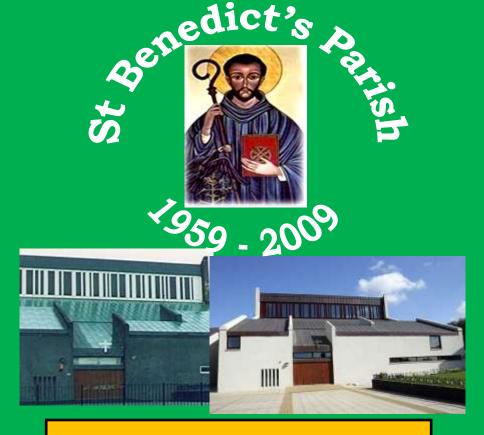
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Confessions Saturday after morning Mass before Vigil Mass

on call

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Population 1500

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Date Built 1965

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St Benedict

Unlike other monastic figures of the 5th century, St. Benedict is not mentioned by any of his contemporaries. For our knowledge of him we are entirely dependent upon a single source, the "**Dialogues**" of Pope Gregory the Great, a work in four books written in 593-594, whose second book is entirely devoted to Benedict.

Before giving a few details about the Saint's life, the fact should be stressed that Gregory's writing is not what today we could classify as a 'historical' or 'biographical' work. Instead his Life of St. Benedict strives to bring out Benedict's gift of prophecy and his power of working miracles because these particular gifts are the characteristics of the men of God as depicted in the Bible. In other words, facts and chronology in the life of St. Benedict are not the primary matter of interest for St. Gregory, his chief preoccupation being to use -as it were-St. Benedict to teach the readers the stages through which a man advances toward God.



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The Monastery of Subiaco, built in the same wall of rock as Benedict's cave

St Benedict

So the stories in the life of St. Benedict have a symbolic intent, for example, they show that fruitfulness comes from what at first sight seems sterile; life comes forth from death, a man who concentrates upon his own sanctification becomes an instrument of God for the good of mankind.

And since the miracles performed by St. Benedict were the out flowing of his prayer, one cannot undervalue the place of prayer in his life. Indeed, prayer was a central feature in his life, and he expected it to be the central feature in the live of his monks as well. In this regard the Rule states that 'nothing should be accounted of more importance than the work of God', that is, the common prayer of the community.

This being said, the following is a brief presentation of the most salient facts in the Saint's life.



St Benedict

Benedict was born in 480 in the mountain-region of Norcia, northeast of Rome. He was sent to Rome for school and there he experienced the religious conversion that led him to 'leave' the world in order to re-enter it as a new man. He is depicted at first living with what seems to have been a group of ascetics at Enfide (now Affile), east of Rome, then in utter solitude for three years at Subiaco

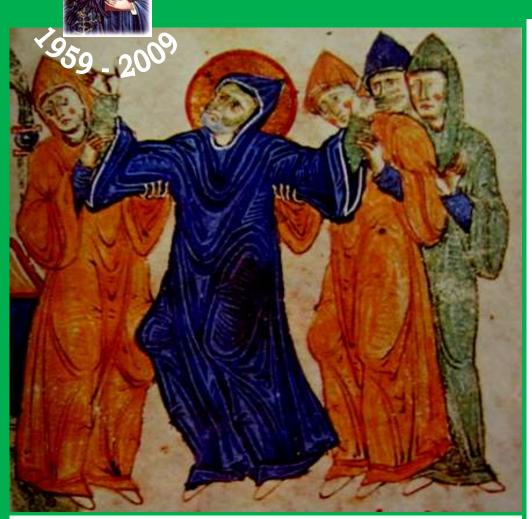
After a bitter experience as head of a group of monks who had requested him to be their leader but then showed themselves unwilling to live a sound Christian life, he returned to Subiaco, where he was joined by numerous disciples for whom he established twelve monasteries of twelve monks each.

After these monasteries had been firmly established, Benedict left this region with a few disciples and founded a monastery on top of the mountain rising above Cassino, some 120 kilometers south of Rome on the way to Naples.



In Monte Cassino he acquired a widespread reputation as a holy man invested with divine gifts, and died -or to use the symbolic language of St.
Gregory- he moved from earth to heaven around the middle of the sixth century

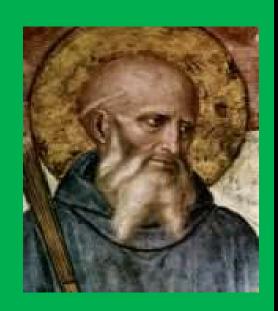
St Benedict



Surrounded by his disciples, Benedict while praying breathed his last (Miniature at Monte Cassino, dating from the eleventh century)

St. Benedict wrote a **Rule** for monks (which came down to us under various names such as, Regula monasteriorum, Regula monachorum, Regula Sancti Benedicti, etc.), which, in the words of his biographer St. Gregory, is 'notable for its discernment'. Actually it is in the reading of the Rule that one comes to grasp the real mind of Benedict, who certainly appears to have been an uncommon organizer but, even more than that, in the Rule's attention and respect for the individual, Benedict shows himself to be a considerate father to his monks.

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St Benedict

As it is widely recognized, it was through monks that Christianization of Europe was carried on during the Middle Ages; a process that infused into the new emerging culture not a few of the 'Benedictine' values contained in the Rule, such as manual work viewed no more as something to be left for uncultured slaves but as a humanly enriching, indeed as a sanctifying occupation; a refreshing concept of the relation between sacred and profane that at that time were considered as two opposing principles.

Indeed, the famous Lutheran historian Goltzen, enumerating the pillars on which the whole of western Christianity's scaffolding leans, straight after the Bible puts the Rule of St. Benedict.

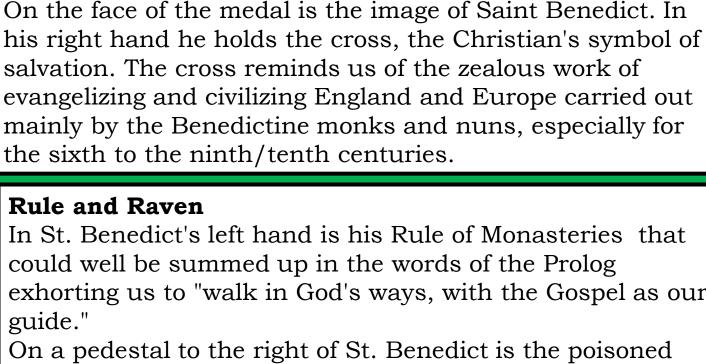
It is doubtless for such an in-depth contribution in the moulding of Europe's civilization that St. Benedict was proclaimed Patron Saint of Europe.



The St Benedict Medal has been issued often in the Parish at First Communions and other special occasions. They are available from our Piety Stall.









salvation. The cross reminds us of the zealous work of evangelizing and civilizing England and Europe carried out mainly by the Benedictine monks and nuns, especially for

In St. Benedict's left hand is his Rule of Monasteries that could well be summed up in the words of the Prolog exhorting us to "walk in God's ways, with the Gospel as our

On a pedestal to the right of St. Benedict is the poisoned cup, shattered when he made the sign of the cross over it. On a pedestal to the left is a raven about to carry away a loaf of poisoned bread that a jealous enemy had sent to St. Benedict.



