

Second Collection next week is for “Day for Life”

Stella Maris / Seafarers Appeal

As part of our parish support for seafarers, we are looking for volunteer knitters. Seafarers spend long periods at sea in all weather conditions, and donations of warm knitted items such as hats, scarves, and gloves are always greatly appreciated. If you enjoy knitting, please consider supporting this worthwhile cause. A collection box is available at the back of the church for these products. Thank you for your generosity. For further information, please contact: 07772 042372.

Church Garden Appeal

Thanks to all volunteers who care for the church garden. More help is needed over the summer to maintain the grounds. We are also seeking skilled volunteers (e.g., handy persons or joiners) to replace the wooden edging in the Church house garden. If you can help, please speak to Fr. Paulinus or Lawrence Miller.

SPRED Cumbernauld Appeal

The Tuesday SPRED group urgently needs volunteers as two catechists have retired. Without new helpers, the group may not be able to continue from September. SPRED is a joyful ministry supporting parishioners with learning disabilities through accessible liturgy and shared faith. If you may be interested, please contact Angela (07963938731) or Lilian (07955482891 – WhatsApp only).

Pro-Life Mass: The monthly Pro-Life Mass falls on Wednesday, 17th June at 7.30 pm at Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER. This day also marks the 25th anniversary of Cardinal Winning’s death, so please join us in prayer and thanksgiving for his legacy. Adoration begins as usual at 6.15 pm, and there will be a celebration in the hall afterwards – all welcome. The celebrant will be Fr Allan Cameron.

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Mass times	
Monday to Friday	10 am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6 pm
Sunday	10 am & 12 noon
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Monday to Friday	9:00 -9:45 am
Confessions	
Tuesday and Thursday	9:20 am
Saturday	5:20 pm

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -A Sunday, 14th of June, 2026.

1st Reading: Exodus 19: 2-6a

You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100(99)

We are His people, the sheep of his flock

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 6-11

If we were reconciled by the death of the Son, much more shall we be saved by his life.

Gospel: Matthew 9: 36-10:8

Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and sent them out.

Reflection: Re-evangelization: Sent First to Our Own?

A young farmer once inherited a vast field from his father. Eager to prove himself, he packed his tools and travelled to distant lands, clearing new ground, planting seeds in soil no one had touched before. Years later, he returned home triumphant, only to find his own family's field overgrown with weeds, the fences broken, and the harvest he had been entrusted with left to rot. In his rush to cultivate fields far away, he had forgotten the harvest right at his own doorstep.

This story captures something at the heart of today's Gospel. Jesus looks at the crowds and is moved with compassion, "for they were like sheep without a shepherd." He turns to His disciples and says the words that have echoed through every generation since: "The harvest is abundant, but the labourers are few." He then sends the Twelve out, not to a foreign land, but first to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Before going outward, He calls them to look at those closest to them.

The harvest is indeed full. There are countless souls who have never truly encountered Christ, and as an Archdiocese, we rightly embrace the mission of evangelization. The mission of going out, proclaiming the Good News, and inviting others into the family of faith. While this is a noble response to the call to mission, we are asked to pause and look inward. We see churches that are full on Sundays, communities where people proudly identify as Christian, yet the world around us still bears the marks of indifference and faithlessness. How can this be? Perhaps part of the answer lies in a harvest field much closer to home. Could our parish community, homes and offices be the "uncultivated fields"? There are many among us whose faith was once vibrant but has grown cold. There are the lax, who attend out of habit but feel little life in their faith. There are the weak, struggling silently with doubt or some form of addiction. There are those who have drifted so far that they no longer call themselves believers at all.

Jesus does not see these people as failures. He sees them as He saw the crowds, "with compassion and love," and he sends us to them.

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Re-evangelization does not mean abandoning the call to reach the world. It means recognizing that before we can effectively go out, we must first tend the harvest within. It means reaching out to the family member who stopped coming to Mass years ago, sitting with the friend whose faith feels dry, gently encouraging the parishioner who comes every week but seems to be going through tough moments. It means noticing the person sitting alone, the one who used to be active in ministry but quietly disappeared, the youth who feels unseen.

Jesus gave the Twelve authority and sent them out two by two. Ordinary people, imperfect yet entrusted with extraordinary work. We, too, are sent not empty-handed but with the power and authority of the Holy Spirit. A kind word, a genuine invitation, a willingness to listen without judgment. These are often the first steps toward rekindling a dimming flame. The harvest is full, and the labourers are few. You and I are the labourers. Christians with the heart of Christ. A heart that loves and cares. Oh Lord, give us eyes to see the harvest around us, and hearts willing to labour for it, starting with those closest to home.

Hymns for Sunday

Entrance: Glory and praise to our God	No. 279
Offertory: Almighty Father, take this bread	No. 130
Communion 1: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	No. 583
Communion 2: Sing it in the valleys	No. 619
Recession: To Jesus heart, all burning	No. 693

All Saints of Scotland (Tuesday, **Feast**).

The **Funeral of Maureen Weir** comes up on Saturday, the **20th of June**, at the 10 AM Mass. Let us continue to keep the family in our prayers.

Death: Andrew Millar, Catherine Docherty, Mary McManagle, Maureen Wier, Patsy Boyd, Shamus Coleman, Joseph Cahill.