

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, EAST KILBRIDE

23rd Sunday of Year A – 6th September 2026

Divine Office Week 3

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday 7th September
09:10 AM –Morning Prayer
09:30 AM – Morning Mass
10:00 AM – Church Cleaning
07:00 PM – Prayer Group (Side Chapel)

Tuesday 8th September
09:00 AM – Rosary
09:30 AM – Morning Mass (The Nativity of our Lady – Feast)
10.00 AM Legion of Mary (Meeting Room)

Wednesday 9th September
09:10 AM – Morning Prayer
09:30 AM – Morning Mass (St Peter Claver – Opt Mem)
02:00 PM & 7.00 PM –Divine Mercy Group (Meeting Room)

Thursday 10th September
09:10 AM – Exposition and Rosary
09:30 AM – Morning Mass (St Gregory the Great – Memorial)
10:30 AM – Tea and Toast (Hall)

Friday 11th September
09:10 AM – Morning Prayer
09:30 AM – Morning Mass

Saturday 12th September
09:10 AM – Morning Prayer
09:30 AM – Morning Mass (Most Holy Name of Mary – Optional Mem)
10:00 AM – Confessions

24th SUNDAY OF YEAR A

05:30 PM - Confessions
06:00 PM - Vigil Mass

Sunday 13th Sept ***Special Collection for Ecclesiastical Students***
10:00 AM – Sunday Mass^ (Children's Liturgy resumes)
11:30 AM – Sunday Mass^ (Children's Liturgy resumes)
04:00 PM - Sunday Mass
06:30 PM – Bingo Night (Hall) for Marys' Meals SCIAF

^= Mary's Meals Breakfast Club After Mass

RECENTLY DEAD

Stephen Clark, Robert Blackwood, Leonard McKague, Raymond Hart, John Boyce, Brian Munro, John Boyce

Funeral of John Boyce:

Linn Crematorium, Glasgow
Tuesday 15th September 2.45 pm

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

DD Gift Aid Collection for
July 2026: £2265
Card Reader August: £ 256.23
Weekly Plate Collection: £720
Thank you for your support.

You can now donate to the parish using your phone to scan the QR code. If you are a taxpayer, you can join our Gift Aid scheme at no extra cost.

READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia.***
God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Final appeal to Catholics ahead of Westminster assisted suicide vote **Bishops call for Human Dignity and Common Good to shape Programme for Government** As the Scottish Government prepares to publish its Programme for Government, Bishop John Keenan, President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, has called for human dignity and the common good to be placed at the heart of its priorities. In a statement published today, Bishop Keenan urges the Government to judge its policies particularly by their impact on the poorest and most vulnerable. Bishop Keenan said: "Public policy should be judged by how it protects the weakest, supports families, strengthens communities and enables every person to flourish." He calls for a consistent commitment to protecting human life from conception until natural death, alongside decisive action on poverty, homelessness, addiction, mental ill-health, social isolation and palliative care. The statement also highlights the importance of strengthening families and communities, improving health and social care, supporting migrants and refugees, protecting freedom of conscience and religion, supporting Catholic schools and caring for creation. Bishop Keenan added: "Human dignity is not granted by the state, nor earned by wealth, health, productivity, age, ability or social status. It belongs to every person." The Bishop concludes by assuring the Scottish Government and all elected representatives of the prayers of Scotland's Catholic bishops, asking that the Programme for Government "honour human dignity, strengthen the common good and give renewed hope to those who need it most." Full statement available here: Bishops call for Human Dignity and Common Good to shape Programme for Government The Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCoS) is the assembly of the Catholic bishops of Scotland, working together on national pastoral, social and legislative matters on behalf of the Church. www.bcos.org.uk For further information, contact Fr Michael Kane, Director of the Communications and Evangelisation Office, Email: media@bcos.org.uk

As part of the **visit by Archbishop Rino Fisichella**, Pro Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation, to the Diocese on 24th September, the Archbishop will celebrate Mass in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral at 7.00 pm. This Mass is open to all parishioners in the Diocese. See poster on notice-board

HOMILY TIPS 23RD SUNDAY

The Lord said: 'son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. The Lord is referring to each and every one of us. We have responsibility towards one another and our society. This is especially, with regards to counselling and warning others of the consequences of their actions in other to save them. It takes

love to warn, counsel or advice someone. So, we are to do this with mutual love. To say that we have a responsibility towards others, is also to say that it has its own consequence for us too.

