



HEARTBEAT

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S PARISH MAGAZINE

ISSUE 131

MAY 2026



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

'Father, glorify your Son.'

SCOTLAND

BISHOP FRANK REFLECTS ON FAITH AND EVANGELISATION IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Ahead of Communications Sunday, Bishop Frank Dougan has reflected on the important role digital media can play in helping people encounter the Catholic faith.

In his message, Bishop Dougan shared the story of a young man who first explored Christianity online before attending Mass for the first time. What began as an attempt to disprove the faith instead led him towards the Church, eventually encouraging him to return again after his first visit.

Bishop Dougan said the experience shows how digital communications can become an important first step in a person's journey of faith, helping people connect with the Church before encountering Christ more deeply within the parish community.

He also encouraged Catholics to be confident witnesses to the Gospel through prayer, personal example, and welcoming others, while supporting the ongoing work of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Office for Communications and Evangelisation.



Please support the work of the Office for Communications and Evangelisation by donating via the QR code or at bit.ly/CommsSunday



VATICAN

13 MAY 1981: THE DAY THE ATTACK ON JOHN PAUL II SHOCKED THE WORLD

Forty five years have passed since the attempted assassination of Pope Saint John Paul II in Saint Peter's Square on 13 May 1981, an event that shocked the world and marked a significant moment in the life of the Church.

During the weekly General Audience, Pope John Paul II was greeting pilgrims in Saint Peter's Square when he was shot at close range and seriously wounded. He was rushed to Rome's Gemelli Hospital, where he underwent emergency surgery. In the hours that followed, Catholics across the world prayed for his recovery.

Just four days later, speaking from hospital during the Regina Caeli, the Pope publicly forgave Mehmet Ali Ağca, the man responsible for the attack, and entrusted himself

once more to the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The events of 13 May became closely linked to Pope John Paul II's devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, whose feast falls on the same day. The Pope later expressed his belief that it was through her intercession that his life had been spared.

Reflecting on the anniversary in 2021, Pope Francis said the attack reminds us that "our life and the history of the world are in God's hands".

The witness and words of Saint John Paul II continue to inspire the Church today. Shortly after his election, Pope Leo XIV echoed one of the late Pope's most famous appeals to young people: "Do not be afraid."



Image: Vatican Media

Pope Leo XIV pauses in prayer at the site in Saint Peter's Square where Pope Saint John Paul II was shot on 13 May 1981.

CONFESSION
Saturday: 9.00am – 9.50am

MONTHLY MEDJUGORJE EVENING

The next Medjugorje Evening takes place **Monday, 25th May**

The parish hosts an evening of prayer, replicating the prayer schedule of the Marian Shrine in Medjugorje. Please join us if you are able at the next evening.

The evening format is as follows:

7.00pm Holy Rosary

7.30pm Holy Mass

Followed by Adoration

Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

The Parish collection for the last weekend is as follows:

- Collection: £2,585
- Gift Aid: £1,475
- Tax Reclaimed: £343
- Total: £4,403

*Through Gift Aid we can claim back 25p from every £1 paid of taxpayer donations.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



PEACE HOUR OF PRAYER

Every Wednesday we will dedicate the hours of 1pm-2pm to pray for peace in our world. Come along at this time and pray before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for peace in our world, seeking God's guidance and healing for those affected by conflict and division. All are welcome.

PARISH NOTICES

Sacrament of Confirmation



Please keep our young people in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this month. Their preparation has taken place both in school and through our parish Ignite Club sessions, where they have gathered in prayer, reflection and learning together. We look forward to celebrating this joyful occasion as a parish family.

Confirmation: Tuesday, 26th May at 7.00pm

Prize Bingo

Join us for a fun evening at St Augustine's Hall on Friday 22nd May for our Prize Bingo Night!

