## St Joseph and St Patrick's Wemyss Bay 2 July 2023

Weekend Masses Vigil Saturday 5pm Sunday 10am Mass Monday, Thursday, Friday 10am Exposition 9.30 – 9.50am

Parish YouTube channel at <u>https://bit.ly/stjstp</u>.

There will be a Eucharistic Service on Tuesday at 10am Remember no Sunday 5pm Mass till September

### Please remember in your prayers:

**Sick:**, Grace McLare, Tony Doran, Philip McLaughlin, Paula Clark, Paul Kearney, Derek Fraser, Bernard Hampson, Elizabeth Carey, Miriam Slaven, Ella Lambert, Sophie Bevan, and Marie Stevenson, Fr Eamonn Flynn

**Recently died:** Lauren McInnes, Margaret Quigg and Dolina McPherson **Anniversaries**: Domenic Jannetta and Betty McNelis

### **Donations for Ukraine.**

#### Here is some feedback on last week's request for emergency supplies. The parish donations filled a car twice which is fabulous.

The bags have been taken to help fill a van that is heading out to Ukraine for those affected by the recent Kakhovka dam burst. It was met with tears in the eyes of the Ukrainians who are housed in a Glasgow hotel around 50 families are currently holed up in that hotel. The families support each other and work together to help their families back home. It was very evident in the hotel that the families sheltering there are in constant contact with their families back home and the help we gave was very much appreciated.

To explain a little bit more of the situation of one particular lady, called Svete, in recent months, her family back home have been displaced by the dam burst, with many houses literally washed away; they are in constant fear of the nuclear power plant doing a repeat of Chernobyl since it is only two hours drive from their towns; and, after Tuesday night's bombing of Kramatorsk, they are now sheltering in bomb shelters since that town is close too! Not an ideal situation for anyone. Just to give you some context, on Tuesday, this lady lived in a normal house that looked like many of the houses here in Wemyss Bay. She grew vegetables and fruit and had her family around visiting all the time. This lovely woman has gone from what we would call a normal life, to living squashed into a hotel bedroom - not exactly fun!

Please don't drop off any more bags for this since we are not sure when they are doing another van run, but a massive thank you for last weeks donations

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### And another act of Generosity

The final total for the garden party is a fabulous **£3000.** Thank you again to all who donated, organised, helped before, during and after and of course all who came along and spent money. Thank you.

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### **Online Mass**

Apologies to those watching Mass online over the last few weeks for the poor sound quality (or no sound). This follows an upgrade of the system. We have been working to resolve this, but so far without success. The problem has been referred to the support company to advise further and we await a response.

#### Ebulletin

The ebulletin should be back this week following a well earned rest for the webmaster. A big thank you to Kenneth for all his work during the year.

## Liturgical Word of the Week

**Collect -** The word **collect** comes from the Latin phrase *ecclesia collecta*, which means that it is a public prayer, prayed by and for the assembled church. The **collect** invites people to pray in silence for a moment, and then the priest offers a prayer to God that is drawn from the readings or feast of the day, or the purpose for which the Mass is being offered.

# **Parish Finance Committee**

The committee had a meeting this week. Topics included the Parish Accounts, the fabric of the infrastructure including Church, hall and house, future work required on the stonework of the church and possible fund raising. A dedicated group to oversee the maintenance of the fabric would be very helpful.

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## <u>Sea Sunday – 9th July 2023</u>

Sea Sunday will be <u>on 9 July</u> this year It is when you are asked to encourage prayer and financial contributions to support the work of Stella Maris, the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. This second collection is vital for the future of Stella Maris and its support of seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world.

### University of Glasgow Research

The University of Glasgow are looking for and active or retired catholic teachers who qualified after 1965 to participate in their research. This involves a 60 min - 90 min online or in person interview. For more information, please contact Natalie Finnigan at:

9906213f@student.gla.ac.uk

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## Pope's Prayer Intention for July

Pope Francis urges everyone to pray for the elderly, so that they may be "teachers of tenderness".

The Parish Prayer Circle will pray for your intentions. Forms available at the back of the Church.

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## Fr Berry's Philosophical Corner

Why did the teacher jump into the pool? He wanted to test the water.

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Dear St Joseph, Guardian of The Holy Family, watch over our Parish

St Patrick, pray for us.