REVERSE SIDE OF THE MEDAL:

Crux mihi lux

On the back of the medal, the cross is dominant. On the arms of the cross are the initial letters of a rhythmic Latin prayer: Crux sacra sit mihi lux! Nunquam draco sit mihi dux! (May the holy cross be my light! May the dragon never be my guide!).

In the angles of the cross, the letters C S P B stand for Crux Sancti Patris Benedicti (The cross of our holy father Benedict).

Peace

Above the cross is the word pax (peace), that has been a Benedictine motto for centuries. Around the margin of the back of the medal, the letters **V R S N S M V - S M Q L I V B** are the initial letters, as mentioned above, of a Latin prayer of exorcism against Satan: Vade retro Satana! Nunquam suade mihi vana! Sunt mala quae libas. Ipse venena bibas! (Begone Satan! Never tempt me with your vanities! What you offer me is evil. Drink the poison yourself!)



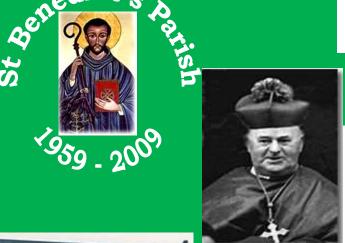




The medal is a prayer of exorcism against Satan, a prayer for strength in time of temptation, a prayer for peace among ourselves and among the nations of the world, a prayer that the Cross of Christ be our light and guide, a prayer of firm rejection of all that is evil, a prayer of petition that we may with Christian courage "walk in God's ways, with the Gospel as our guide," as St. Benedict urges us.



The Medal of St. Benedict can serve as a constant reminder of the need for us to take up our cross daily and "follow the true King, Christ our Lord," and thus learn "to share in his heavenly kingdom," as St. Benedict urges us in the Prolog of his Rule.



St Benedict's: the Bishops

Bishop James Donald Scanlan 1955-1964

During his episcopate in Motherwell, thirteen new parishes including St Benedict's and St Clare's were established and five new churches built in existing parishes. He was translated to Glasgow, 29th January 1964.

St Benedict's Church was opened the following later.

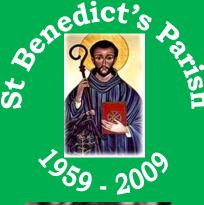
Bishop Francis Thomson 1965-1982

He officially opened our new Church in 1965. He took part in the last session of the Second Vatican Council in 1965. represented the Hierarchy at the first Synod of Bishops in Rome in 1967, and was first chairman of the Catholic Press Office in 1968.



Bishop Joseph Devine 1983-present

We pray that we may face the future in the same spirit as our forefathers confident that, with God's continued help and our efforts, his work for Easterhouse may be accomplished for many years to come.



St Benedict's: the Parish Priests

Secular Parish Priests

Salesian Parish Priests



Fr Angus **McKellaig** 1958-1962

Power

1988-1995



Fr Henry **McGinn** 1962-1968



Fr Bernard **Parkes** 1995-2001



Fr Daniel Hennessy 1968-1975



Fr Michael O'Meara 2001-2005



Fr James **Ashe** 1975-1981



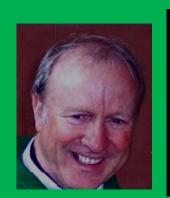
Fr Charles Garrick 2005-present



Fr Timothy Brosnan 1981-1984

Fr Thomas O'Hare 1984-1987

Fr Cornelius O'Leary 1987-1988



Fr Jim **McGarry** St Clare's 1996-present **Joint Project** Leader



St Benedict's: CLERGY

EASTERHOUSE - ST BENEDICT'S

Heads: 1958-62 Angus McKellaig. 1962-68 Henry McGinn. 1968-75 Daniel Hennessy. 1975-81 James J Ashe. 1981-84 Timothy Brosnan. 1984-86 Thomas O'Hare. 1986-88 Cornelius O'Leary.

Assistants: 1959-65 James McGlinchey. 1962-67 Robert Curley. 1965-68 John Lavery. 1965-73 Bernard Oates. 1967-68 Isaac McLaren. 1968-70 John Brady. 1968-71 James O'Hara. 1970-71 Dominic Towey. 1971-72 Patrick J Loughran. 1971-75 Damien Gilhooley. 1972-75 Daniel J Rooney. 1973-78 Thomas Connelly. 1975-78 James Shiels. 1977-80 James Duddy. 1978-86 Hugh Sheridan. 1980-87 Paul Stewart.

From 1988 served by Salesians.



St Benedict's: the beginning

THE EARLY YEARS OF ST BENEDICT'S EASTERHOUSE

This story emanates from Nov 1958, about a month after the Parish of St Benedict was established, under the guidance of Fr Angus McKellaig, a real Highlander born and educated.

At that time Holy Mass was celebrated in the Presbytery (during the week) at 729 Westerhouse Rd (Top Flat). The parishioners, originally Archdiocese of Glasgow, now found their out flung housing scheme had escalated into the Motherwell Province. This was most confusing as the next few months were to show.

As the parish was in Motherwell Diocese, Masses were arranged at St Brigid's Baillieston, and a good lady organised a bus to pick up intending Mass go-ers. However well intentioned this was not a great success as on occasion the bus never turned up!

During this time Fr Healey R.I.P. Of Blessed John Ogilvie was housed in Wellhouse Scheme and on Sundays Mass was celebrated in a school hall (not Catholic). It naturally followed that 10mins or 15 mins walk (depending on the Scheme you lived in) brought a large number to swell the school Mass. Many a Catholic family could be seen wending a path to Mass, which was now in the recently built Blessed John Ogilvie. This path was covered over in 1968 between Westerhouse Rd and the Monkland Canal.



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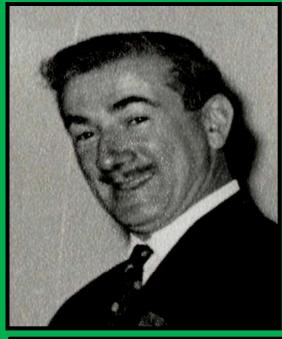
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In passing it should be noted that the first wedding was witnessed in the Presbytery by the few faithful! The toll of these early years including cycling in all weathers on a moped was to tell on Fr McKellaig, frail as he was he struggled on but now his health broke down he relinquished the Parish to Fr McGinn.

Fr McGinn worked fearlessly to have our Church erected and in 1964 we were to see our Church opened by Bishop Thomson, the successor to Bishop Scanlon who had blessed our school a few years before, does anyone imagine the changes?