Doors open: 6.30pm

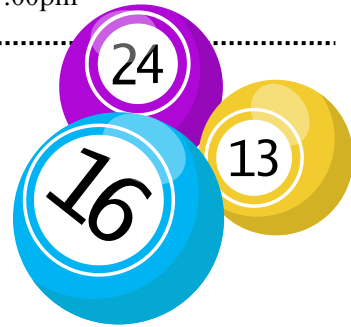
Eyes down: 7.00pm

Entry: £2

Over 12s only

Come along, enjoy a great night out, and be in with the chance of winning some fantastic prizes.

We would also be very grateful for any donations of prizes – every little helps to make the night even better!
Bring your friends and family and don't miss out!



A Warm Meal and a Warm Welcome

In partnership with the Celtic Foundation, we are offering a free hot meal to anyone who needs one. A warm welcome is always assured.

To access the meal, please go first to the Parish Office (front door of the Parish House) to register.

Office hours: Monday–Thursday, 9am–2pm.

After registering, visit Kairos Café to receive your hot meal.

Café open: 10am–2pm.

Please share with anyone who may benefit.



Digital Upskilling Sessions

A new series of Digital Upskilling Sessions will begin on Thursday, 11th June, from 10am to 2pm in the parish centre. These sessions, supported by Bank of Scotland colleagues, are designed to help people feel more confident using digital devices and online services in a friendly and supportive environment.

The sessions will run over four weeks, and all are welcome.



PARISH NOTICES

Festival of Synodality Saturday 6 June 2026



We invite YOU to the National Festival of Synodality at Glasgow Caledonian University, a day inspired by Pope Francis' call to be "witnesses to synodality".

The Festival will focus on Conversation in the Spirit, a simple and powerful way of communal discernment rooted in listening, conversion and mission.

The day will celebrate the fruits already flourishing in the Church in Scotland and include input from Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, Fr David McCallum SJ and Sandra Chaoul. Participants will also have the opportunity to experience Conversation in the Spirit firsthand. Lunch is included.

All are welcome, especially those involved in parish and diocesan life, pastoral councils, schools and faith organisations.

I am looking for 4 parish reps from St Augustine's to attend the day. If you are interested, please email: staugustine@rcdom.org.uk
The parish will cover the cost.

Camp Out for Hope

Saturday, 30th May from 8.00pm-8.00am, Carlin Grotto

Young Catholics (age 16+) are invited to join ACN Scotland at the Camp Out for Hope! This will be a powerful event to show solidarity with our displaced Christian brothers and sisters around the world. Join us at Scotland's Marian shrine for a unique camping experience, including an all-night prayer vigil, opportunities to learn more about ACN and our work, time to meet and socialise with other young Catholics, and more.

Participants can sign up by visiting <https://acnuk.org/camp-out-hope> and should bring their own camping equipment and sleeping bags.

For more information, contact scotland@acnuk.org

Vocations Information Evening Sunday 24th May 2026

Vocations Evening on Sunday 24th April in Cathedral House beginning at 7.30pm and is open to young men who are considering a vocation to the priesthood.

This is an enquiry evening for young men to gather and share with one another as they discern their vocation



working in collaboration with
the Knights of Malta



ORDER OF MALTA
COMPANIONS



THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY

**Open: Mon 6.00pm - 7.30pm /
Thurs 12.00pm - 3.00pm**

No referral is required. Simply show-up and we will give you a free bag of food for you and your household. Please make only one visit per week.

We have also linked with the local Citizens Advice Bureau who offer advocacy services via our Pantry.

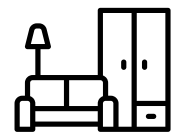


CLOTHING BANK

Open: Thurs 10.30am - 12.30pm

Need assistance with clothing?
We can support you. New and good quality pre-loved clothing is available for all ages. **Please donate clothing only.**

Thank you for your continued support to the clothing bank. It is greatly appreciated.



FURNITURE PROJECT

If you or someone you know is in need of furniture or household essentials, our parish Furniture Project is here to help. We provide good-quality items to anyone needing support. If you need support or know someone who does, please get in touch—we're here to help!



