

300 CLUB DRAW: WINNERS WEEK 35: Sunday 29th. August 2010

£100 Prize: No. 165: Catherine Quigley, 43 Newton Drive, Newmains.

£25 Prize: No. 341: Frank Lynch, 36 Kildare Place, Newmains.

PARISH INCOME: Sun. 29th. August 2010 Offertory £861.00 Stall £45.00

NEARLY NEW SHOP: The Shop is open this week at the usual times on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Looking for something? Its sure to be there!

CELEBRATION PAPAL SUPPER NIGHT: on Sat. 18th. September at 7.00pm. Meal is by Sherlock and some Music from Bradshaw's Band. We hope to gather some memorabilia from Pope John Paul's visit. Tickets priced £15 (limited to 120) are on sale now. Contact Pat Cahill., Betty Somerville, or Stall.

THE ANNUAL WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE : This takes place from Thursday 21st. - Sunday 24th. October 2010 . Total cost is £160.00 and the monies are now due. Please contact Fr. Kelly as soon as possible if you are interested in taking part. I have 3 places left.

MEMORIAL MASS for our late Headteacher, Miss Isobel Gault, will be held on Wednesday 8th. September at 9.30am. Everyone who remembers the long service she gave our School and Parish will be very welcome. The Staff and children of St. Brigid's with a representation from St. Aidan's High School will join us for this Mass.

RCIA: A course of instruction and preparation for those interested in becoming members of the Church will soon be commencing.

RCIA TEAM meeting on Wed. 8th. September at 7.30pm.

Enquiry evening will be held in Parish House on Wenesday 22nd. September at 7.30pm.

FINAL CHOIR PRACTICE FOR PAPAL MASS: Cathedral, Motherwell on Tuesday 7th. September at 7.30pm. This is being televised by the BBC and will be shown next Sunday on Sally Magnussen's show "Sally on Sunday". (This could be your big chance!).

PLEASE PRAY FOR GOOD WEATHER FOR THE PAPAL VISIT!

SICK: Archbishop Faustino Sainz Munoz (Apostolic Nuncio), James Trainer, David Reilly, Tracy McLean, William McAtear, Frs. Jim O'Hara and George Donaldson, , Rose Kemp, Samuel Cullen, Esther Banks, Annette Martin, Peter Quigley, Mattie Fender, Peter Clark, Mary Brown, Michael Moylan, Rita Milne, Cheryl Dougan, John Mooney, Mary Farrell, Joe Jordan, Sandra Brennan, Peter Slavin, Michael Keith..

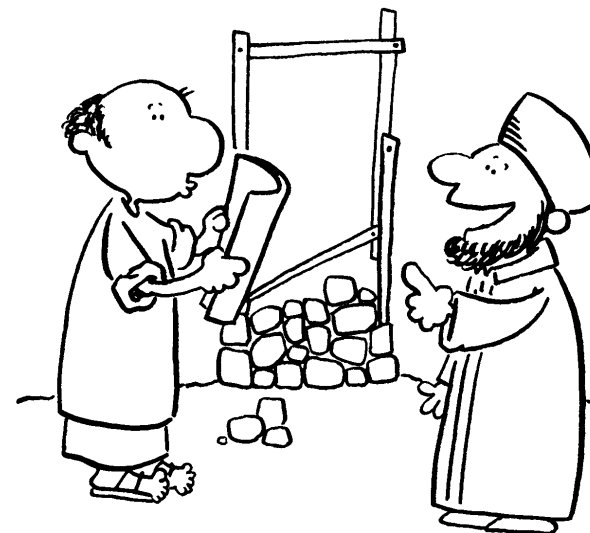
R.I.P.: Teresa Fenwick (Woodside Cresc.), Lily Gibbons (Eastwood Drive).

MONTHS MIND: Isobel Gault, Lina Puricelli, Philip, Jeannie and Jim Duffy, Joseph Cutler, John, Maria, John (jnr.), Tom, Annie and Susan McTear, Nora Brown.

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret and James Fitzpatrick, John and Annie McAtear, deceased members of the McAtear family, John, Isabel and Tom McCann, deceased members of the McCann family, Jackie Keatings, John and Sarah Kearney, Doris Cullen, Tommy McConnachie, John Hughes, Frank and Colin Hughes, Thomas and Theresa McConnachie.

ST. BRIGID'S PARISH NEWMAINS

(Scottish Charity No. SC 011041)



23rd. SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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PAPAL VISIT INFORMATION: www.beingcatholic.org

PAPAL VISIT INTERNET RADIO www.heartgivesuntoheart.co.uk

PARISH BULLETIN SUNDAY 5th. September 2010

SUNDAY MASSES:	Vigil Mass: 5.30pm. Morning Masses: 9.30am. and 12noon. (Children's Liturgy at 12noon mass today)
WEEK- DAYS:	Mon. - Fri.. 9.30am. Sat. 10.00am.
CONFESSIONS:	Thurs. 7.00pm - 7.30pm. Sat. 10.30am and 6.15pm - 7.00pm.