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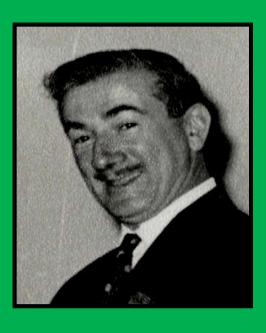


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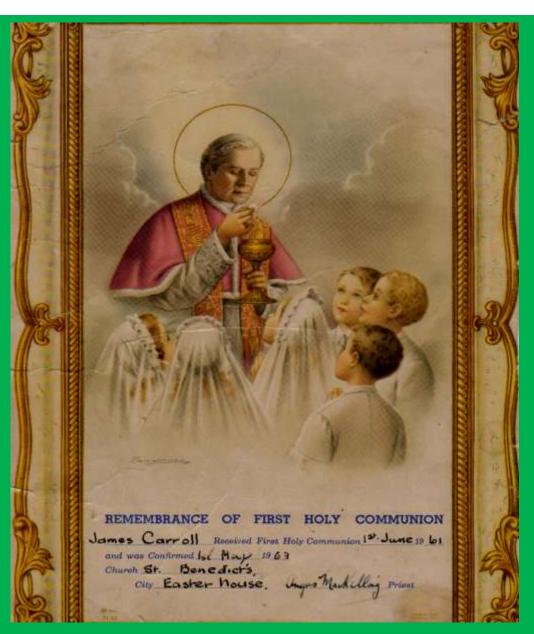


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St Benedict's: the 60's



Head Altar Boy Jim Carroll and others



St Benedict's: the 60's



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Early 60's St Benedict's Primary School Class with Jim Carroll and classmates

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St Benedict's: the 60's

St Benedict's 1966 School Team. **Glasgow RC Consolation Cup** Runners Up. **Back Row L-R:** Mick Rodden, Willie Reilly, John Laverty Middle Row L-R: Paul Clocherty, Danny Fitzpatrick, Tommy Neilson, Michael Egan Front Row L-R: Alan Doolan, Jim McBride, Willie Darroch, Billy McLean, Billy Hill



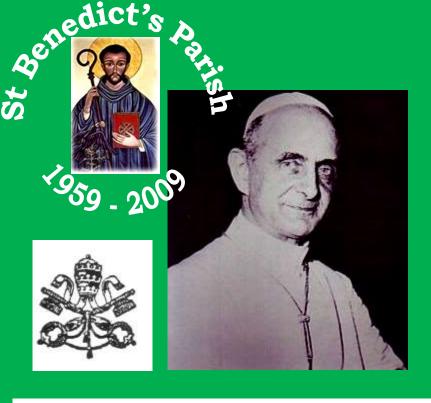
Our schools have always been a great area of involvement and have enjoyed our full support.



St Benedict's: the 60's

Fr Edward Docherty (St Clare's), Mr H Hughes (Headmaster of St Leonard's), Mgr Conroy and Fr Henry McGinn (St Benedict's) at the opening of St Leonard's in August 1964





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Sunday, 29th August, 1965

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RIGHT REVEREND FRANCIS THOMSON, S.T.L., M.A.,

DIOCESE OF MOTHERWELL



BISHOP'S HOUSE, BOTHWELL, GLASGOW

DEAR FATHER McGINN,

From what you have already told me, I am already aware of the loyalty and generosity of the people of St. Benedict's parish. Under your energetic and enthusiastic lead these qualities have shown themselves so evidently in the support that has been given to you in the building and completion of the fine new church now due to be opened solemnly. The hard work, the financial sacrifice are at last receiving their reward in another centre for the offering of the holy sacrifice of the Mass, another home for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

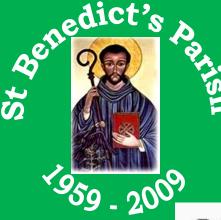
It will be a special joy for me, your bishop, to preside on this memorable occasion, and to rejoice with you and the assistant priests, and with the people of the parish. May God reward you all and may St. Benedict, the patron of Europe and of the parish, give us his continued protection.

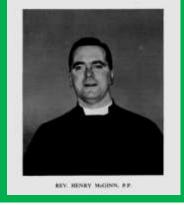
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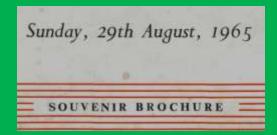
† FRANCIS THOMSON,

Bishop of Motherwell.

10th August, 1965.









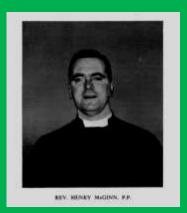
DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Our great day has at last arrived! A day of course which has been brought about only at the cost of much prayer and sacrifice. However, the realisation that our efforts have provided a permanent home for Our Divine Lord and Master and a place of worship where we can honour Him in a fitting manner will be reward enough for us who have His cause at heart.

With God's help and the intercession of Our Blessed Lady and St. Benedict, it is to be hoped that the completion of the church will mark the beginning of a new spiritual era for each and everyone of us.

In bygone days this locality was known as "The Holy Land." I do not know how the title was earned, but I can certainly hope and pray that it might be known in the future by the same title and that the reasons for it will be obvious, viz. the quality and example of our own lives in the practice of the Faith, and the lives of those committed to our care.





Nevertheless, judging from your efforts and achievements in the past, I can undoubtedly be very hopeful of the future. My grateful thanks go out to you to-day for your wonderful efforts. Your loyalty, your co-operation and your spirit of sacrifice have been a source of inspiration not only to me and my assistant priests, but also to others further afield.

I should like to say a special word of thanks, on my own behalf and on yours, to the many friends, both clerical and lay, outside the parish who gave us incalculable help in running the parish and in building the church.

In the short sketch of St. Benedict's life given us by St. Gregory the Great, we read of the faithful of all walks and conditions of life flocking to the "Man of God" for guidance, encouragement and consolation. Let us flock to him by means of this great house of God that is dedicated in his honour.

It is my fervent prayer that our new church will be a power-house of grace and blessing for you and yours for many generations.

Yours sincerely and gratefully,

HENRY McGINN, P.P.





History of

EASTERHOUSE

This the largest new housing project in the Eastern part of the city of Glasgow has been given the name of Easterhouse. The name has been derived from a village, a farm and an estate in the area that were thus designated.

The district was made part of the city of Glasgow as recently as 1938; until then it formed part of the County of Lanark. The area lies mainly within the region that is known as the Monklands.

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History of

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The lands surrounding the original church of this whole territory were given in the twelfth century by King Malcolm IV to the monks of Newbattle Abbey in the Lothians. Not only did the Cistercians come from Newbattle, but Benedictine monks came also from other monasteries. Thus we get the name of the Monklands or Old Monkland and the Monkland canal.

Part of this district is known as Provan, derived from Provan Hall which is the second oldest house in Glasgow. It was built in the fifteenth century and was the country house of the Lairds of Provan. Their town house was Provand's Lordship—the oldest house in Glasgow.

