

St Ignatius of Loyola

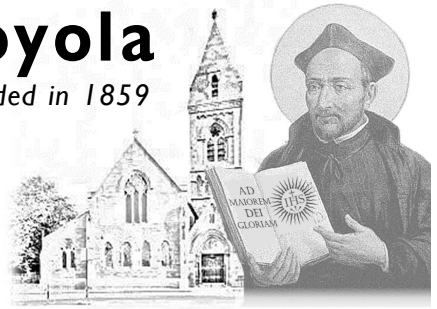
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LOYOLA CENTRE

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Fourth Sunday of Easter - B

21 April 2024

SUNDAY 21 APRIL

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.00am Holy Mass

12noon Holy Mass

MONDAY 22 APRIL

Memorial of St George, Martyr

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

TUESDAY 23 APRIL

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

THURSDAY 25 APRIL

Feast of St Mark, Evangelist

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

FRIDAY 26 APRIL

9.10am Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

SATURDAY 27 APRIL

3.30pm Confessions

4.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 28 APRIL

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.00am Holy Mass

12noon Holy Mass

Art exhibition

each day 10.30am-6.00pm
until Wednesday 24 April

An art & illustration exhibition—
traditional drawing in the 60s style—
featuring the work of Bill Stewart on
the theme *Reminiscence*. Entry free.

Bounce Bingo Evening

Friday 17 May
7.00pm until late

St Ignatius' Primary School Parent-
Teacher Association are hosting a
Bounce Bingo Evening in the Loyola
Centre. Tickets costing £15 are
available from the school office

THE
LOYOLA
CENTRE

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Loose plate

£635 Gift Aid

£508

Many thanks for your continued generous support of the parish.

Raffle: To raise money for the parish, a raffle is being held. Tickets are £5 a strip, available after weekend masses at the back of the church.

Volunteering: St Ignatius' Primary are looking for volunteers to assist in the school's lending library. Would you have one or two hours a week to spare? If you are interested, please contact the school on 01698 522736.

Friday Mass: The pupils of the primary school will join the 9.30am Mass this Friday.

Mass for the Memoria of St Peregrine, praying for those who suffer from cancer, their families, carers, nurses, and doctors, and also for those who have died from cancer, will take place in Our Lady & St John's, Blackwood on Wednesday 1 May at 7.00pm with anointing of the sick.

Thinking about Teaching? Local Authorities in Scotland require that anyone teaching in a Catholic School must be approved by the Bishop of the diocese in which the school is located. The approvals process includes a signed reference from your parish priest. If you are thinking of applying for any post in a Catholic School, or to undertake the Catholic Teaching Certificate, please make yourself known to the clergy well before you request a reference.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Please keep in mind the need to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Currently the Diocese of Motherwell has 5 seminarians: Deacon Christopher Fumage, Kieran Burt, Matthew O'Neill and Aidan Kelly at the Pontifical Scots' College, Rome, and Christopher Igwe at St Mary's College, Oscott. There were no new applicants for seminary this year or last year for the Diocese of Motherwell.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 22 April

St George, Martyr

MEMORIAL

George was martyred at Lydda (Israel) around 303 in the persecution of the emperor Diocletian. His cult, which predates the legend of his slaying the dragon, spread quickly through East and West. During the crusades, George was seen to personify the ideals of Christian chivalry, and he was adopted as patron of several city-states and countries.

Thursday 25 April

St Mark, Evangelist

FEAST

Mark died about the year 74. He is usually identified with the John Mark whose mother's house in Jerusalem was a meeting place for the apostles, and with the young man who followed Christ after his arrest (Mark 14:51). A cousin of Saint Barnabas, Mark accompanied Saint Paul on his first missionary journey and later followed him to Rome. A companion of Saint Peter, he is traditionally credited with the gospel which reflects Peter's teaching and memoirs. Mark is honoured as the founder of the Church in Alexandria.

The fourth Sunday of Easter is called **Good Shepherd Sunday**, as we celebrate the risen Christ as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear from St Peter, who explains that there is no **salvation** except through Christ, the Good Shepherd. The Jewish religious leaders are described by Peter as 'builders' of the old covenant, who rejected and crucified Jesus, the Messiah, the '**corner stone**' of the new covenant church. The apostles have been commissioned by Christ to preach and heal in His name.

