

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

We have once again arrived at that time of the year when we honour the Mother of God in a special way by praying the Rosary. At the beginning of this month, I set every household/family within the parish this goal - to be represented at least once at devotions during October. Surely that's not too much to ask! October Devotions on Thursdays at 7.00p.m.



CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY lead the rosary in the church every Monday at 7.00p.m. All welcome to join them. C.M.S. Meeting at 7.15p.m. in the Hall.

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.

Today's Mass

God, the Friend of the Poor

The Gospel of today tells us that God stands with the poor and the outcasts. He considers his friends all those who are insignificant in human eyes, those who are despised, neglected or forgotten. He demands justice for them in this world.

*"Is the hottest place in hell
for the rich who didn't care?
No, it's reserved for those who didn't know
the poor were even there."*

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1st October 1995 Year (C) Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year.

Times of Masses



Sunday Masses
6.00p.m. (Vigil), 10.00a.m. & 12.00 noon

Morning Mass
each day this week at 9.30a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 10.00a.m. - 10.30a.m., 4.45p.m. - 5.45p.m.

1st October 1995

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

THIS WEEK'S FEASTS

Mon. The Holy Guardian Angels

Today's feast honours those angels personally appointed by God to look after our welfare.

Wed: St. Francis of Assisi

Perhaps one of the best known and best loved saint since the time of the Apostles. His life was as Christ-like as seems humanly possible.

Sat: Our Lady of the Rosary

The Rosary, Gospel inspired as it is, is a necessary and frequent part of our personal prayers.

**8.40a.m. MORNING MASS IN
CARDINAL NEWMAN HIGH SCHOOL**

on **Monday Wednesday** and **Friday** of each week at **8.40a.m.** A great way to start the school day for both pupils and teachers. Parents, please draw your children's attention to the availability of this early morning Mass and encourage your children to attend it from time to time when circumstances allow.



CENSUS FORMS: 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.

SCIAF's 30th ANNIVERSARY: To celebrate this occasion there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving with Cardinal Winning and most of the Scottish Hierarchy on Sunday 8th October at 3.00p.m. in St. Aloysius, Rose Street, Garnethill, Glasgow.

PARENTS OF NEXT YEAR'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS as I said in my letter to you which you should have received during the week, please make a point of speaking to me in person after any of the Sunday Masses this week or next so that we can arrange a convenient time for you to call and see me in the presbytery with regard to your child's First Confession and First Holy Communion in the Spring of 1996.

QUIZ NIGHT in the Parish Hall on Friday 6th October at 7.30p.m

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.

NEXT SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION: The bishop has asked that this parish should contribute the amount of £925 to the Diocesan Priest's Retirement Fund which is used to support the nineteen retired priests of Motherwell Diocese (the most recent of whom is Canon Maher). To meet this expense, there will be a special collection at all Masses next Sunday.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: The bishop has informed us that he will come to Holy Family to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to children of Primaries 6 & 7 on Monday 13th May next year.

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

200 CLUB: Draw will be made in the hall tonight. Subscriptions may be paid in the hall after all Masses today.

CALENDARS: I have come across a good number of 1995 Parish Calendars with a coloured picture of the sanctuary. For obvious reasons these are unable to be sold so I have left them out in the church porch. You may like to take them away free. You could always cut out the photographs and send them to former parishioners now living abroad etc.

CONGRATULATIONS and very best wishes for a long and happy marriage to Kevin Maguire and Frances Ann Greer who were married in Holy Family Church on Friday of last week.