

5 Possible reasons why Catholics will not sing in church

1. "I CANNOT SING." If you ask them, this is the commonest answer given with the implication that they would really sing out if they had been given a better voice. (Since it was God who gave them their voice, there is a hidden criticism of him here - "You *have only yourself to blame Lord if I don't sing your praises!*")

Isn't it remarkable that even a small group of Methodists can produce a wonderful sound during their services. Do you think this means that God gave them better voices than he gave to Catholics - seems a bit unfair? Or is it that to become a Methodists you don't have to believe in the Creed but only have to pass an audition? Isn't it more likely that we Catholics are just less willing to sing than Methodists? If so, Why?

2. "I DON'T LIKE THESE NEW (OR OLD) HYMNS." We do have different tastes from each other, but if you feel really strongly about this you only have to have a word with an organist or priest and your favourites will be there in a week or two. BUT if you listen carefully at Mass you will notice that those who sing tend to sing all the hymns whether old or new and the rest don't produce a note for any of them. Bang goes another excuse!

3. "I JUST LIKE TO GET ON WITH MY PRAYERS." If so why do you bother coming out to Mass, you would have less distraction praying at home. The Mass is an act of corporate worship and if singing is part of that worship it is your duty to join in.

4. "I DON'T HAVE MY GLASSES WITH ME." You don't find many people at Bingo with that problem. They always make sure they have their glasses before they set out. Why don't they do the same for Mass?

5. "I JUST LIKE TO LISTEN TO THE CHOIR." If you want a concert listen to the radio. The group and the choir are there to provide only a support for your singing. They feel let down more than anyone if very few join in.

Wouldn't It be interesting to see what kind of sound our parish could produce if EVERYBODY sang?

LET'S GIVE IT A TRY!

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12th November 1995
Thirty-second
Sunday of the Year

Let the message of Christ find a home with you.

Times of Holy Mass

Saturday:	Sunday:
6.00p.m. (Vigil)	10.00a.m. & 12.00 noon.
Monday: 9.30am: Eucharistic Service, 7.00pm.: Mass	
Tuesday 9.30am: Mass	
Wednesday 9.30am: Eucharistic Service, 7.00pm.: Mass	
Thursday 9.30am: Mass	
Friday 9.30am: Mass	
Saturday 9.30am: Mass	

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 10.00 - 10.30a.m. & 5.00 - 5.40p.m.



November - The Month of the Holy Souls

EVENING MASSES DURING NOVEMBER To give as many of you the opportunity to offer up Mass for your beloved dead during this month of the Holy Souls, there will be two extra Masses each week on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm.

MASS FOR ALL THE BEREAVED OF THE PAST YEAR on Tuesday 28th November at 7.30p.m. followed by tea in the hall. More information nearer the time.

200 CLUB NOVEMBER WINNERS :

No. 68: Mrs C. McAlorum, 20 Elmview Court (£50)

No. 21: Mrs K. Roarty, 14 Blackwoods Crescent (£25)

LOOP SYSTEM for the hard of hearing is now back in operation.

RAFFLE TICKETS for the annual Innocents raffle have at last arrived. Those who wish to sell them, please call to the sacristy and uplift as many as you want.

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• **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** Those interested in
• forming such a group within the parish, please add your names to the list
• in the church porch. There will be a meeting of all those interested this
• **Thursday 16th of November at 7.30pm in the church hall.**
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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS Meeting in the hall on Monday 20th November at 7.30pm.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL Next Sunday the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will collect outside the church doors after each Mass. Please take a leaflet from the church porch which gives details of how the money from these appeals is spent.

BULLETIN ITEMS & ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS
Please post these through the presbytery letter box stating clearly on the outside of the envelope either 'BULLETIN' or 'ANNIVERSARY' etc.

KNIGHTS of ST. COLUMBA All members are requested to attend the meeting in the hall on Tuesday 14th November, 7.30pm.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE 1996 St. Gerard's Annual Pilgrimage to Knock leaves on Friday, May 24th and returns on Monday May 27th. The cost will be approximately £112.00. The price includes a meal on the journey to Knock, Full board during your stay in Knock and a packed lunch for the return journey. Those interested should contact M. Pitman, Tel: 746454, M. Briody, Tel: 740272 or C. Morris, Tel: 745263

2nd MOSSEND SCOUT GROUP Are looking for new recruits, boys and girls aged 10+ to 15+. If you are interested in doing something different on a Tuesday night, come along to Holy Family Church Hall at 7.00pm any Tuesday.

HALL KEEPER For reasons of work commitments, Norman McLennan who has fulfilled the position of hall keeper over the past few years has had to resign from this post. We are grateful to all the work which Norman has done during his time as hall keeper. He is succeeded by Tommy and Alice Rodgers who have very kindly agreed to look after the hall. All bookings for the hall should now be made through them (Tel: 844849).

THANKYOU to the C.M.S. who kindly donated the proceeds from last month's Cabaret to the parish. With this money I will buy some large capacity chalices for distributing Our Lord's Precious Blood at those Masses when we have Holy Communion under both species.

HOLY GHOST FATHERS - CHARITY SHOP at the Holy Ghost Fathers' Hall, Carfin from Monday 13th to Saturday 18th November between 10.00am and 4.00pm daily.

CHOIR PRACTICE Both choirs are now about to begin rehearsals for Midnight Mass and the Christmas season. If anyone would like to join them and lend a hand - even if just over the Christmas season, then please come up to the choir loft on **Wednesdays 7.30pm.**

READERS Please check when you are supposed to be reading. Over the past few weeks there have been a number of occasions when readers have failed to 'turn up'. If you cannot manage to read at the Mass allotted you, then please arrange a replacement.

CALLING ANY MUSICIANS / SINGERS At the present moment we do not have any accompaniment to the singing at the Vigil Mass. Ideally I would like to start some sort of Folk Group with guitarists and other instrumentalists to play / sing at one of the Sunday Masses. If you can help I'd be delighted to hear from you.