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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
3rd August, 2025

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday:
Before 10am Mass
& 5pm to 5.20pm

Tuesday:
Before 10am Mass
& after 8pm Novena

Sunday Mass

Vigil mass:
(Saturday) 5.30pm

Sunday:
10am
12noon

Weekday Mass

Monday to Saturday:
10am

**St Antony's
Novena:**

Tuesday:
10am & 8pm



FRANCISCAN VOCATION

The Franciscan Community invites enquiries from single Catholic people aged 18-40 pondering a possible vocation in the religious and/or priestly life and Franciscan life (www.friar.org) If interested please contact Br Donal via email: bedonalo@ymail.com



*"My Lord Jesus Christ, I implore you to enlighten me
and to disperse the darkness of my soul.
Give me true faith, firm hope and perfect Charity.
Grant me, O Lord, to know you so well, that in all things I may act by
your light and in accordance with your holy will."*
(St Francis' prayer for guidance)

****Adoration will resume on 1st September, 2025 at 5.45pm****

Feast Days (this week):

Monday (4th August)	St. John Mary Vianney (Memorial)
Wednesday (6th August)	The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)
Friday (8th August)	St. Dominic (Memorial)
Saturday (9th August)	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Feast)

Introduction: (18th Sunday - Year 'C')

Possessions exercise a big hold on our hearts. The result is that we forget the more important things in life. Jesus said our main concern should be to "make ourselves rich in the sight of God." In truth, all of us are poor before God. Let us reflect on that for a moment - it is only God who can truly enrich us.

Today's Readings:

First Reading: (Book of Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23)

The things that are supposed to satisfy human beings do not satisfy them.

Response to Psalm: O LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR REFUGE,
FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION.

Second Reading: (Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11)

Through Baptism we share in the life of Christ. We hear some of the conclusions that follow from this.

Gospel: (Luke 12: 13-21)

Jesus warns against greed, and stresses the foolishness of depending on material things for one's security rather than on God.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus, my God, You are now in me and I in You.

Each of us has eaten at your table.

May we always be close to You and to each other, as children of one family. We praise You, we adore You,

we thank You for coming to us. Amen.

****The Whithorn Pilgrimage and The Carfin Pilgrimage:** For further details, please see the relevant poster on the south facing wall of the atrium.

****Franciscan Portiuncula Indulgence:**

In 1216, at St. Francis' request, Pope Honorius III granted a plenary indulgence to those who visit the chapel in Assisi. Later popes expanded the indulgence to include any basilica, cathedral, or parish church.

An indulgence is the remission of the temporal punishment due to sins that have already been forgiven, and it can be plenary or partial.

A plenary indulgence requires that the individual be in the state of grace by the completion of the acts and have complete detachment from sin. The person must also sacramentally confess his or her sins and receive Communion up to about 20 days before or after the indulgenced act.

Anyone who visits a Catholic church with the intention of honouring Our Lady of the Angels and recites the Creed, the Our Father, and prays for the pope's intentions may receive a plenary indulgence on Aug. 2/3.

****Death of Mr Joe Dunn R.I.P.**

Joe Dunn, a much-loved teacher at St. Francis Primary School for several years, has died after a long illness bravely borne.

On Tuesday 5th August at 6pm, his body will be received into St Columbkille's Church, Rutherglen.

On Wednesday 6th August, at 1pm, his Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Columbkille's Church.

The teachers, pupils, and staff of St. Francis' School have organised a tribute to a key member of the school community who will be sadly missed.

John Duns Scotus Parish fondly remembers his sterling and dedicated service to the Catholic education of our young people.

We pray for his soul, his family and the teachers and pupils of St. Francis' School.
May he rest in peace.

****Pilgrimage Walk: Mary's Meals** invites you to join their Pilgrimage Walk of Hope on Saturday 30 August, from 10.30am to 3.45pm at Craig Lodge House of Prayer, Dalmally, Argyll. The day will include times of reflection, inspiring stories of hope, Holy Mass, and a visit to The Shed where Mary's Meals began.

****"Grandiosity and 'Poor Me': Two Sides of the Same Coin"**

In today's Gospel (Luke 12:13-21), Jesus tells of a rich man who builds bigger barns to store his wealth. He believes he is secure—until God calls him to account. Jesus warns: *"One's life does not consist of possessions."*

In recovery circles (like A.A.), this attitude is often seen in two extremes: grandiosity and "poor me". Grandiosity says, *"I do not need anyone. I've got this."* The "poor me" says, *"Nothing will ever get better for me."* They seem different, but both are self-focused and out of alignment with God's truth.

Jesus calls us to a middle path—humility. Not thinking less of ourselves, but *thinking of ourselves less*. Not puffed up or crushed down, but grounded in God's love.

This week, whether you have tempted to take too much credit or wallow in defeat, remember: our worth isn't found in success or failure, but in being God's beloved. Let us aim not to build bigger barns—but to grow deeper trust.

Prayer:

Lord, free me from the trap of thinking too much or too little of myself.

Teach me to live in Your truth—with humility, trust, and grace.

Help me let go of control and grow rich in what matters to You.

Amen.

3rd August, 2025

Let us pray for the sick:

Heal your servants, Lord, who are sick. Send them health and comfort from your holy place.

We remember all the sick of our Parish, our families, and friends. All those who are sick at home, in Hospitals, Care Homes and Hospices.

For those who have died recently: Paddy Deery, Patricia Docherty, Joe Dunn, Thomas Gallagher, Brigid Griffin, Michael (Mick) Hennessey, Fr. Vincent Kennedy (OFM Conv.), Donny Kenny, Mary McGarvey, James (Jimmy) McGinley, Lily McIlhargey, Peg Melly, Matilda (Tilda) Mutter, Mary Russell, Brenda Shannon.

For those whose anniversaries occur about now: Joe Biggam, Nancy Campbell, Paschael Farren (9th), Catherine McCann (3rd), Brian McColl and all the Holy Souls.

For names to appear in the BULLETIN, envelope **MUST** be endorsed "BULLETIN" and specify "LATELY DEAD" or "ANNIVERSARY".

Collections Sunday: (27th July, 2025)

1st: £521.93, Gift Aid: £358.72, 2nd: Development £360.00

2nd Collection: 3rd August, 2025 - Development

2nd Collection: 10th August, 2025 - Development

****Free Bread Friday:** A local bakery has offered the parish various breads and confectionery to distribute to those in need, and to assist in the avoidance of food waste. Each Friday, between 11am and 4pm, there will be items available for collection in the Atrium and/or Hall. As no packaging is provided, please ensure you bring a suitable bag or container to take away your chosen items.

****AGAP:** The parish are hosting a play "Pilgrim of Hope" on the 15th August, 2025. Venue is our church hall. The long-awaited tickets for this eagerly anticipated production ARE NOW AVAILABLE from our Piety Stall. Ticket prices are £10, £7, £5 each (Pay What You Can).

****Award course in Catholic Theological Education:** As a catechist, you could deepen your knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Faith, and share it with others. If interested, Glasgow University is still accepting applications for the course. For further information, please contact Christine Burke, by email, at Christine.Burke@rcag.org.uk

****Mass Attendance (27.07.25)**

60 @ 5.30pm (Vigil) / 83 @ 10am / 118 @ 12noon / TOTAL 261