The **Psalm** is taken from Psalm 118, which speaks of the coming of the Lord's **anointed**. On Palm Sunday, the crowds quoted this as they acclaimed Jesus as the **Messiah**, calling out 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' At Holy Mass, we repeat these words after the consecration expressing our faith that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, and our joyful hope that he will come again in glory.

St John teaches us in his letter that God reveals his **love** for us, his children, through his Son Jesus. Through him God bestows on us a share in His **Life**. In Holy Baptism we have been begotten by Him, not created like other creatures, hence our supernatural **dignity**, born of God's closeness to us.



Jesus reveals himself in the Gospel as the **Good Shepherd**, the fulfilment of the promise Ezekiel prophesied: that God would provide a shepherd who would guide his people and free them from the slavery of sin and death. Jesus knows the sheep who belong to him, he provides for them and loves them to the point he is willing to die for them. Those who belong to him hear his voice, and he will gather them into **one flock**: the Church of the new covenant.



**THE
WORD
THIS
WEEK**



FROM THE BISHOP OF MOTHERWELL

This week Bishop Toal asked that the following be announced in the parish:

St Ignatius' and St Thomas' are to be twinned, with Fr Kevin Lawrie (currently at St Theresa's, Newarthill) to be parish priest.

St Patrick's and St Brendan's are to be twinned. The Holy Ghost Fathers (currently at St Bernadette's, Motherwell) will be responsible for the care of these parishes. Fr Ricklan Mallya will be parish priest with Fr James Flynn as Assistant. They will live in St Patrick's and continue as chaplains of University Hospital, Wishaw.

Fr Krzysztof has been appointed parish priest of Holy Family, Mossend.

Fr Christopher will become the temporary administrator of St Patrick's, Strathaven, and will continue as chaplain to Our Lady's High School, Motherwell.

These changes take effect from the weekend of June 8/9.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Easter B

Acts
9:26-31

I John
3:18-24

John
15:1-8



Please Remember in Your Prayers



Recently Dead:

Desmond Coyle (Swansea), Marjory Muldoon Begley, Philip Wilson.

Months Minds & Anniversaries:

Edward Stewart (21 April), Len Smith (23 April), Henry Stark (25 April), Margaret Sweeney, Anne Mullins, Joseph O'Brien.

*Remember also, Lord, your servants
who have gone before us with the sign of faith
and rest in the sleep of peace.
Grant them, O Lord, we pray,
and all who sleep in Christ,
a place of refreshment, light and peace.
The Roman Canon*

The sick and housebound:

Kara Louise Jordan; Mary Graham; Nina Brown; Pauline & Michael Wilson; Alice Ann Bjorn; Ann Paterson; John Dobbin JNR; Baby Alfie James Milligan; David Clegg; Rosanna Bulmer; Joseph Bulmer; Catherine Donnelly; Evelyn Ringer; Elaine McCarren; George O'Hara; Angela McLaughlin; Laura McIntosh; Thomas Lally SNR; Liam Benham; Bridget McIlvaney; Peter Convery; Margaret Bartlett; Bill Wood, Ann Hattie, Ciara Loughery, Nicholas McAnaw, Hugh Windsor, Helen Woods, Patsy Murphy.

Those preparing to receive First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Matrimony this year.

Mass intentions: On a trial basis, these envelopes are to be used to request a mass for your particular intention. Please write the name for whom you wish the mass to be offered, and indicate the intention. Feel free to take some of these envelopes home with you, if that's more convenient. Once completed, these can be placed in the box at the back of the church, or returned to the sacristy.

Mass Intention Request

Please offer Mass for:

For the dead

- ☐ who is recently deceased
- ☐ near the anniversary of death
- ☐ as a birthday remembrance

For the living

- ☐ Special intention
- ☐ for their intentions
- ☐ in thanksgiving

Please place any offering inside the envelope and return to the sacristy

☐ Please do not publish this intention in the bulletin

Loyola Hall: The parish hall is still in need of volunteers to help clean and maintain the hall, and staff the bar at functions. Could you spare even a little time? Please speak to Fr Christopher. Many thanks for your generosity. Sadly, the Race Night and Ladies' Night which were advertised previously have been cancelled due to low ticket sales.