**Today's Mass Responses:**

*Psalm:* Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

**Gospel Acclamation**

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Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick or housebound: Fr Gerry Stones, Sr Pauline Mary Smith, Elizabeth Walton, Nan & John Smith, Thomas Timoney, Elizabeth Duffy, Higney Family, Eleanor Connell, Joe Reddy, Maria Black, Ella Clark, Mary Klemm, Ellen Burrowes, Ina Kandzior, Nan McGlyn, Annie Glowacki Agnes Barr, Marion McCafferty, Jette Clark, Mary Donnelly, Sally Boyle, Harris Ross, Carmel Crowe (Ireland), Marshall Ford, and the patients of FVRH, FCH.

**Last weekend Attendance:** Vigil 62 (4 children) Sun 68 (22 children)

**Last weekend collection:** Vigil £222.84 Sun £247.75

Peters pence Collection £74.20 £94.24

Fairtrade Tea & Coffee are served after Mass on Sunday in the hall.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** Saturday 10.30am; Saturday 4.45pm to 5.15pm; Tuesday 6.30pm in the Sacristy.

**Local Hospitals:** If you or someone you know is going into hospital please notify Fr Kevin BEFORE being admitted if at all possible, to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. If you cannot receive the Sacrament before being admitted then please contact Fr Kevin at the Presbytery or Fr Boylan in Denny on 823310 for you cannot receive Kevin BEFORE being admitted if at all possible, to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. If Local Hospitals:

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

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**Mass Timetable**

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Mary God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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Of your charity please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Fr Daniel Boyd who was Parish Priest of St Joseph’s Bonnybridge from 1999-2000. Fr Boyd died on Thursday morning, may he rest in peace. May God reward him for his many years of priestly service. Fr Boyd’s coffin will be received into St Bernadette’s Larbert on Tuesday at 7pm and his Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday at 12noon in St Bernadette’s Church.

We bid farewell to Fr Adam Falewicz, a priest of the Diocese of Koszalin & Kolobrzeg in Poland, who has been ministering in our parish this past 2 weeks. We thank him for his quiet presence and pastoral care during this time. We wish him God speed as he moves to Glasgow where he will be based for the next 6 weeks before returning back to Poland to start his studies for his PhD.

Family Fund Raiser for the Parish Mission & a special 40th Celebration: This Sunday from 6pm – 11pm, a social evening is being held to help raise funds for the parish mission and also to celebrate a special occasion! — all are welcome to attend. The proceeds are for the work of the Mission and all donations given for the special occasion will also go towards the Mission Fund also.

The Parish Mission: details are coming in regarding some of the costs of the Mission. We are not required to pay as such for the mission, but rather to cover the costs of the priest, seminarians and religious sisters who are coming to carry out the mission. The cost of their flights is in the region of £2500. Any help with fundraising will be greatly received, a special thank you to those parishioners who have donated towards this work.

The principal objectives of the Archdiocese, of which this parish is a part, with regards to it received “1. The advancement of the Roman Catholic Religion. 2. The object of the Archdiocese is to share in the apostolate of Christ, to foster and promote the apostolate of the bishops, priests and deacons of the diocese.” The forth coming parish mission more than meets these objectives and so I strongly commend it to your prayers and support.

St Joseph’s SVdP Society annual day trip: will be held on Wednesday 6th August. The bus will be going to Largs this year, and will leave from St Joseph’s at 10am. Names please on the list at the back of the Church.

Len Cameron. Mary, Clare and Stuart would like to thank all parishioners for their support and prayers for Len and the Family over the time of his illness. Also grateful thanks for the donations to the Marie Curie Nurses. The collection raised £644.05.

Congratulations to Nan & John Smith of our parish who celebrate their Diamond wedding anniversary this coming Wednesday. May God bless them both and their family.

Centenary of the Great War: on Saturday 16th August at 7.30pm in Falkirk Town Hall there will be a special commemoration event to mark the centenary of the First World War. Tickets are free, but limited and are available from the Library, Community Centre or contact Cllr Billy Buchanan

A special act of remembrance will be held on Saturday 4th August for the Bonnybridge community at the First World War Memorial at the Toll. Further details to follow.

Pope Benedict XVI once said that “Ignorance of the faith puts Christians at risk of following a “do-it-yourself” religion.” Are we at risk of making our faith up? Do we pick and mix the parts of the Church’s teachings that we like and ignore the rest, even the most basic elements of our faith? Is our obligation to attend Mass on Sunday’s and Holy Days of Obligation just something to be ignored or do we take our relationship with God and His Church (our fellow parishioners) seriously and fully take an active part in the life of the parish? What are the God given talents that we have but do not use for the good of the community? When was the last time we did something for someone else without looking for something in return? When was the last time we carried out an act of kindness for a stranger? When was the last time we put our faith into action?

“Where do we find the essential formula of the faith? Where do we find the truths that have been faithfully handed down and make up the light of our daily life,” the Pope asked.

Pope Benedict says the answer is the creed, or profession of faith, which needs to be better understood, reflected upon and integrated into one’s life.

Christians need to “discover the profound link between the truths we profess in the creed and our daily life” so that these truths are allowed to transform the “deserts of modern-day life.”

The Christian faith is not a belief in an idea or just an outlook on life, he said, but a relationship with the living person of Christ who transforms lives.

That is why having faith in God isn’t merely an intellectual activity, but something that “truly changes everything in us and for us; it clearly reveals our future destiny, the truth of our vocation within history, the meaning of life and the pleasure of being pilgrims heading toward the heavenly home”.

Stewardship Reflection: “The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.” - Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities and anxieties that you have no time for God? Good stewardship is a lifestyle to be lived every day. It effects all the decisions we make. It’s not just the time we spend at Mass every Sunday.

Papal world Cup: there is no truth in the rumour that the Pope and the Pope emeritus are going to be hosting a big Cup final party in the Vatican – Pope Benedict doesn’t follow football and Pope Francis goes to his bed early, although he does follow football! Whoever wins, be it Germany or Argentina, may the best prayer win!

Feast Days this Week.

Tuesday Memorial of St. Bonaventure