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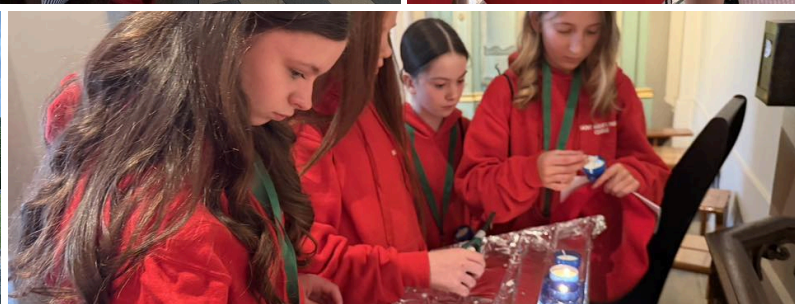
10 MAY 2026



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

'I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper.'



SCOTLAND

PRO-LIFE WIN IN SCOTTISH BUFFER ZONE CASE

A judge has dismissed criminal charges against 75-year-old Glasgow grandmother Rose Docherty, who was arrested last year while offering consensual conversation outside the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow.

Mrs Docherty had been standing peacefully within the hospital's "buffer zone" holding a sign which read: "Coercion is a crime, here to talk, only if you want." She did not approach anyone, speak about abortion, or engage in any obstructive or intimidating behaviour.

Sheriff Stuart Reid dismissed two charges of alleged "influencing" under Scotland's 2024 "buffer zone" legislation, ruling that prosecutors had failed to establish an offence under Scots law.

During proceedings, it was acknowledged that there was no evidence anyone had actually been influenced by Mrs Docherty's actions.

The case attracted significant national and international attention and prompted concern from a number of organisations and public figures, including the Scottish Catholic Bishops' Conference, who raised concerns about the implications for freedom of expression and peaceful witness in public life.

Following the ruling, Mrs Docherty described the decision as "a major victory for free speech in Scotland and the UK." She also reflected on the personal impact of the case, having spent months facing criminal proceedings after being arrested and detained for peacefully offering



conversation in a public space.

The ruling has reignited wider debate surrounding Scotland's "buffer zone" legislation and the balance between protecting access to healthcare and safeguarding fundamental freedoms, including freedom of speech and religious expression.

VATICAN

ONE YEAR OF POPE LEO XIV

One year ago, the Church welcomed Pope Leo XIV as the new Successor of St Peter. In the months since his election, his pontificate has become marked by a strong and consistent call for peace, reconciliation, and renewed faith in Christ.

From the very beginning, Pope Leo XIV spoke of the need for an "unarmed and disarming peace"; a peace rooted not in fear or power, but in dialogue, justice, and human dignity. Throughout his first year, he has repeatedly appealed for an end to war and violence, urging the world to choose compassion, encounter, and hope.

The Holy Father has also encouraged Catholics to deepen their prayer life, remain close to the sacraments, and embrace their mission to share the Gospel in today's world. He has spoken often about the importance of communication, synodality, and listening to one another with openness and charity.

A strong theme of Pope Leo XIV's first year has been his concern for those who suffer most. Whether speaking about migrants, prisoners, the poor, or communities devastated by war, he has consistently reminded the Church of its responsibility to remain close to those on the margins.

His pastoral approach has resonated with many Catholics across the world. The Pope has also placed a renewed focus on young people, encouraging them to live their faith with courage and authenticity. Frequently referencing Blessed Carlo Acutis and other modern witnesses to holiness, he has called young Catholics to become missionary disciples in everyday life and to use the digital world as a place of evangelisation and encounter.

Throughout his first year, Pope Leo XIV has continued to emphasise that the Church must be a sign of hope in a divided world. His words and witness have encouraged Catholics to build bridges rather than walls, to reject indifference, and to rediscover the transforming power of the Gospel in daily life.



Whether addressing young people, families, journalists, or communities suffering through conflict and poverty, Pope Leo XIV's message has remained clear: Christ must remain at the centre of our lives, and the Church must always be a sign of hope and mercy in the world.

