

### MEETING WITH MINISTRIES

I would like to meet with all those who fulfil a ministry during the liturgy. I would see this primarily as an opportunity to get to know you but also to share with you some of my own ideas regarding the way I would like to see the liturgy celebrated in the parish. I have set aside the following dates for meetings with those concerned. I hope all those involved in these ministries can attend. Hopefully after each meeting there will be an opportunity to chat with one another over tea/biscuits. I look forward to meeting as many as possible in the Parish Hall on the following dates:

Date	Ministry	Time
Tue. 16th October:	READERS	7.30 - 8.30p.m.
Wed. 17th October:	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	7.30 - 8.30p.m.
Thu. 18th October:	PASSKEEPERS	7.30 - 8.30p.m.

## Today's Mass

### A FAITH THAT WORKS MIRACLES.

The theme linking today's readings is faith. In the first reading God, through the prophet Habakkuk, urges the people of Israel not to give up because of difficulties or situations that seem to shake their faith in God.

In the Gospel Jesus is telling us that faith is a very powerful force, capable of having un hoped for effects. But faith is never something that gives a right to expect rewards from God. It is a gift that helps us understand life and fosters our happiness. We must be thankful to God for such a gift.

#### Music for Today's Mass

<b>Entrance Procession</b>	Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God	No. 473
<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>	Lord for tomorrow and its needs	No. 322
<b>Communion Procession</b>	I am the Bread of Life	No. 225
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	Take me Lord use my life...	No. 762
<b>Exit Procession</b>	I'll sing a hymn to Mary	No. 239

# Holy Family Parish

## Mossend



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8th October 1995

Twenty-Seventh  
Sunday of the Year

*Let the message of Christ find a home with you.*

### Times of Holy Mass

**Saturday:**  
6.00p.m. (Vigil)

**Sunday:**  
10.00a.m. & 12.00 noon.

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

#### Sacraments of Baptism & Matrimony

Appointments with the priest should be made after Sunday Masses.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 10.00 - 10.30a.m. & 4.45 - 5.45p.m.



8th October 1995 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**CARDINAL NEWMAN H.S.  
8.40a.m. MORNING MASS**

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:** If you haven't done so, please try and return your form this week. If you did not receive a form, please take one from the church porch.

**MASS ATTENDANCE CENSUS:** Last Sunday I asked the passkeepers to count those attending our three Sunday Masses. The numbers were as follows: *Vigil: 194, 10.00a.m.: 219, 12.00noon: 307, Total 720.* When you consider that there are around 2,000 in the parish the numbers are not that encouraging. More alarming however is very noticeable absence of children at both Primary and secondary school level. We have over 260 children in the primary school. Where are they on Sundays?

**PARENTS OF NEXT YEAR'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS** Please make a point of speaking to me in person after any Mass **today** so that we can arrange a convenient time for you to call and see me to the presbytery with regard to your child's First Confession and First Holy Communion in the Spring of 1996.

**THE INNOCENTS:** Volunteers are required to sell tickets for the annual grand raffle. Please call to the sacristy to uplift as many books as you want.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY:** The bishop has asked each parish to contribute £925 to the Diocesan Priest's Retirement Fund. To meet this expense, there will be a special collection at all Masses today.

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

**1995 PARISH CALENDARS:** For obvious reasons these are unable to be sold so I have left them out in the church porch. You may take them away free. You could always cut out the photographs and send them to former parishioners now living abroad etc.

**CARER'S MASS** celebrated by Bishop Devine in St. Augustine's Coatbridge at 3.00p.m. on Sunday October 22nd. This Mass is for all those who are in any way involved in the work of CARING and will give Carers the opportunity of dedicating their work to God and of asking His blessing on their efforts. The Mass is open to all but especially invited are those in the Caring Services (*hospitals, homes and in the community*), family carers, (*those who look after members of their own families who need care*) and voluntary carers (*those who do caring work in their own home*).

**FOSTER CARERS:** Motherwell Social Work Department are looking for families willing to foster children who need a new home. Every day young people come into the care of the Social work department because they cannot stay with their own families. The children are all ages from babies to teenagers and quite a number are from 5 - 10 years old. Some are family groups. All need a family to care for them during this difficult time in their lives. If you are an ordinary, stable family - you could help!

You **don't** need to be employed, your DHSS payments are not affected. You **don't** need to be married - single parents have something to offer. You **do** need to be caring, patient and concerned about children. You **do** get help. An allowance of up to £200 per week is paid (depending on age) and training is given. If you would like more information, please contact Lynda Horn (01698 332044) or Louise Kramer (01698 332029).

**200 CLUB WINNERS** No. 118, £50: Edna Caughey, 60 Calder Rd.  
No. 7, £25: Hugh Quinn, 71 Blackwoods Cr.

**OCTOBER DEVOTIONS:** Thursday 7.00pm.

*We love her and honour her,  
We call on her help,  
We promise to imitate her.*

Is it too much to ask that every family be represented at least once during this month at October Devotions?



**SHELTERED HOMES:** Mass on Tuesday at 6.00p.m.

**KNIGHTS of ST. COLUMBA:** Meet in the hall on Tuesday, 7.30p.m.

**ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE BULLETIN:** Please hand these in by Wednesday 8.00p.m. Write each item out fully, place it in an envelope clearly marked "*Bulletin*" then post it through the presbytery letter box.