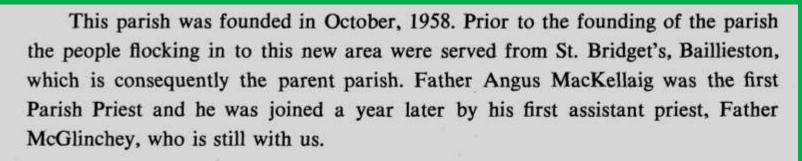
The name Provan is thought to be derived from Prebend. In the twelfth century this area belonged to the Diocese of Glasgow, and it was set up as a prebend of the Cathedral, that is, a parish which supported a canon of the Cathedral Chapter. By degrees it became known as the Prebend—Proband—Provan.

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History of

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For fully a year after the inception of the parish the people had to travel to St. Bridget's for Mass on Sundays and Holydays. The opening of St. Benedict's Primary School towards the end of 1959 proved a great boon because it provided a Mass Centre for Sundays and Holydays.

The rough and tumble of pioneering a new parish proved too much for the somewhat delicate Father MacKellaig, and in April, 1962, his health broke and he had to go into temporary retirement. He was succeeded in that same month by Father H. McGinn who has ruled over the destinies of the parish since that date. Father Curley, our second assistant priest, came to join us in the summer of 1962; he also is still happily with us.



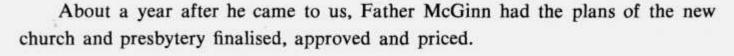
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Work was begun in the middle of August, 1963, and proceeded with remarkable speed during the first few months. However, it was March 21st, 1965, the feast of St. Benedict, before we had the ceremony of laying the commemorative stone. This ceremony was performed by our new Bishop, Bishop Thomson, who celebrated Mass to mark the occasion. This was the first ceremony of its kind performed by the Bishop since coming to the Diocese.

On Sunday, July 11th, the feast of the Solemnity of St. Benedict, we made the first use of the almost wholly completed church. A Holy Hour preached by Father W. Strickland was attended by some 800 parishioners.

The climax is reached to-day, our solemn opening day, Sunday the 29th August, when our beloved Bishop celebrates Pontifical Mass. It is very appropriate that the Preacher for the occasion is the Right Rev. Abbot Haworth, O.S.B., of St. Benedict's Abbey, Fort Augustus.



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Acknowledgments

The Priests and people of St. Benedict's will always be grateful to Mr. Jack Coia and his associates for designing such a fine church and presbytery to serve the needs of our parish. The thought, study and meticulous care that have gone into the design are clearly evident. The plan of the church is very much abreast of the best liturgical thought and development. As one distinguished cleric remarked recently, "He (Mr. Coia) is away ahead of them all, and that includes the Continent."

We are grateful also to His Grace, Archbishop Scanlan, formerly Bishop of Motherwell, for approving the design and giving us the go-ahead.

Grateful thanks are also due the many donors, both from the parish and outside it. Some of them have already gone to their eternal reward, but they will always have a special place in our prayers.





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Architect's Description

The new St. Benedict's Church and Presbytery in Easterhouse stand in a well-wooded site on Westerhouse Road facing an area which, though barren at the moment, is scheduled for development as a Town Centre for the area. The church itself has a large volume and a forceful external form which will enable it to preserve its identity in these future developments.

There is seating accommodation for 850 in the spacious, clerestory-lit nave, and it is interesting to note that the design anticipated the recent liturgical trends in providing for a centrally placed high altar, surrounded on four sides by seating to allow Mass to be said facing the congregation. A separate Blessed Sacrament altar is situated at a slightly higher level beyond the sanctuary in an area which is partially enclosed and may serve as a small chapel.





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Architect's Description

Above the narthex, which incorporates a mortuary chapel and penetrates into the main volume of the church through a glazed timber screen, there is a gallery with seating for a further fifty and two generously sized rooms for Guild and St. Vincent de Paul activities, with glazed openings overlooking the sanctuary.

The baptistery to the left of the narthex, entered down a short flight of steps from the nave, is low ceilinged and suffused by a subdued light from a series of slit windows incorporating tinted glazing. On the opposite side are the sacristies for priests and boys with a glazed link to the presbytery. This comprises a suite for the Parish Priest, three split-level bedroom/sitting rooms for curates, a guest room, dining room, kitchen and accommodation for two domestic staff, plus two call rooms, garage, etc.





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Architect's Description

Both buildings are of load-bearing brick construction, the buttresses of the tall church gables being expressed externally and internally. Roofs are timber joisted and boarded and covered in copper, the longer spans of the church being carried on steel beams. Ceilings are softwood throughout, close boarded in the presbytery and slatted in the church. The walls are cement rendered and painted white internally, and the floor of the church is finished in mixed red, brown and buff quarry tiles, the latter being used as a facing for the altar bases also. Timber finishings are of Makoré, as are the seats in the church.

The lighting is by concealed fluorescent tubes round the perimeter and the heating by circulated hot air through floor grilles from gas-fired burners in the basement.





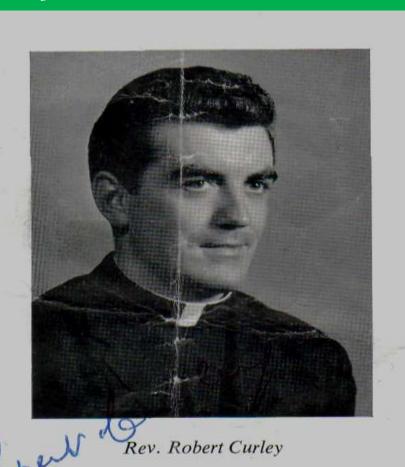
This modernist movement church was constructed in 1965 and is the work of the architectural practice of Gillespie, Kidd & Coia. It is a Listed Building, Category B.

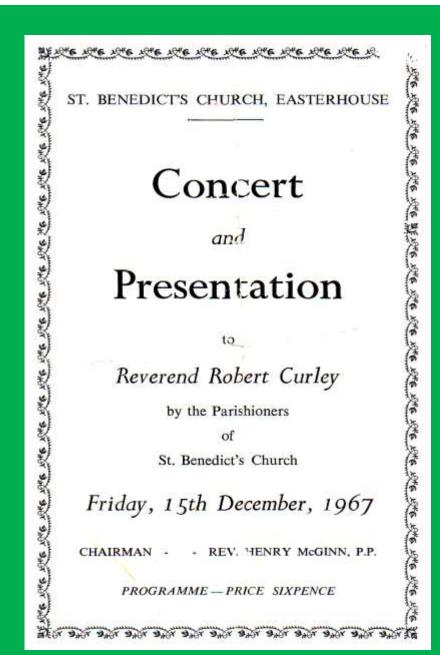
Awarded Gold Medal for Architecture in 1969.

The building is described by Pevsner, architectural guide, as being "one of their most straightforward designs of this period, but still the most distinctive building in Easterhouse".

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St Benedict's: the 60's





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Address

to the

Reverend Robert Curley

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHER,

It is with great pleasure that we, the parishioners of St. Benedict's, Easterhouse, welcome you back in order that we might give a fitting expression of our appreciation of your work amongst us.

