

FOOD BANK

The Justice and Peace group will be collecting for the FoodBank this weekend after every Mass. All items are very gratefully received, however specific items required are: UHT milk, tins of meat, fish and fruit and toiletries.

Many Thanks.

St Vincent de Paul:

St. Vincent was born of poor parents in the village of Pouy in Gascony, France, about 1580. He enjoyed his first schooling under the Franciscan Fathers at Acqs. Such had been his progress in four years that a gentleman chose him as subpreceptor to his children, and he was thus enabled to continue his studies without being a burden to his parents. In 1596, he went to the University of Toulouse for theological studies, and there he was ordained priest in 1600.

In 1605, on a voyage by sea from Marseilles to Narbonne, he fell into the hands of African pirates and was carried as a slave to Tunis. His captivity lasted about two years, until Divine Providence enabled him to effect his escape. After a brief visit to Rome he returned to France, where he became preceptor in the family of Emmanuel de Gondy, Count of Goigny, and General of the galleys of France. In 1617, he began to preach missions, and in 1625, he lay the foundations of a congregation which afterward became the Congregation of the Mission or Lazarists, so named on account of the Priory of St. Lazarus, which the Fathers began to occupy in 1633.

It would be impossible to enumerate all the works of this servant of God. Charity was his predominant virtue. It extended to all classes of persons, from forsaken childhood to old age. The Sisters of Charity also owe the foundation of their congregation to St. Vincent. In the midst of the most distracting occupations his soul was always intimately united with God. Though honored by the great ones of the world, he remained deeply rooted in humility. The Apostle of Charity, the immortal Vincent de Paul, breathed his last in Paris at the age of eighty. His feast day is September 27th. He is the patron of charitable societies.

Renewal of Parish Ministries: We hope to offer Parish Readers and Eucharistic Ministers an evening of Reflection and Formation in the coming weeks.

St Bride's November Mass: The Pastoral Care Group have arranged a Parish Memorial Mass for the Month of November which will take place on Monday 10 of November at 7.00 pm. At this mass we will remember in a special way all our loved ones as we gather to remember them, pray for them and find comfort and reassurance in our faith. We will have a special guest to give the reflection at the mass. If anyone would like to participate in the mass either by bring down the offertory gifts, reading or composing the Prayers of the Faithful you are very welcome to do so. There will be a chance for refreshments in the Pastoral Centre afterwards.

Seasons of Growth: The Pastoral Care Group are arranging a course in the parish on the theme of bereavement and loss, if anyone would have a particular interest in joining this course we may be able to offer a place. Please speak to Fr Doyle

Tuesday Club Diary

23rd. Sept. Movie: Casablanca
30th. Sept. Strathavon Strummers
7th. Oct. Lunch at Carrigan's
15th. Oct. Club Holiday

McMillan Coffee Morning Update:

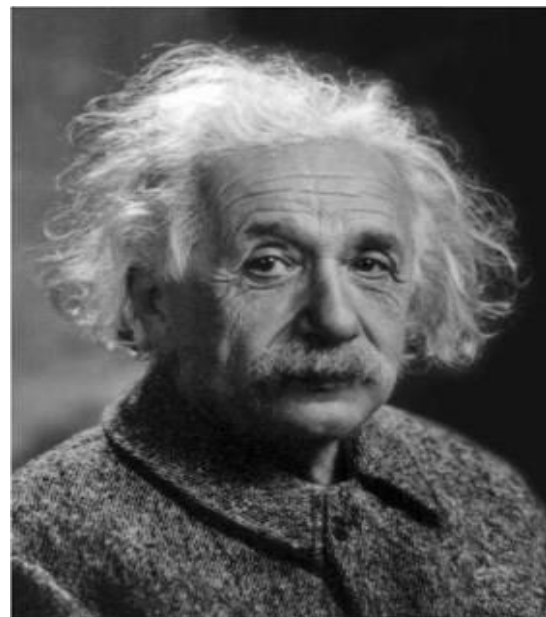
Grateful thanks are extended to all parishioners who contributed home baking or attended the McMillan Coffee Morning on 14th September. The excellent sum of **£380.29** was raised.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Enquiry Evening:

Anyone who would like to find out more about the Catholic faith are welcome to come along to our information evening this Monday at 7 p.m. in the Chapel House. If you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church with a view, perhaps, of seeking instruction in the faith or just initial inquiry about the church, please speak to Fr Doyle as soon as possible.

Youth Ministry: one of the major concerns raised in our parish consultation last December was our Catholic Youth. Over the last few months we have explored various models of youth ministry. I have kept the parish up to date with this both at Sunday mass and in our Parish Council meetings. In keeping with the bishop's desire for deaneries, priests and parishes to work in tandem with one another as we look to the future, we as a deanery have explored the theme of youth ministry. Three parishes St Bride's Bothwell, St John's Uddingston and Holy Family Parish Bellshill will share a full time youth minister. I have spoken to the bishop who was very supportive in our undertaking. I am sure that we will give every support and welcome to our new youth officer when he arrives and I ask for your prayers for him and all our young people.

Fr Doyle



“As a child I received instruction both in the Bible and in the Talmud. I am a Jew, but I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene. No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life.”

Albert Einstein,
Saturday Evening Post, Oct 26, 1929