

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2026
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OF OUR LADY & SAINT GEORGE

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Sunday Mass: Vigil (Sat):6pm
Sunday: 9.30am and 11am

Weekday Mass: 9.30am

Funeral: Wed 14th October
Betty McGilway *(Hartlaw Cres)*

Feasts this week:
Thursday 15th—
Saint Teresa of Avila

Friday 16th —
Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

Saturday 17th—
Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Church Opening times:
The church will be open from 8am until around 6pm—extended on evenings when Mass or devotions.
Confessions:
Fridays at 6pm-7pm with Blessed Sacrament adoration
October Rosary
Wednesday—6.30pm
Also after Mass each weekday

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Novena on Monday evenings 7pm.

Pastoral Letter from Archbishop William Nolan
Archbishop of Glasgow

Sunday 11th October 2026

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

For years now, there has been much talk of the need to restructure and reduce the number of parishes in the Archdiocese of Glasgow.

A plan for that restructuring has now been drawn up, reducing the number of parishes by half and seeing the closure of two dozen churches. You can read the details in this month's edition of *Flourish*.

There are too many parishes but too few people, too many churches but too few priests.

Compared to when these parishes were formed and our churches built, there are significantly fewer people coming to Mass. Some of our largest churches are in places where there are the fewest people.

And as for priests, I have been Archbishop for less than five years and the number of our active priests is down by a third in that time. Only one of our priests is under the age of 45, most are over the age of 60. Thank goodness we have foreign priests and religious willing to serve in the Archdiocese, otherwise the situation would be even more critical than it is.

Our parishes and our churches hold great memories for us and are dear to our hearts, so any reduction in parishes and any closure of churches will be a painful experience. We cannot avoid that pain, though, by not facing up to reality. Just as the vinedresser cuts back the vine so that it may grow, so we too must trim and prune in order to stay healthy, in order to grow.

I would ask everyone in the Archdiocese to respond to these plans with a spirit of cooperation and a willingness to make sacrifices, to look to the past with fondness, but to let the past go in order to enable a new future to take shape.

May we trust in God as we face the road ahead.

Let us pray for each other as we make difficult decisions in these changing times.

In Christ,

+William Nolan
Archbishop of Glasgow

MISSION SUNDAY—18TH OCTOBER Next Sunday we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**, when Catholics across the world unite in prayer and generosity for the Church's missionary work. Pope Leo invites us to be **One in Christ, One in Mission.** Through *Missio Scotland*, your prayers and financial support help sustain priests, religious sisters and brothers, catechists, and communities where the Church is young, growing and in great need.

We are asked to pray for those who have died recently: Betty McGilway, Fr John McGrorry, John Tonner, Joseph McGuire, Kim Tennant, Jose Fernandez Rodriguez , Margaret MacDonald, Isabella Reynolds

For those whose anniversaries occur about now: Charlie Mulholland, Alfred Wright, Angus J MacKinnon

For the sick at home, in hospital, in nursing homes: Billy Wright, Anne Donaghy, Cathie Bertuccelli, Michael Harman, John McMenamin, Andrew Long, Maria Jenkins, Margaret Reilly, Brian West, Sithara Noris, Richard Evans, Murdo Moby, Isabel McLellan, Maureen Cunningham, Joseph Dodds, Willie Fortucci, Finn McGuinness, Mary Blair, Betty Hassan, Agnes Charles, Kevin McCann, Anthony McCann, Rosemary McManus, Harry Simpson, Mary Dowling, Debbie Needleman, Liz Murray, Pamela McKinven, Charlotte McKinven, Sean McMahon, Francoise McCormick, James Cassidy, Marie Clare Pienarr, Emily Rowe, Patricia Ashman, Ian McDonald

OLSG MUSICAL EVENING

Friday 23rd October 2026

Church hall. Doors open: 7.15pm

A night of song & socialising, featuring Penilee's finest music-makers and singers.



All welcome to come along —join in, sing a song, play a tune, or just clap your hands…

Tickets: £3 (At the door) Proceeds to charity

Bar & Raffle

Thanks to everyone who supports these sessions

G52 Churches Together

QUIZ NIGHT—Saturday 24th October, 7pm

OLSG Hall Entry £5

Bar… bring own snacks

Proceeds to Invisibles Homeless Project

FINANCES: Thank you for your ongoing support of the parish—last week's collection: **£1243.95**

LISTS TO REMEMBER

In the month of November, we traditionally pray for our deceased relatives and friends, and all souls in purgatory. Those whose names are included on the **November Lists** are prayed for at each Mass during the month. Lists available at the back of the church. They should be returned in an envelope by end October.

Christ has no body now but mine. He prays in me, works in me, looks through my eyes, speaks through my words, works through my hands, walks with my feet and loves with me here

St Teresa of Avila

LIFE FOREVER MASS

On **Friday 6th November**, the parish will come together to offer Mass for those whose funerals took place here during the past 12 months. As well as praying for the faithful departed, we embrace the bereaved families and all seeking comfort in the promise of eternal life. Invitations being delivered to families.

OCTOBER ROSARY

On **Wednesdays** during October—the month of the Rosary- there will be public praying of the Rosary at **6.30pm** in the church.

As a parish under the patronage of Our Lady, it is good to come together in prayer for our parish community—especially the sick—family life, vocations to priesthood and peace in the world.

Newman Talk

From Romero to Gaza: The Price of Living by Our Principles

By Oliver McTernan

Immaculate Conception
2049 Maryhill Road,
G20 0AA

Thurs 22nd Oct 7pm

40 HOURS ADORATION

Thank you to those who took time to sit with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament; to Fr Bill Russell and Fr Mark Connolly for their reflections; to Kathleen and Steven for song and music; to Kathleen and Asher for serving; to Teresa and Frances for flower displays; and to Claire for keeping candles lit and more.

OLSG Thursday Club

Open to anyone who would like to share the company of women and men, making friendships while knitting, crafts, dominoes, outings and enjoying a bowl of soup. In the hall 10am to 1pm, Thursdays.

National Family Conference

A day together for married couples and families to a day together at St Augustine's, Coatbridge, on **Sat 24th October**. Includes Eucharistic adoration, Mass, formative talks, children's catechesis.