CONTACT US

If you require support or have donations you need to drop off, please contact us on the following email and someone will be in touch: outreach@santaugustines.org.uk

PARISH INFORMATION

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

If you or a loved one, neighbour or friend would like a home visit from Fr. Kane please complete and return the following form to the Parish House. The office will then be in touch to arrange a suitable time for Fr. Kane to visit, as well as a more long-term arrangement for the housebound person to receive Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick at home. Please use the form printed below. Simply cut out and return completed to the Parish House.

REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

You might consider leaving your parish a personal legacy gift in your will. Such gifts help the parish in its Gospel mission into the future. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

300 CLUB

The 300 Club is one of the ways we raise vital funds to help with the upkeep of our church buildings and grounds.

It's £5 per week, and every month there are five cash prizes, including a first prize of £700.

To sign up or find out more, visit:
www.saintaugustines.org.uk/300-club

PARISH GIVING

St. Augustine's depends on the generosity of our parishioners and visitors to continue our mission and maintain our historic buildings. There are lots of ways to support your parish:

- You can donate via the regular collection baskets at the weekend Mass you attend.
- You can set-up a regular standing order which you can also Giftaid. The online form is available on the Donate page of our site.

SCAN TO DONATE



- You can donate using the secure online donation feature on our website. Visit saintaugustines.org.uk/donate for more information.

BAPTISM

PREPARATION CLASSES

The meeting takes place on the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Parents and Godparents of children due to be baptised are asked to attend this single meeting. Please call the Parish Office or speak to the clergy.

PARISH CENTRE

Saint Augustine's Parish Centre Booking our function suites is great way to support your Parish! Our two Function Suites available for:

Wedding Receptions / Funeral Breakfasts / Baptism / Receptions / Birthday Parties / Anniversary Parties / Charity Events etc.



For booking enquiries email Chris at the Parish Hall on staugustine@rcdom.org.uk.

Weekend dates are still available for 2026.

Function Suite Hire from £80



KAIROS CAFE

Please support your parish café which is open Monday – Friday from 10.00am - 2.00pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare a couple of hours a week to help in our café? Kairos Café is looking for some new volunteers. Please email: staugustine@rcdom.org.uk.

St. Augustine's Parish - Pastoral Visit Request Form

Name of Sick or housebound person: _____

Contact Number: _____

Address for visitation: _____

* Please return this completed form to the Parish House. The office will be in touch to make arrangements.

**For urgent sick calls please make direct contact with the Parish House and leave a message on the answer phone if necessary.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:16-20

At that time: The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

WONDER QUESTIONS

WHAT WERE THE WORRIES AND DOUBTS JESUS'S FRIENDS STILL HAD IN THEIR HEARTS?

WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE TO SEE JESUS ASCEND TO HEAVEN?

MISSION

BETWEEN THE ASCENSION AND PENTECOST, THE FRIENDS OF JESUS WAITED AND PRAYED FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO COME TO THEM. THIS NINE DAY PRAYER IS CALLED A NOVENA. YOUR MISSION IS TO PRAY EACH DAY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO COME INTO HEARTS, FAMILIES, SCHOOLS AND PARISHES IN A POWERFUL WAY THIS PENTECOST. YOU'LL FIND THE NOVENA PRAYER ABOVE

