players in a team) There are still a few spaces remaining. We have parishes signed up from across Scotland including some coming from the Western Isles. Funds raised will go directly towards SCIAF's Emergency Hunger Appeal and it will hopefully be a lovely (dry) day with activities for children too including bouncy castles and face painting.

Sunday Homily Tips

We reflect on the patience of God, a virtue is fast disappearing in today's modern world. One with patience will always possess self-control humility, tolerance, generosity and mercy, for these attributes are inseparable. The first reading said about God, "You are sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern." And the Gospel reading from Matthew also underlines the patience of God. Jesus tells his disciples that when the good seed begins to sprout, weeds (darnel) appear among the wheat, much to the consternation of the servants who would like to root them out immediately. However, the wise farm owner asks them to be patient, and to wait until harvest time. He points out that, if they try to remove the weeds now, they 'might pull up the wheat with it' (Mt 13: 29). So he tells them to let both grow together till the harvest. Then, the reapers can collect the weeds and burn them before gathering the wheat into the barn (cf. Mt 13:30). In the world today we can see clearly the existence of both the good and evil. While still the world is God's garden, God did not intend it to be so, as we see in the book of Genesis, when God had finished the work of creation, he 'saw all that he had made and indeed it was very good' (Gen 1:31). The existence of the weed which is the enemy is why we have all manner of evils in the world today eg. lies, jealousy, deceit, egoism and selfishness, wars, human trafficking, mindless exploitation of earth's resources, labour camps and torture, violence etc. Truly, we are not to take judgement into our hands, but that does not mean that we will do nothing over these evils, because according to Edmund Burke – an Irish statesman, 'All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing'. First, we must always bear in mind not to put ourselves in God's place by giving final judgement, rather, like Joseph reminded his brothers who feared he might seek revenge for what they had done to him. When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs, we did to him?" But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. (cf. Gen 50: 15 -21). The good news is that we have a master gardener (God) who assures us that all will be sorted out in the end. God's kingdom grows slowly but surely, as the parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast in the Cake illustrate. This assurance should free us from a dangerous preoccupation with getting rid of the weeds in God's garden, and lead us to focus instead on sowing seeds of the kingdom. Let us remember according an anonymous source, 'Everyone you know is fighting some battle you know nothing about! Be Kind...Always.' This is the best response to the challenge of today's readings.

A gentle reminder that the side chapel is available if your child(ren) are a little restless during Mass. Mass can still be heard quite clearly in the side chapel

Society of St Vincent de Paul

All parishioners are warmly invited to join members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for their quarterly Area Mass. On the memorial of St. John Mary Vianney, we gather to pray for the work of the Society, the poor, lonely and sick within our communities. The mass will be held in our parish on

Tuesday 4th August at 7.00 pm

Appeal from Parish Marys' Meals

Sincere thanks to all who support our parish Marys' Meals Breakfast Café. Special thanks to our sponsors and those who donate, sausage, eggs and potato scones.

Unfortunately, we find we are in need of some items, as follows, if you can help in any way it would be greatly appreciated. Salt, Pepper, Cooking oil, cling film, biscuits, napkins, wash up liquid, coffee, tea, diluting juice, butter, sauces. Many thanks for your kindness and generosity.

6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Will take place on Sunday 26th July the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne, Grandparents of Jesus

Congratulations

To the family of Eileen & Michael Driver whose son David Brendan was baptised here on Saturday, 18th July. Please keep David and his family in your prayers.

Motherwell Diocese National Pilgrimage to Whithorn

29th to 30th August 2026 from £159 person – see notice-board

Bingo – Sunday Night Bingo for Mary's Meals and SCIAF is on on Sunday evenings in the church hall at 6.30pm.

Next Loaves & Fishes Collection 1st/2nd August

Parish Pilgrimage 5th – 11th October 2027

To allow more parishioners the option to travel, it has been agreed that the Parish Pilgrimage will now take place in October 2027. Details are as follows: 7 Days Pilgrimage to Rome & San Giovanni Rotondo (home of Padre Pio) £1,494pp | 7 days/6 nights Including return, direct flights with easyJet from Glasgow International Airport. 3* Hotels, Half Board (all breakfast & evening meals). For more information, please contact Katrina Logan (07515 853342) or register your interest on the sign-up sheet in the Church porch. A Pilgrimage Meeting will be scheduled shortly afterwards to start the booking process.

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

Bishop John Keenan will lead this pilgrimage at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Carfin on Saturday 1st August. The pilgrimage will begin at 12 noon with Mass and is expected to finish at about 4.30 pm. Those taking part are asked to bring water and a packed lunch. See posted on notice board.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 9-16 October 2026

Places are available on a weeks pilgrimage to Medjugorje led by Fr Ivan Boyle from Uddingston on Friday 9th October. If interested please contact Maureen Dynes on 07737 673930 or Mdynes71@gmail.com.

Web-Cam is operational during services in the church including Baptisms, Funerals, Marriages. The first three rows of seats are visible on the webcam. If you or any member of your family/friends do not wish to be screened on the webcam please do not sit in these rows.