Therefore, the Lord says: "I will hold you responsible." It is our duty to speak out, counsel, and even warn our brothers and sisters, children, friends and relatives when they are missing their path.

the gospel, Jesus gives us the principles of reconciliation. This means that conflicts are inevitable, they must come. They are inevitable in relationships, in families, and in communities. However, the question is how do we resolve them amicably?

Christ gives us a three-dimensional principle of reconciliation. First, we must sit down and dialogue one on one, and face to face. Then, seek the mediation of a good friend if the first step fails, and finally, seek the mediation of our community or family when the first two fail.

New Parish Young Adults Group We're launching a group for young people S6 and above! A space to connect, grow in faith, and have some fun together. The group will run every Monday evening, 7.00-8.30 pm, in the meeting room. ***NEW DATE!** First meeting on 7th September.* All welcome! For any questions, speak to Mark on 07857493663

Social Committee Annual Celtic Quiz Night
Friday 11th September. Ticket: £5.Teams of 6 - made up on night

PARISH CATECHESIS PROGRAMME 2026-27
Details are provided below. All sessions will be held in the Church Hall, commencing at 10.30am and concluding at 2pm. Further details will be provided in due course but please save the dates if your child belongs to our Parish and is due to receive a Sacrament this academic year. We would encourage all our young people who are due to receive a Sacrament to attend these sessions. **Confirmation:** Saturday 31st October 2026
Reconciliation: Saturday 20th February 2027
First Eucharist: Saturday 24th April 2027

WELCOME COMMITTEE- Project Wellspring In our parish, we are lucky to have wonderful passkeepers who welcome you as you arrive at Church for Mass on Sundays. However, we are keen to invite parishioners who would like to be part of the "Meet and Greet" team to join them. If you think this is something that you would be interested in, please speak to Fr Romanus, providing your name and contact number and indicate which Mass you regularly attend. If we have enough people, a rota will be created and posted in the Sacristy for interested parties. Duties will involve welcome parishioners to Mass and distributing bulletins etc

Lucky Strike Winners August **1st prize**: £40 - Mary Duffy.
2nd Prize: £20 - Alice McAneny. **3rd Prize** £10- Brian Airlie.
Church Donation £70.00. Thank you to everyone who continues to support this parish fund raiser.

Loaves & Fishes next Collection 26th/27th September
Thank you to everyone for your kindness. This month 35 bags were collected thanks to your generosity and continued support.

Sunday 13th September Bus Trip to Carfin Rosary Procession, Mass, Benediction. Bus will pick up at church car park 18.40 to Carfin and return around 21.30.These evenings are dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima praying for World Peace. If you would like to attend please contact Claire on 07826 400315.

Beginning Experience – Conforti Centre, Coatbridge 16- 18th October. A time to heal by experiencing God's love through others. An opportunity to begin again. The loss of a loved one through Separation, Divorce or Death is one of life's most traumatic experience. It can result in unbearable feelings of grief and loneliness. – see poster on notice-board

September **TODAY** – National Pilgrimage at Carfin
Sunday 13th – Special Collection Vocations Awareness Week
Tuesday 15th – ***Pastoral Planning Meeting 7.00 pm***
Saturday/Sunday, 19th/20th – Visit and Appeal from Little Sisters of the Poor, Robroyston, Glasgow
Sat 26th –Mass for Sick 11.30 am Feast of St Vincent de Paul

To find out more about what's going on visit Diocese of Motherwell web-site

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.