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: £1,595
- Gift Aid: £1,475
- Tax Reclaimed: £343
- Total: £3,413

*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

Communications Sunday, 17th May 2026

Next weekend, the Church marks Communications Sunday, a day to reflect on how the Gospel is shared through media, digital platforms, broadcasting and communications.

From parish social media pages and livestreamed Masses to Catholic television, videos and news coverage, communications plays an important role in helping people stay connected to the life of the Church.

The second collection next weekend will support the work of the Office of Communications and Evangelisation of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland as it continues to share the Gospel through digital media, press, social media, broadcasting and evangelisation initiatives across the country.

Please pray for all those working in Catholic communications and for all who encounter Christ through digital media.

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

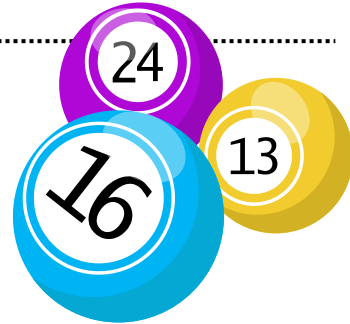
Eyes down: 7.00pm

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!



Florence completes the Kiltwalk raising money for the People's Pantry!

Thank you so much to everyone who supported my fundraising efforts for the People's Pantry. Thanks to your incredible generosity, **we raised an amazing £1,642.49** through donations and collections.

I am so grateful for every donation and every act of support. Your kindness will make a real difference to those and families who rely on the People's Pantry within our community.

Thank you again to everyone who donated, shared, helped, and supported the fundraising in any way. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

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.

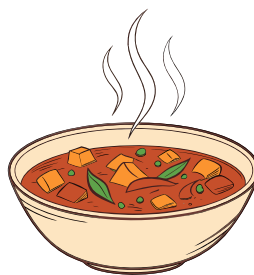
A Warm Meal and a Warm Welcome

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.



Sacraments 2026

Please keep our children and young people in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments this year. 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 these joyful occasions as a parish family.

First Holy Communion: Sunday, 10th May at 10.00am
Sunday, 17th May at 12noon

Confirmation: Tuesday, 26th May at 7.00pm



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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.

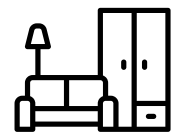


CLOTHING BANK

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@saintaugustines.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.

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; 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; 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; Helen Watmore; Alison Wilson; Bobby Winslow; Kathleen Wynn

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Doran; George Crawley; Elizabeth Haggarty; Bobby Smith; Michael Mulhearn; Colin McGroarty; Antoinetta Roselli

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Margaret & David Ross; Alex McNeill; Natalie Skelton; Mary Hoy; Alice Grogan; Joe Grogan; Helen Mackins; Tommy Loughrin; Kenny Machins; James McLaughlin; Bertha Jones; Edward Callaghan; Mary Keating; Joe Donnelly; Margaret McDade; McDade, Donnelly and Crawford Families; Mick Roache; Gerard Hagan; Martin Reilly; Kathleen Conaghan; George Ferguson; Betty & Eric O'Hagan; William Cairns (Snr) & Margaret Cairns; Thomas & Mary Mahoney

*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, 10 May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass with First Holy Communion 12.00 noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass
Monday, 11 May <i>Sixth 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, 12 May <i>Sixth 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 7.00pm: May Devotions with Holy Rosary and Benediction
Wednesday, 13 May <i>Sixth 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: Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Vigil)
Thursday, 14 May <i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i> Holy Day of Obligation	7.00am: Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord 9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord 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, 15 May <i>Sixth 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
Saturday, 16 May <i>Sixth Week of Easter</i>	9.00am-9.50am: Confession 10.00am: Holy Mass 4.00pm: Holy Mass (Vigil)
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

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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