WORD OF THE WEEK

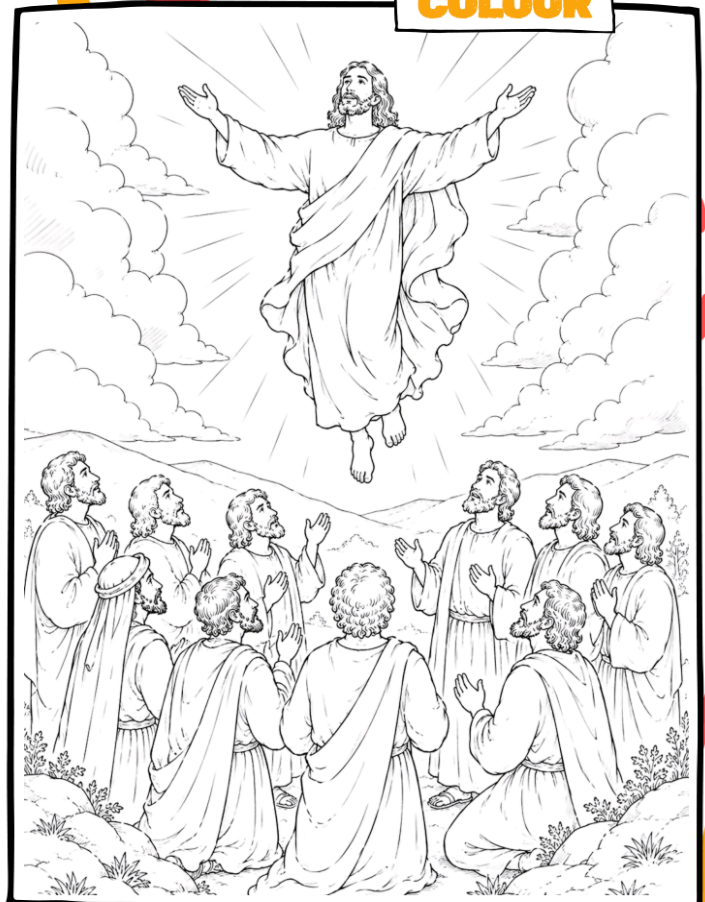
COMMUNICATION

NOVENA PRAYER

**COME HOLY SPIRIT,
COME DOWN UPON US.
FILL OUR HEARTS WITH
YOUR LOVE.
COME DOWN UPON OUR
HOMES, OUR SCHOOLS
OUR FAMILIES AND
FRIENDS.
HELP US TO WELCOME
YOU THIS PENTECOST.**

AMEN.

COLOUR



**SCAN TO
WATCH
THE VIDEO**

PARISH NOTICES

SICK

Jim Allan; Billy Bannan; Patricia Bannan; Veronica Bannan; Florence Bark; Marie Boswell; Bill Bothwell; Billy & Molly Bothwell; John O'Brien; Maureen O'Brien; Catherine Brown; Craig Cameron; John Caufield; Allan Clark; Anne Clarke; Rounaih Coll; Rose Connell; Desmond Coyle; Mary Coyle; Theresa Coyle; Irene Crawley; Rab Cullen; John Currie; Louie James Currens; Caroline Dawson; Anne Donnelly; Frank Donnelly; Michael Donnelly; Teresa Donnelly; Rosy Dovey; Sharon Dunn; Michael Dunion; Catherine Graham; Betty Green; Frank Hamill; Christine Hamilton; Eddie Heron; Simon Howard; Stephen Jamison; Ann Patricia Kane; Stephen King; Andy Kelly; Hugh Kelly; Stephen King; Morag & Rowan Lennen; Agnes Logan; Marion Logan; Sophia Loughran; Sophia MacCallum; Madge Mallon; Barbara Martin; Eileen Martin; Frank Martin; Josephine Martin; Paul McCormack; Ann McDonald; Mhairi McGlone; Andre McGuinness; Ellen McKinnon; Joe McLaughlin; Margaret McLelland; Marianne McMillan; Betty McNamee; Anna McPherson; Ann McShane; John McShane; Caroline Mitchell; Marion Moran; Margaret More; Ann Moreland; Luke Morton; Paul Morton; Eileen O'Kane; Sadie Parr; Mary Paton; Margaret Ralston; Sue Rawlings; Bernd Reimann; Josephine & Bill Rennie; Anne Roche; Thomas Robertson; Aileen Scott; Helen Sloan; Pat Sludden; Ian Smillie; Bernard Smith; Brian Sneddon; Raymond Sneddon; Tony Stafford; Betty Stillie; Linda Tayler; James Trower; Martin Wardhaugh; Helen Watmore; Alison Wilson; Bobby Winslow; Kathleen Wynn

