

# SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, EAST KILBRIDE

**24th Sunday of Year A – 13th September 2026**

**Vocations Awareness Week - *Special Collection for Ecclesiastical Students***

**Divine Office Week 4**


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## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday 14th September
09:10 AM –Morning Prayer
**09:30 AM – Morning Mass (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Feast)**
10:00 AM – Church Cleaning
07:00 PM – Prayer Group (Side Chapel)

Tuesday 15th September
09:00 AM – Rosary
**09:30 AM – Morning Mass (Our Lady of Sorrows – Memorial)**
10.00 AM Legion of Mary (Meeting Room)
7.00 PM – Pastoral Planning Meeting

Wednesday 16th September
09:10 AM – Morning Prayer
**09:30 AM – Morning Mass (St Ninian – Feast)**
02:00 PM & 7.00 PM –Divine Mercy Group (Meeting Room)

Thursday 17th September
09:10 AM – Exposition and Rosary
**09:30 AM – Morning Mass**
10:30 AM – Tea and Toast (Hall)

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

Saturday 18th September
09:10 AM – Morning Prayer
**09:30 AM – Morning Mass (Saints Cornelius & Cyprian Memorial)**
10:00 AM – Confessions

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

Sunday 20th Sept
**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**: John Boyce, Ann Marie Quinn, Rosemary Rivendale, Anne McGrath, Leah Moore, Sarah Osbourne, Robyn McLaughlin, Carol Donkin, Sharon Robb

**ANNIVERSARIES** Kathleen Bovill, Nan McCann

**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 August 2026: £1990**
**Card Reader August: £ 256.23**
**Weekly Plate Collection: £526**
*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:** Sirach 27:30-28:7

**Responsorial Psalm:** *The* LORD *is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy*

**Second Reading**: Romans 14:7-9

**Gospel Acclamation:** **Alleluia, alleluia.**
A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
***Alleluia, alleluia.***

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35

**Proposed Abortion Motion Raises Profound Ethical Concerns**

It is deeply troubling to hear that SNP members may be asked to vote on a motion seeking to remove legal protections relating to self-administered abortion in Scotland. Human life possesses inherent dignity and worth from conception until natural death, and any proposal that would further weaken safeguards for unborn children, including abortion up to the point of birth and sex-selective abortion, raises profound moral and ethical concerns. I urge the SNP, and all parties and politicians, to uphold both compassion for women facing difficult pregnancies and protection for the most vulnerable members of our human family. Rather than expanding access to abortion, Scotland should focus on providing practical support to mothers, children and families, ensuring that no woman feels alone or without alternatives.

What the people of Scotland need now is for government, political parties and MSPs to focus on the priorities that affect daily life:

easing the cost-of-living pressures facing households, addressing the housing crisis, strengthening local health services, improving access to high-quality palliative care, and working for peace and reconciliation both at home and abroad.

We do not need an extreme abortion law. Scotland deserves better

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** – SUN 24TH

The readings remind us that because we belong to Christ and have received God's abundant mercy, we are called to reciprocate this gesture from God by forgiving others too, not that we are not hurt but by refusing to allow the hurt control our lives.

The first reading said forgive your neighbour so that when you pray your own sins will be forgiven. For how can we ask God for mercy when we refuse to forgive others? Do not allow anger and hatred to have the final word in your life.

St Paul said that our lives do not belong to us alone. It belongs to the Lord – whether alive or dead. Christ should be the centre of our lives. Is Christ the centre of your life?

Today place yourself more completely to the Lord. I have forgiven him but I will not forget it. Today stop keeping records. Remember the immense mercy we received from God and at the same way forgive others and show them mercy. Allow grace to find a home in you by forgiving others.

Take the first step to forgive by bringing the wound to God and ask Him to help you to forgive

***St Vincent Primary School***
***Enrolment Mass for ALL Sacraments***
***Thursday, 17th September at 7.00 pm.***

***Appeal*** – Could the user of Env No. 52 please contact Grace Gordon on 07981 917278 (GA Co-ordinator)

**FAMILY MASS SEPTEMBER** Google forms have been sent to schools for distribution to parents. Please submit a form if your child would like to participate in Mass. There are also Posters with the Google Form link in the porch

**PARISH CATECHESIS PROGRAMME 2026-27** Dates for the Parish Catechesis Programme have been arranged. 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. There is a form in the sacristy to provide details. If we have enough people, a rota will be created and posted in the Sacristy for interested parties

**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.

***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

**Studio 32 Theatre Company** is opening its' doors to new members. An Open Audition for potential new members will be held on 21st September at 1930 in Calderglen Parish Church. To register your interest and receive further details please see poster on notice-board or contact John Davis on 07557 020573 or https://studio32theatre.co.uk/open-auditions/

**September Tuesday 15th** – ***Pastoral Planning Meeting 7.00 pm***

***Thursday 17th – Enrolment Mass – St Vincent PS All Sacraments***

**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.