JUST 11 DAYS TILL THE VISIT OF POPE BENEDICT

HOLY HOUR IN PREPARATION FOR THE POPE'S VISIT: Monday evening from 7.00pm - 8.00pm. Please make every effort to come along.

FEASTS: Wed. 8th. Feast of the Birthday of Our Lady:

READERS: Today: Vigil Joan McCann. **9.30am.** Jim Ennis. **12noon.** Michael Cunningham.
NEXT WEEK: Vigil Dominic Dale, **9.30am.** Tommy Woods. **12noon.** Lorraine Cunningham

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Vigil: Clare Penrice, Margaret Costello.
9.30am. Marianne Ballantyne, Margaret Connelly. **12noon.** Mary O'Brien, Eileen Duffy.
NEXT WEEK: Vigil: Sr. Maria Goretti, Danny Muldoon.
9.30am. Helena Thomas, Denis Burns. **12noon.** Mary Jamieson, Ann McLaughlin.

PAPAL VISIT: There is a poster in the Church Porch giving information on an internet radio station which is an English Parish venture for the Papal Visit.

A special Prayer book for the different events during the Pope's visit has been prepared. They will be distributed on Sunday 12th. September. (a box for a donation will be near!)

Security is always an issue in the times we live. The Papal Mass is obviously no exception. Everyone going to the Mass must bring some form of photo identification (Passport, Driving Licence, Bus Pass, Work I.D.) Those going to Bellahouston please take a moment after mass this week-end to ensure our Parish Group co-ordinator, Mr. Danny Muldoon, has all the correct details. We have about twenty places left to fill.

ANNUAL NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN takes place today, 5th. September, at 3.00pm. Bishop Devine is looking for a good turn-out from the Diocese. Chief concelebrant is Cardinal O'Brien and the Homily will be given by Archbishop Conti.

REFLECTION: After evening Mass on 3 June 2007, Fr Ragheed Ganni set off across Mosul in Northern Iraq in his car. He had studied at the Pontifical Irish College in Rome and was thirty-five years old. He spoke six languages and was secretary to the local archbishop. But as the priest known to his seminary friends as "Paddy the Iraqi" drove accompanied by three deacons, their car was stopped by gunmen. Fr Ganni's church had been bombed just weeks before, and Christian leaders were being persecuted by Islamic militants across the region. The gunmen demanded that the four in the car convert to Islam; they then shot Fr Ganni and his friends at close range. A few months later, Fr Ganni's archbishop, Paulos Faraj Rahho, was also kidnapped and executed. The murders of these five members of Iraq's Chaldean Catholic Church are just a drop in the ocean of the many occasions when Christians have been persecuted for their faith from the time of Christ till now.. Today's Gospel reading comes from the section of Luke's Gospel just before Jesus and his followers set off for Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. Jesus knows that this journey will end in his death. His teaching in today's Gospel shows him getting his followers ready for the changes they will encounter. Following Jesus will soon mean risking one's reputation and even one's life.

Jesus makes clear that, in order to follow him, his followers are called to offer total commitment. Following Jesus through the events of his suffering and death isn't going to take mere friendship; it is going to take a determination that goes beyond common sense. As they witnessed Jesus going to his death on the cross, his followers might have been tempted to go home and get back to fishing or tax collecting. But in that dark and frightening time, did those disciples remember in their hearts how Jesus called them to follow him through his suffering: to take up their own crosses and choose the hard life of an apostle?

In today's Gospel, Jesus illustrates these words to his disciples by talking about strategy for battle or plans for building. If you're going into battle, or planning to construct a building, then knowing that you have enough troops, or knowing that you have the right building materials, is vital in order to achieve success. In the same way, the total commitment of those early followers of Jesus has provided the foundations for the message of Christ to travel across the centuries and across the globe.

We are fortunate that being a Christian here today means we will rarely encounter much worse than a sneer from those who disagree with our beliefs. Our challenge is to maintain the faithfulness that Jesus asks of us whatever situation we find ourselves in, even if we are not called to put it to the test in the same way that the apostles were, or in the face of such dangers as those encountered by Fr Ganni. In the quiet of our hearts, can we say that if our lives were at stake we would still put Jesus first?

WISHAW HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN: Fr. Frank King, St. Thomas', Pather, Tel No. **(01698) 372775.** If you are going into hospital please contact him. If your stay is going to be lengthy, please let your own priest know as well.