You came to us fresh from ordination, but you wasted no time in giving abundant proof that you had benefited fully from your years of training in the seminary, and that you were willing to learn from the example and counsel of older priests. So much so that in a very short time you were manifesting a maturity of judgment and attitude that would have done credit to one much older in years and experience.

Your work and the special circumstances surrounding it, at least for the first three years when there was no church or proper presbytery, were arduous indeed. However, you proved that you were cast in the right mould; you never flinched or flagged, rather did you display a courage and a constancy that were truly remarkable in one so young.

As a curate in St. Benedict's, Easterhouse, you had to be adaptable. In a large city parish such as ours the diversity of tasks given to a priest can be quite considerable, but you were always equal to any work assigned you.

For your work with the young, whether in school or elsewhere; for your care of those in middle life and for those in senior citizenship, we are truly grateful. The attention given to the sick, either in their own home or in the hospital served from the parish, is also a matter for our appreciation.

For these things and for your five years of devoted work and service, we ask you to accept this address together with the accompanying token of our heartfelt gratitude.

Your transfer to St. David's, Plains, is a big transformation, but we are confident that you will adapt yourself readily to the change. In conclusion, we wish you every blessing, good health and length of days to continue your work in the sacred priesthood.

Signed on behalf of the Parishioners:

President - James Carroll.

Vice-President - John Flanagan.

Secretary - Mrs. Donaldson.

Joint Treasurers - Rev. Fr. B. Oates.

Mrs. Cuddiny.

Programme,

BOBBY BOGAN

MRS. J. CASSERLY

ROSE MARIE McGUIRE (Highland Dancer) THE CLARKE FAMILY
(Instrumentalists)

.

THE YOUNG VOLUNTEERS

+

CATHERINE MURPHY and EILEEN McGOLDRICK
(Irish Dancers)

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VIRGINIA CONNELLY and HELEN BURNS (Spanish Dancers)

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ST. BENEDICT'S SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS

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VERONICA CORCORAN and DANNY O'HAGAN (Folk Singers)

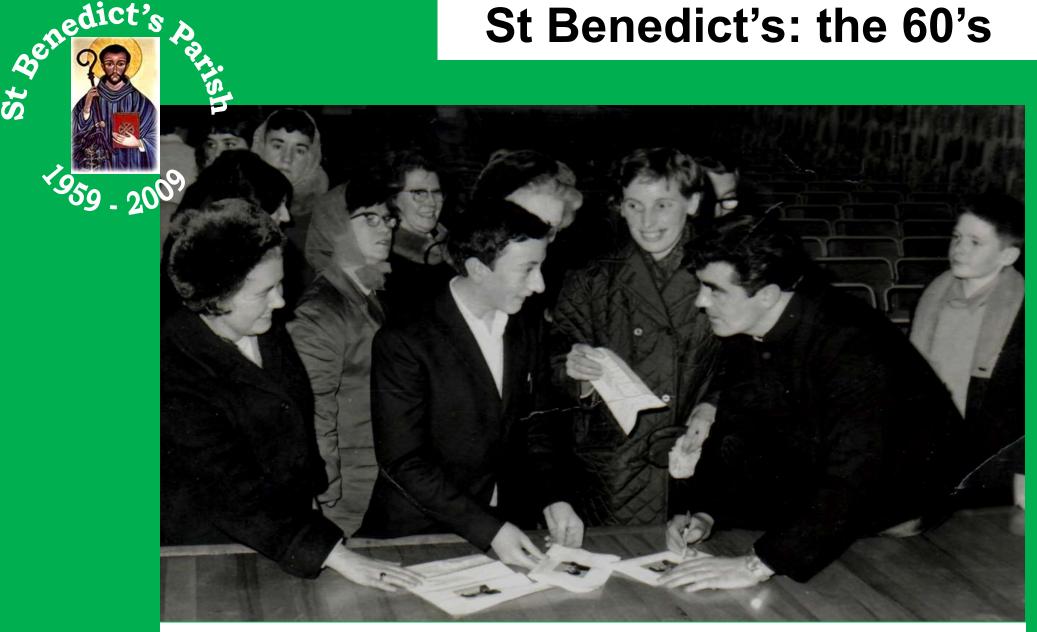
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Compere - - - - - - Tom Cassidy

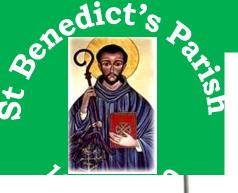
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Father McGlynn and Fr McKellaig watch the presentation by Mr Jim Carroll Snr and Janitor John Flanagan to Father Curley, 15th December, 1967

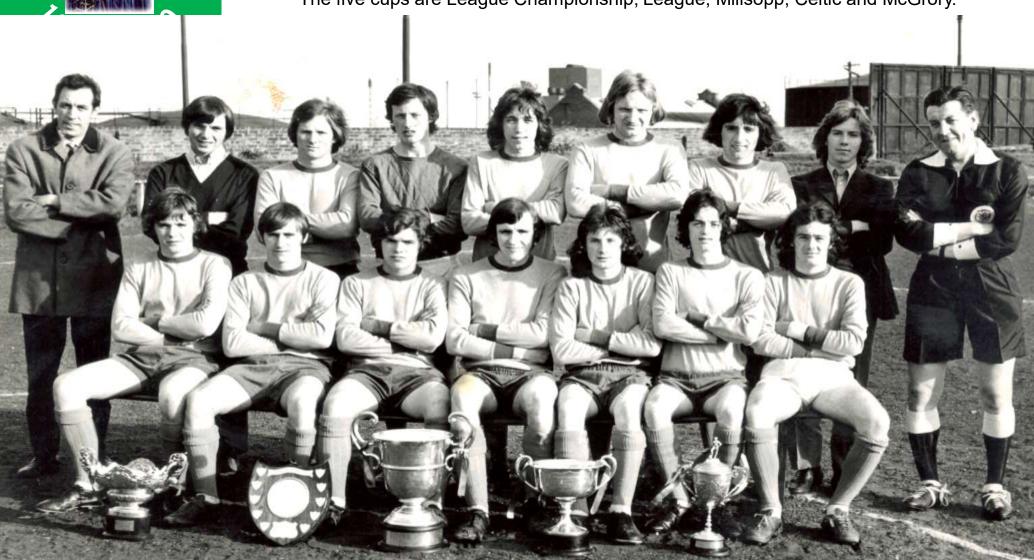


Father Curley signs the programme for Jim Carroll and others



The all conquering St Benedict's U19 Guild: Secretary Hugh McMullan, Referee Jim Callaghan and Goalkeeper T Finnegan are joined by A O'Neill, J Cochrane, W Hunter, J Mitchell, T Nevin, T Hughes, M Burns, F McCartney, J Connelly, J Cafferty, J Callaghan, T Baillie and A McDonald.

