

*Today is the beginning of
'Prisoners Week'*

The Party Conference season is over and as usual - even more than usual - crime and punishment was given a prominent place. Tougher policies, a greater use of imprisonment, longer sentences, boot camps, and many other theories and proposals were expounded.



"Prisoners Week" is the opportunity for the churches, year by year, to remind their members that the recipients of these punishments and remedies are included among those we address as 'my brothers and sisters'.

The prison environment is harsh and punitive, there is little attention paid to the small voice of those who stand alongside the offenders and prisoners in their plight and in their attempt to 'pick up the pieces.' *"Picking up the pieces is the theme of this year's 'Prisoners Week'.*

Prayer for each day of Prisoners Week:

*Lord, you offer freedom to all people.
We pray for those who are captives in prison
and for those who are effected by or involved in their imprisonment.
Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.
Support with your love: prisoners, their families and friends;
prison staff and all who care.
Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others,
especially the victims of crime.
Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk
humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now
and every day. Amen.*

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*19th November 1995
33rd Sunday of the Year*

Let the message of Christ find a home with you.

Saturday:
6.00p.m. (Vigil)



Sunday:
1 0.00a.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.

WELCOME The parish community of Holy Family congratulates and welcomes Baby Brian Stevenson who will be baptised after 12.00noon Mass.

RAFFLE TICKETS for the annual Innocents raffle have arrived. Those who wish to sell them should call to the sacristy and uplift them.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS Meeting in the hall tomorrow Monday 20th November at 7.30pm.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL Today 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. It would be helpful if lboth could be in by Wednesday 8.00pm.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE 1996 St. Gerard's Annual Pilgrimage to Knock leaves on Friday, May 24th and returns of 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.

PARISH HALL All bookings for the hall should now be made through Tommy & Alice Rodgers (Tel: 844849).

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.

MISSALETTES Please return these to the church porch after use. After the 12.00noon Mass would passkeepers or someone please take the responsibility of disposing of them each Sunday (these past few weeks they have been left lying around the church porch).

LADIES GUILD Senga's Fashion Show. All welcomed

SOCIETY OF THE INNOCENTS (Bothwell Branch) are holding a Grand Ceilidh on Saturday 18th November, 7.30pm. in St. Bride's Hall, Motherwell. The Band will be 'Shades of Green' and there will be a finger buffet and Bar. Tickets (£4). Phone 01698-852701

ALTAR SERVERS I have had **one** response to my plea for former Altar Servers now at secondary school to 'make a comeback'. There must be others out there who could join him. Give it some thought.

CALLING MUSICIANS/SINGERS

We already have a few volunteers to form a Folk Group who will play and sing at the Vigil Mass (perhaps on a fortnightly or monthly basis to begin with). Any other instrumentalists (guitarists, keyboard players, flautists violinists, indeed any instrumentalists and any singers out there who could come along and lend a hand will be more than welcome to join them. We shall be getting together in the church this Thursday 7.00pm. If you can help I'd be delighted to hear from you. **See you there!**