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MARIAN DEVOTIONS

HOLY ROSARY & BENEDICTION

EVERY

TUESDAY

THROUGHOUT MAY

7.00PM

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, COATBRIDGE



Mass of the Sick

with Holy Anointing

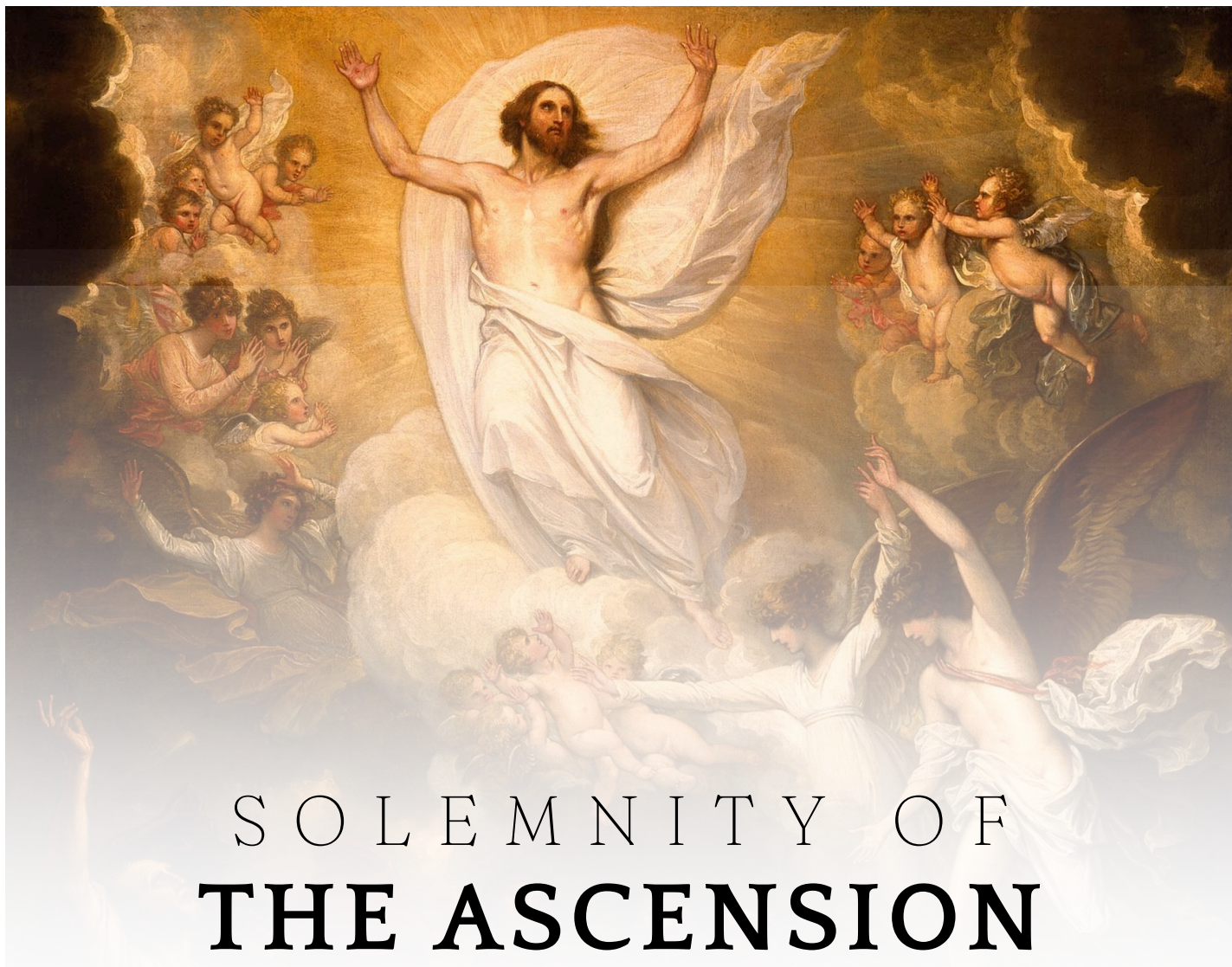
Saturday, 20 June 2026

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."



SOLEMNITY OF **THE ASCENSION**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday, 13th May

7.00pm Vigil Mass

Thursday, 14th May

7.00am Holy Mass

10.00am Holy Mass

Saint Augustine's Parish, Coatbridge