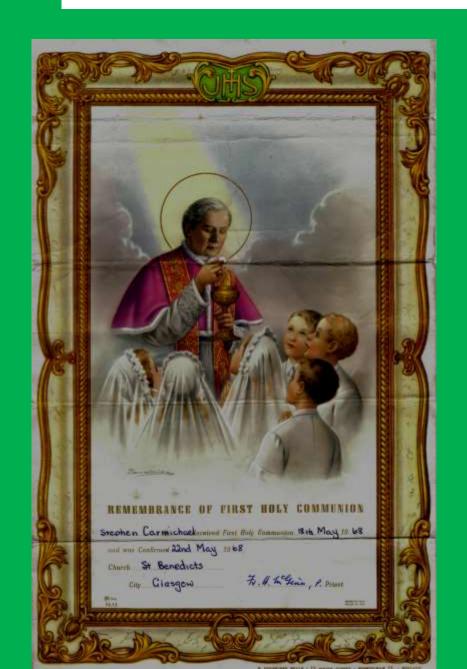
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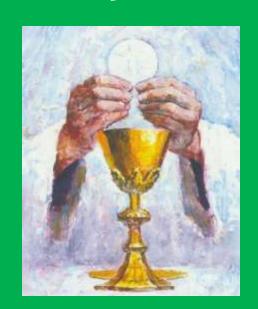


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John Fitzpatrick First Communion 1969.







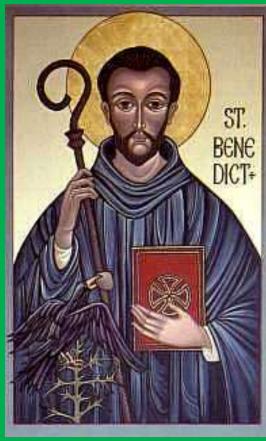
Norah Duff's St Benedict's Country Dancers





Norah Duff's St Benedict's Country Dancers







Fr Hennessy with his sister.

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Twins
Elaine and John
McShane
make their
First Communion in
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From Margaret Samuels: First Communion.

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St Benedict's: the 70's

Parishioners of St Benedict's pay tribute to former assistant priest, Fr Damien Gilhooley, at a dinner in his honour at the Parish Hall in the mid 70's. Fr Damien received a testimonial scroll and a portable radiocassette recorder in gratitude for his work, especially with young people. Two members of the **Boys Guild are present** along with Fr Daniel Rooney, PP Fr Daniel Hennessy and Fr Tom Connelly.



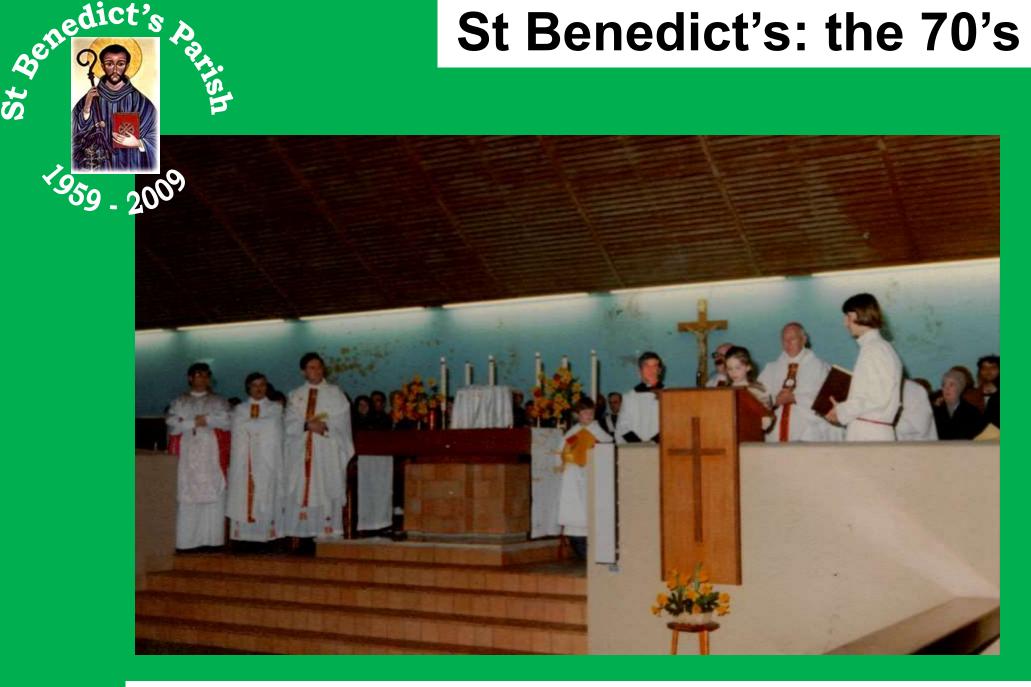
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Assistant priest,
Fr Damien Gilhooley, at
a Parish Worker Dance
in the Clifton Rooms,
Coatbridge, along with
Margaret Bell
and
Cathie McAuley.

St Benedict's: the 70's





70's: Packed St Benedict Mass (Note the lay people behind the altar)

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Fr Shiels is
presented with a
gift from
St Benedict's
by
Fr Ashe
and
Margaret Bell.

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Fr Shiels with Fr Ashe, Margaret Bell, Cathy Walker, Ann Carruthers and others.

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Parishioners of St Benedict's pay tribute to Fr Tom Connelly.



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Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Rt. Rev Mgr. Thomas A. Connelly

> Parish Priest of St. Cadoc's, Halfway 1988 - 2000

Died 16th October 2000

May He Rest In Peace

Our Lady of Sorrows

Pray for Him





R Morrison, A Bowers, D Boyle, T Finnegan, J Carroll Jnr, J Welsh, J McPhelim, J McMahon, P Docherty, J Fleming, H Bell, J Begley and others on a Craighead Retreat.

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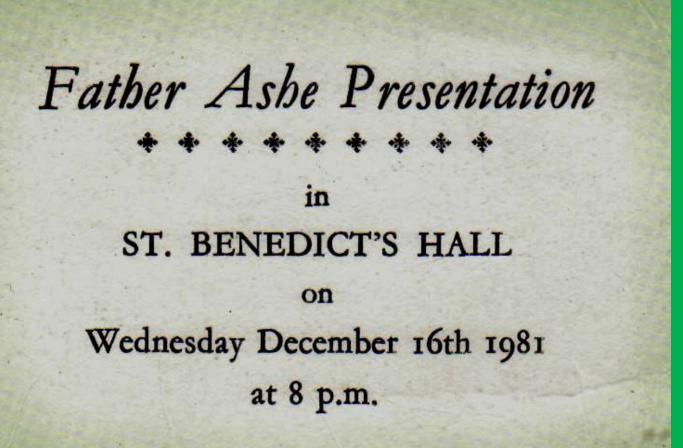


Allan Baxter and others receive First Holy Communion from Fr Shiels, watched by a proud Miss Jones, infant Headmistress in March 1978.



Allan Baxter and others received First Holy Communion from Fr Shiels, in March 1978 and visited the school hall afterwards.