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Doran; George Crawley; Elizabeth Haggarty; Bobby Smith; Bonny Taylor; Sheena Boyle; Catherine Flannigan; Jack Dickson; Pauline Toner; James Gardner

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Ian & Theresa Ferrie; Denis & Jeanie McCall; Anne & Ciaran McHugh; Tony Boon; Carol Tennant; Mary Paton

SPECIAL INTENTION

Caron Dooley

*We kindly ask that all notices for the bulletin are handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday at 12noon.
Please write all notices clearly.*

PARISH DIARY

Sunday, 17 May <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass 12.00 noon: Holy Mass with First Holy Communion 5.00pm: Holy Mass
Monday, 18 May <i>Seventh Week of Easter</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 11.00am - 12.00pm: Church Cleaning 12noon - 7.00pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday, 19 May <i>Seventh Week of Easter</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass <i>Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus after 10.00am Mass</i> 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 10.30am - 7.00pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2.00pm: Holy Mass at Summerlee Care Home 7.00pm: May Devotions with Holy Rosary and Benediction
Wednesday, 20 May <i>Seventh Week of Easter</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 10.30am - 7.00pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, 21 May <i>Seventh Week of Easter</i>	P4 Carfin Grotto Retreat 9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 10.30am - 7.00pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00noon - 3.00pm: People's Pantry (Blairgrove Shopping Precinct)
Friday, 22 May <i>Seventh Week of Easter</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 10.30am - 7.00pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm: Prize Bingo (Parish Centre)
Saturday, 23 May <i>Seventh Week of Easter</i>	9.00am-9.50am: Confession 10.00am: Holy Mass 4.00pm: Holy Mass (Vigil)
Sunday, 24 May <i>Pentecost</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass 12.00 noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

PARISH CLERGY



PARISH PRIEST

REV. FR. MICHAEL KANE

FRKANE@SAINTAUGUSTINES.ORG.UK



PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

REV. FR. DOMINIC TOWEY

FRDOMINIC@SAINTAUGUSTINES.ORG.UK

PARISH STAFF



PARISH SECRETARY

MARGARET HAGGARTY

STAUGUSTINE@RCDOM.ORG.UK



PARISH CENTRE MANAGER

CHRIS HAMILL

STAUGUSTINE@RCDOM.ORG.UK



COMMUNICATIONS

ELAINE FURMAGE

ELAINE@BEINGCATHOLIC.ORG



SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

ANTOINETTE PARR MBE

STAUGUSTINE@RCDOM.ORG.UK



DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

GREG MCHUGH

07561 310114

MUSIC@SAINTAUGUSTINES.ORG.UK



CHOIR DIRECTOR

MARIA MADDEN

MUSIC@SAINTAUGUSTINES.ORG.UK

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Those who require the Sacrament of the Sick at home should contact the Chapel House to arrange for a visit from Fr. Kane. This should ordinarily be arranged prior to any prolonged hospital visit. In cases of emergency where you or a family member require the pastoral assistance of the Chaplain, please request this from the hospital nursing staff. The family should make this request clearly to nursing staff.

CATHOLIC TEACHER APPROVAL

Those wishing to teach in the Catholic sector are reminded that it is first necessary to obtain approval from your parish priest to show that you accept and live the Catholic faith. For those living within the parish of St. Augustine's this means approval from Fr. Kane. This applies to those about to enrol for the teaching course, those starting out as probationary teachers, and all those applying for new posts (promoted or otherwise) within a Catholic school. Please contact Fr. Kane if you have any questions about this process.

