

# Holy Family Mossend, Parish Newsletter

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Holy Family is a Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell, Charity No. SC 011041

## + PENTECOST SUNDAY +

Spirit of  
God come  
to us



**THE FULFILMENT  
OF THE PROMISE**



**THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*Veni Sancte Spiritus*

Almost 2,000 years ago, on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, the apostles left the Upper Room, where they had been hiding for fear of the Jews, and went out fearlessly to preach the Gospel to the world. They could not have done this without the Holy Spirit, the "power from on high".

That day a new community, the Christian Church, was born. As we, the new People of God, celebrate the birthday of our Church, we recall the coming of the Spirit on the apostles which enabled them to begin preaching the Gospel to the world. We rejoice that the same Spirit is here with us.

### WELCOME

to Fr. Brian Donnelly who will celebrate the Pentecost Masses this weekend.

### CABARET

Saturday June 6th, 7.30pm in the hall.  
Ticket £2.50 inc. refreshments.  
*All welcome*

### THIS COMING WEEK

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| MON | 6.50pm<br>7.00pm           | Evening Prayer<br>Holy Mass              |
| TUE | 11.40pm<br>12.00noon       | Holy Rosary<br>Holy Mass                 |
| WED | 7.00am                     | Holy Mass                                |
| THU | 9.20am<br>9.30am           | Morning Prayer<br>Holy Mass              |
| FRI | 9.20am<br>9.30am           | Morning Prayer<br>Holy Mass              |
| SAT | 9.20am<br>9.30am<br>6.00pm | Marian Prayer<br>Holy Mass<br>Vigil Mass |
| SUN | 10.00am<br>12.00noon       | Holy Mass<br>Holy Mass                   |

**No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Thursday.  
NO CONFESSIONS**

## 125th Anniversary PARISH FAMILY DAY

Sunday 14th June 1.00pm - 4.00pm

*Activities, games/hot  
dogs, tuck shop ....*

- Prizes for tombola stall will be very welcome including some 'child friendly prizes'
- Hotdogs, homebaking, tuck shop items etc will be sold, (i.e. not "free of charge")
- Activities etc will have a small charge

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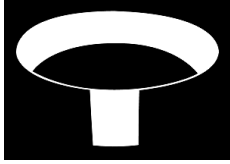
### HOLY FAMILY MEMORIAL GARDEN

Work should start sometime in June, landscaping the front garden, adding shrubs and treating the lawn.

## DIOCESAN DAY AT CARFIN GROTTTO

Feast of Corpus Christi  
14th June 2009  
Blessed Sacrament Procession  
led by the Bishop at 3.00pm

## 'YEAR OF



## THE PRIEST'



Pope Benedict has announced a Year of the Priest commencing on Friday 19th June, 2009, the Feast of the Sacred Heart until Saturday 19th June 2010. (*The 19th June is also the 150th anniversary of the death of St. Jean Marie Vianney, the Cure of Ars and Patron saint of Parish Priests.*)

Bishop Devine will inaugurate this year of special prayer for priests with a **MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL ON MONDAY 22ND JUNE AT 7.30PM.** All are invited to attend. In order to emphasise the importance of this Mass and the year it inaugurates have decided to suspend our 7.00pm Mass that evening and invite you to join me and the rest of the clergy in the cathedral for the Diocesan Mass.

### Mass of Thanksgiving

for our First Communicants  
with presentation of Certificates  
Feast of Corpus Christi  
Sunday 4th June 12.00noon.

### Mass to celebrate 'Our Lady of all Nations'

Carfin Grotto  
Saturday 6th June 1.00pm  
All Invited

## HALL BOOKINGS

Telephone  
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## GIFT AID

If you pay tax, the parish may claim back 28p for every £1.00 you contribute to the Church. If you wish to join the GIFTAID scheme, please call to the sacristy.

Make the most of the money your charity receives with Gift Aid



### THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

the RCIA will soon be thinking about next year. It would be good to know as soon as possible if there are any interested in being part of that process.

### Holy Family Rambling Club

The Ramblers next day out is on Sunday, 21 June when we are heading to the Lake District. The bus is already fully booked and there is a waiting list but if you want to add your name to the waiting list, please speak to Tom or Kathleen; just in case a lot of people call off (but that is maybe not too likely). There will be a meeting in the Parish Centre on Thursday, 11th June at 8 pm when all outstanding money can be paid and we will also finalise details for the outing so please come along if you are planning to go to the Lake District.

Our next big event is our **Birthday Party** on Saturday, 27th June. The Rambling Club will be 10 years old and we are having a celebration in the Parish Centre, at 7.30 pm. This is open to Rambling Club Members and their families. Former members are also welcome and tickets are FREE. (That's right - FREE!) They'll be available at our meeting on 11th June on 'a first come, first served basis.' This is sure to be a great night so don't forget to come to our meeting on 11th June to make sure you get your ticket.

With Pentecost Sunday, Eastertide comes to an end and we return to **ORDINARY TIME.**

Next Sunday is **TRINITY SUNDAY.**

The following Sunday is **CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY.**

## 'an gorta mor'

It began as a fungus that travelled in crates of potatoes from America to Belgium in 1843. Within one and one-half years, the wind-borne blight had converted Ireland's once abundant potato crop into acres of rotted vegetation, precipitating one of the worst social disasters of the 19th century- 'the Great Hunger' (An Gorta Mor) or as we know it, the Irish Famine.

### Great Hunger Mass at Carfin Grotto

The Great Hunger in Ireland is a crucial event in the history of Scotland's biggest ethnic minority. Without this event there would have been no mass migration from Ireland and no 100,000 poverty stricken famine ravaged refugees fleeing to the west of Scotland. This beginning of a decades long process of migration from Ireland to Scotland triggered the establishment of scores of Catholic parishes in the Glasgow and Lanarkshire areas, the building of Catholic schools, the establishment of Celtic and Hibernian Football Clubs and the generations of Catholics of Irish decent becoming important to the social, political, economic and moral progress of Scottish society. The Irish Famine is a seminal event in the history and narrative of Catholicism in post Reformation Scotland.

In 2001, with the help of donations from Celtic FC, Brian Dempsey and many hundreds of others, a national Irish Famine monument was raised at the Marian Grotto at Carfin in Lanarkshire. The opening ceremony was carried out by Irish premier Bertie Aherne and was attended by representatives from all of the main British political parties, and many thousands of other people who wished to remember both the horror suffered by their predecessors and the reality of the ever present scourge of Famine in today's world.

**AT 3PM ON SUNDAY 7TH JUNE** at the Irish site at Carfin's Grotto the annual commemorative Mass will take place concelebrated by a number of priests led by Bishop Joseph Devine of Motherwell. It is anticipated that thousands will attend to remember those who died and those who suffered as a result of the Great Hunger and to be mindful of those who still die daily from hunger and ultimately, from man's inhumanity to man.

### SUNDAY READINGS ONLINE

Readers can consult the website of All Saints church in Ballymena where they will find the Sunday readings [www.ballymenaparish.org](http://www.ballymenaparish.org)

| NEXT WEEKEND    | Vigil           | 10.00 am        | 12.00 noon       |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| O.T. READING    | Pauline Eadie   | Des Timmons     | Jim Watt         |
| N.T. READING    | Raymond Scanlon | Pauline Timmons | Kevin McKeown    |
| INTERCESSIONS   | Mary Burns      | Roddy Shearer   | <b>VOLUNTEER</b> |
| EUCH. MINISTERS | Gladys Quinn    | Tom Gorman      | Pat O'Donnell    |

Rotas are now on the parish website.