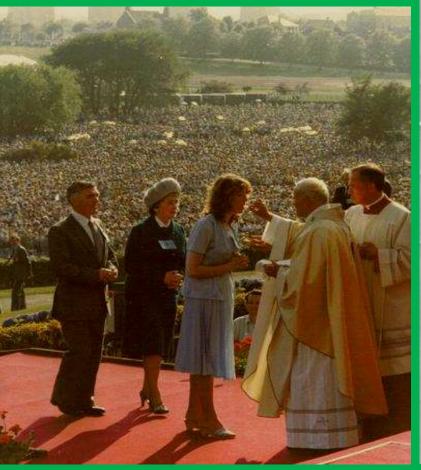


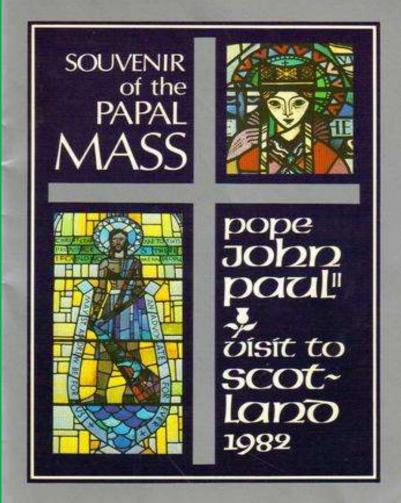


The eighties began with the departure of Fr Ashe and the visit of Pope John Paul II to Bellahouston soon after.

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Parishioner Philip Docherty and his wife Catherine receive Holy Communion.

At the time they were parishioners of Saint Benedict's, Easterhouse.

They were chosen to represent Motherwell Diocese at the Papal Mass.



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Bet Lynch or Margaret Bell?

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A happy group on their way to Lourdes in 1981.



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Louise Kane First Communion 1982



Michelle Kane First Communion 1985

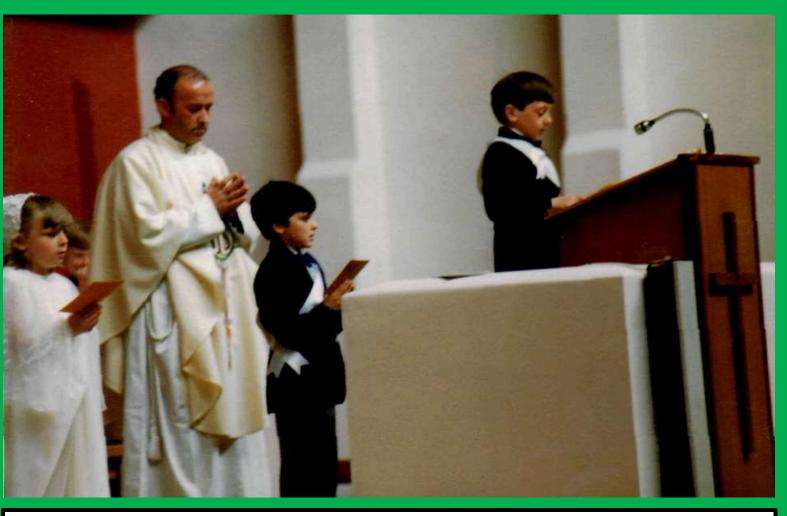


Emma Kane First Communion 1988

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Fr Brosnan and Raymond Carmichael: First Communion 1982

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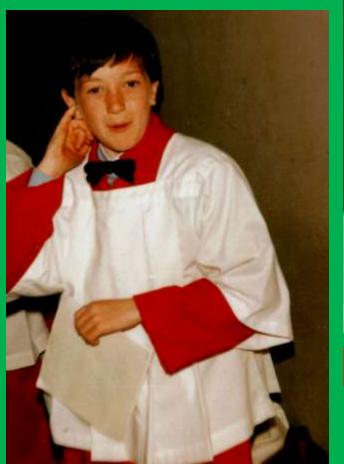
Bishop Thomson with Martin and Paul Carmichael: Confirmation 1983

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Altar servers Paul Carmichael,



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Laura Burns with Altar servers Paul Carmichael, Paul Burns her brother,



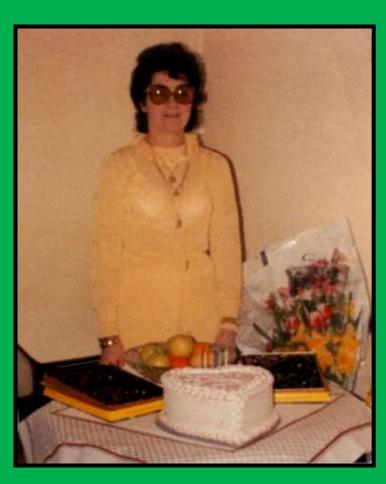


Certificate of Confirmation

This is to certify that angela Hughes of St. Scholastica's School, received the Holy Spirit of Jesus, and took the name Wargarel when Shewas confirmed at St. Benedict's Church Glasgors by Bishop Joseph Devine of Wother Esell By virtue of receiving this Sacrament Sbo has been chosen for the special task of bringing others to know, love and serve God, our Father.

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Margaret Bell's 50th Birthday Party: before and after...

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Margaret Bell's 50th Birthday Party:
A collector's item...
Margaret singing a song
that is not a hymn!



Margaret Bell's 50th Birthday Party: Fr Paul Stewart, Pat McMahon, Cathy Walker and Sally McKenacher



St Benedict's: the 80's to now

Salesian Parish Priests



Fr Michael Power 1988-1995



Fr Bernard Parkes 1995-2000



Fr Michael O'Meara 2000-2005

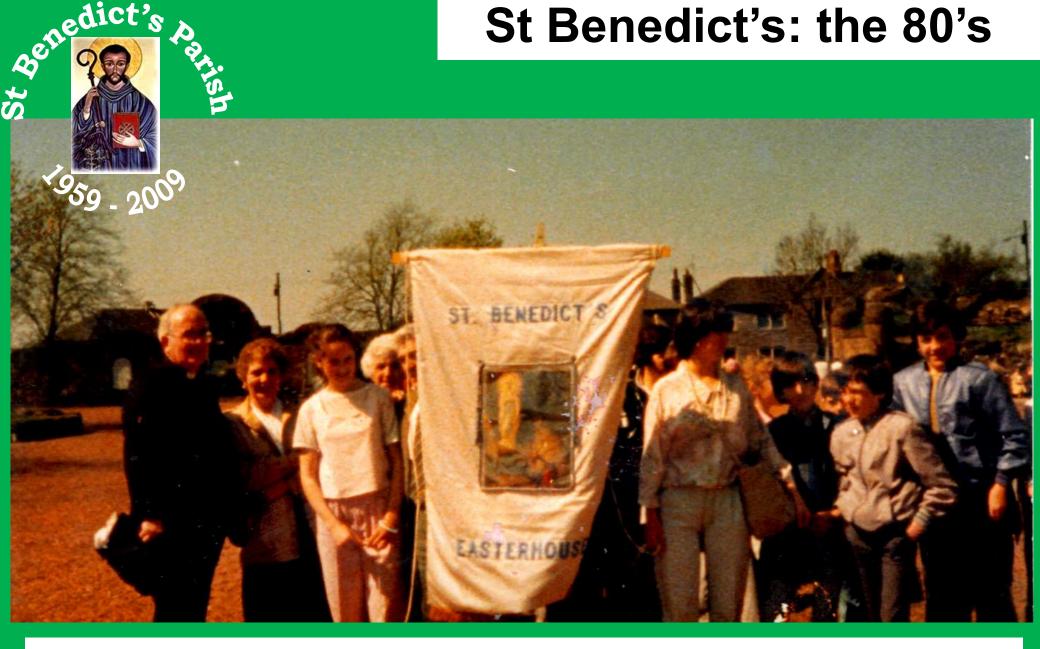


Fr Charles Garrick 2005-present





31st August 1984: David Cameron and Aileen Murphy get married. Canon James Ashe.