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

www.saintaugustines.org.uk

Like us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/saintaugustines

Follow us on X: @FrKane

Watch us on: www.beingcatholic.org

or Freeview, Channel 279

Contact Us:

Saint Augustine's RC Church,
12 Dundyvan Road, Coatbridge, ML5 1DQ

t: 01236 423044

e: staugustine@rcdom.org.uk

Scottish Charity Number SCO1104

DONALD McLAREN LTD
-EST 1912-

Family Funeral Directors & Memorial Craftsmen

Proudly serving the parish of
St Augustines for over 105 years

Unrivalled cost for comparable funeral service
Pre-Paid Funeral Plans available

45 Sunnyside Road 10 Adam Avenue
ML5 3DG ML6 6DN
01236 424132 01236 762000

www.DonaldMcLarenLtd.co.uk

M&M MOONEY & McMULLAN
MONUMENTAL SCULPTORS

MEMORIALS
3 generation family run business with over 30 years experience

New Headstone Memorials
Small Marker Memorials
Added Inscription & Renovation Works on existing
memorials
Work Carried Out In Any Cemetery

Unit 4 01236 751149
Rochsolloch Road admin@mandmmonuments.co.uk
Airdrie www.mandmmonuments.co.uk
ML6 9BG

greenslate.online

 **GREEN SLATE**
garden services

Lanarkshire based Garden Services
Contact Martin on: 07718 142646

**HOME VISITING PODIATRIST
COVERS NORTH LANARKSHIRE**

 TREATS DIABETICS
TOE NAILS / CORNS AND
CALLUSES REDUCTION
FROM £35

HOME VISITS
Wearing appropriate PPE
Mary BSc (Hons)
07905 732 963

**BATHROOM
WORLD**



VISIT OUR SHOWROOM AT:
30c Bertram Street, Hamilton ML3 0QS
Or call us on 01698 821238

HCP/State Registered Podiatrist

Daniel J. Ferrie
BSc (Hons), MChS



For all your foot care and podiatry needs
within the comfort of your own home.

07796 370671

CHS
CONTAINER HIRE AND SALE

Need extra space?
We offer 24hr secure
self-storage containers
in Blochairn, Glasgow
from £90 p/m

Containers and portable
accommodation units also
available for hire & sale

0141 774 0400
chs-container.co.uk

BLAIRHILL
DENTAL PRACTICE

Registering New NHS Patients
Sedation for Nervous Patients
Cosmetic Dentistry / Tooth Whitening
Orthodontics (Braces)
Tel 01236 424575
Web www.blairhilldental.com
Email info@blairhilldental.com

heartstyle 

Fashion & Gift Boutique

Gifting Made Easy

Luxury Scented Hand-poured Candles, Lotions and Potions
Gorgeous Occasion Cards
Gifts and Treasures For Women
Fashion & Fashion Accessories

Shop Online www.heartstyleshop.com

Stephen Cantwell, Plasterer

Reliable tradesman, time served.

No job too small...

Telephone 01236 421203
or 07592062406



LCM

 **UPVC
Repair
Specialist**



MARIAN DEVOTIONS

HOLY ROSARY & BENEDICTION

EVERY

TUESDAY

THROUGHOUT MAY

7.00PM

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, COATBRIDGE



Mass of the Sick

with Holy Anointing

Saturday, 20 June 2026

11.00am

Saint Augustine's Parish Church, Coatbridge

Light buffet in the Parish Centre afterwards

"IF ONLY I CAN TOUCH THE HEM OF HIS GARMENT, I SHALL BE HEALED."

Accompanied by a Brass Band

COATBRIDGE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION



FROM
ST MARY'S CHURCH
WHIFFLET



TO
ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH
DUNDIVAN



ON
SUNDAY
7TH JUNE 2026



PROCESSION
BEGINS AT
2.00PM



EVERYONE IS
MOST WELCOME



ALL FIRST COMMUNICANTS
AND ALTAR SERVERS
ARE INVITED TO
LEAD THE PROCESSION



CAN YOU HELP STEWARD?

We require support from stewards on the day to help guide the procession.
If you are able to help, please contact Ken Boyle on 07803 231666.