

The message of Today's Mass

How to be an astute steward of the goods of this world.

Jesus is telling us in the Gospel that one is shrewd when one uses the goods of this world to help others. In this way a person can acquire the only thing that counts: the friendship of the poor.



Today is also the beginning of Vocations Awareness Week

Calling all men 18 years and over.

An invitation is extended to single men, especially young men, to consider the call to diocesan priesthood. If you feel a desire to help the Church in Scotland, as a diocesan priest, to teach and help people to know the riches and the love of Christ, then please let yourself be known to Fr. Grant today or as soon as possible. Names of those wishing to be considered for a place in seminary in Autumn 1996 are to be submitted now.

Holy Family



M O S S E N D

"Let the message of Christ in all it's richness, find a home with you."

Times of Holy Mass

Saturday: 6.00p.m. (Vigil)  Sunday: 10.00a.m. & 12.00 noon.

Week commencing 24th September 1995

Monday - Saturday, Mass each morning at 9.30a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 10.00a.m. - 10.30a.m. & 6.45p.m. - 7.30p.m.



Sacraments of Baptism & Matrimony

Appointments with the priest
should be made after Sunday Masses.



Fr. Grant Writes

"As Canon Maher begins to enjoy a well deserved retirement after fifty years priestly ministry, I would like, on your behalf, to thank him for his pastoral care of Holy Family Parish over the past fifteen years. We thank God for all the Masses which Canon Maher has offered, for his dedication to the sick and the housebound as well as his loving concern for the children in our primary school. All this I am sure has endeared him to you and ensures a lasting place in your memories. He leaves Mossend with the assurance that he will always be remembered in the prayers of our parish.

As Canon Maher's successor, may I, at the outset of my ministry here, express my delight at being appointed to Holy Family, Mossend, a parish with an outstanding tradition, a beautiful church and parishioners whose faith and loyalty to the Church is renowned throughout the diocese. I hope and pray that my time among you may be blessed with an abundance of graces and that together we as a parish will grow in love for God and for each other."

THIS WEEK'S FEASTS**Wed. St. Vincent de Paul**

The modern charitable society, the S.V.D.P. honours this saint by bearing his name. He founded the Vincentian Fathers, and also shared in founding the world-renowned Sisters of Charity.

Fri: The Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

St. Gregory tells us that the name Michael means *'he who is like God'*; Gabriel, *'strength of God'*; and Raphael *'the healing of God'*. Each of the three plays an important part in Sacred Scripture.

Sat: St. Jerome

One of the church's greatest scholars, he was the first to complete a translation of the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into the then common language of Latin.

CAN YOU HELP?: The H.C.P.T. (Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust) is running a charity shop in the Mossend Shopping Centre beginning this weekend. As well as your custom, Miss A. Hendry and helpers would appreciate any suitable items, bric-a-brac, unwanted presents etc. that you might like to donate to this worthy cause. Anyone willing to help with this venture in anyway, please contact any of the following numbers: 844094; 749064 or 747590. Thank you and God bless you.

CENSUS FORMS: Our thanks to all those who helped to distribute the census forms and to the many who have already completed and returned them. However, there are still a number of these to be returned. If you haven't done so, please try and return your form within the next few weeks. If you are a parishioner and did not receive a form, please take one with the envelope from the church porch.

IRISH DANCING: The Lappin School of Irish Dancing is open to boys and girls from age 3 and upwards. It meets on Tuesdays in the E.U. Church, Mossend at 6.30p.m. and Thursdays in Cardinal Newman School Belshill at 6.30p.m. Telephone: Miss E. Lappin, 844751.

THE INNOCENTS: The time for the annual grand raffle has come around again. This is the major fund-raiser for the Society of the Innocents and so they depend on selling as many raffle tickets as possible to boost their funds and enable them to carry on their work for the mother and her unborn child. Volunteers are required to help sell raffle tickets. Please call to the sacristy next week to uplift as many books as you want.

The annual torchlight procession at Carfin will take place on Monday 2nd October at 7.30p.m. If you can, please go along in prayerful support of the Society of the Innocents who need all the prayers they can obtain for their work which is increasing daily.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT CARFIN: On Tuesday of this week, Holy Family parishioners are asked to 'watch' before the Blessed Sacrament in the glass chapel at Carfin Grotto. Let's make sure that there will always be someone from Holy Family parish praying before the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. Add your name to the rota of 'watchers' in the porch.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday 7.00p.m. New choir members welcome.

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE BULLETIN: It would be helpful if all items to be included in the parish Bulletin could be handed in by Wednesday 8.00p.m. Please write each item out, place it in an envelope clearly marked "Bulletin" or "Parish Newsletter" then put it through the presbytery letter box.