Fr O'Hare leads a group to Carfin in 1886.

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Mr and Mrs Pat Leonard recommit their vows with Fr Michael Power on the occasion of their Ruby Anniversary in January 1989.

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FEAST OF ST.JOHN BOSCO...FEAST OF ST.JOHN BOSCO...FEAST

MONDAY 31st JANUARY is Don Bosco's feast. We shall be celebrating as follows:

- 10am PARISH MASS at which the children of St.Benedict's will be present and will be responsible for the Liturgy.
- 7.30pm PARISH EVENING MASS to which you are all invited. We look forward to seeing many of you present to celebrate with us.
- NU 8.15am MASS TODAY (31st January)

ANY ULD WOOL???

If you have any wool which you are not using, then Sister Agnes would be glad to use the same for knitting blankets for the elderly. THANK YOU!!



Congratulations

FOOTBALL NEWS..FOOTBALL NEWS..

Many Congratulations to Bosco Juniors Under 10's team who recently beat DEANBURN R.B.C (from Boness) in the 3rd Round of the Scottish Cup.

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GOOD LUCK FOR THE 4th ROUND.....





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\$=\$=\$=\$ 400 CLUB DRAW:

....will take place after the 12 o'clock Mass for the January results....



HOUSE MASSES

One of the Lenten practices we are preparing for this year is to offer the opportunity of House Masses to all of you in the parish.



There are two conditions we would lay down. - no-one should feel that they have to "do up" their house - the only refreshment offered is to be a cup of tea and a biscuit.

The idea is that the Host/Hostess should invite neighbours and especially any "lapsed" friends. A list will be on hand for anyone who would like to take up this

offer. If you want to talk about it. See one of the Team.

THE SALESIANS

Talented, charismatic and generous.

St John Bosco was a genius with the young, especially with those who were poor, unemployed or in trouble.

As a young priest, Don Bosco realised his dreams with great pastoral inventiveness and daring. Without doubt he was the patron saint of the young and one of the greatest educators of his times.

His life's work was directed towards helping young people, and in order to make sure that this work would not die, he founded two modern religious congragations, the Salesians and the Salesians Sisters.

Today there are a total of 35.000 of them working at home and on the missions in well over 100 countries. Their life-style, like that of their founder, is characterised by cheerfulness, friendliness and a deep love of Christ in the young.

An early Salesian Bulletin.

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First Comunion:

Margaret, John and Kirsty Ann Haughie in 1990.





Kirsty Anne and others with certificates.

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Kirsty Anne Haughie and others with certificates in 1990.



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Kirsty Anne Haughie and others in 1990.





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Five year old Michelle at her sister Diane Fitzpatrick's First Communion.



Diane Fitzpatrick and classmates from the last P3 class from St Scholastica to make their First Communion.

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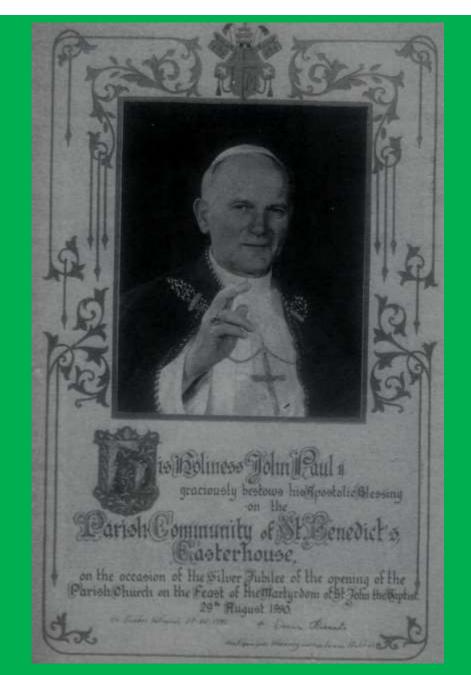
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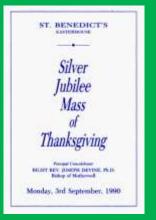
Silver Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving

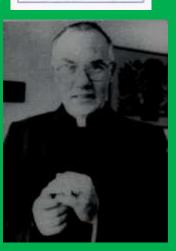
Principal Concelebrant: RIGHT REV. JOSEPH DEVINE, Ph.D. Bishop of Motherwell

Monday, 3rd September, 1990









St. Benedict's, Westerhouse Road, EASTERHOUSE

31st July, 1990

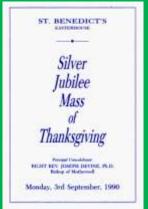
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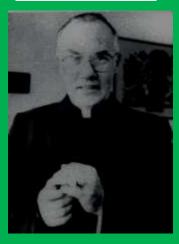
It gives me great joy, on behalf of the Diocese of Motherwell, to convey our congratulations on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of your magnificent Church. It remains one of the finest buildings ever designed by the late Jack Coia and one of the buildings which gave him greatest pride and pleasure.

Over the years, since your foundation as a parish community at the end of the 50s, you have known great changes in St. Benedict's, Only a few of the original parishioners are with you now. Some are dead, many more are in other parts of Glasgow and Lanarkshire. The same story is true of the many priests who have served in St. Benedict's over the past 30 years. All are deserving of our gratitude and prayers.

Those have not been the only changes. The Catholic population of the area has been almost halved in the past 20 years, one of the reasons for the sad closure of St. Scholastica's Primary School a short time ago.

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Perhaps the greatest change of all came with the departure of the diocesan clergy two years ago and the arrival of the Salesian Fathers and Sisters. We are greatly in their debt and I am sure that they will render great service to the Catholic community and the wider community of Easterhouse in the years to come.

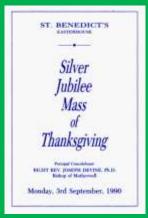
The Silver Jubilee of your church coincides with the beginning of the decade of evangelization, a period in which the Holy Father calls the Church to that renewal of Faith which was once the glory of Europe. You have an added reason to respond to that call. Your own parish patron, St. Benedict, is the Patron of Europe. I have every confidence that you will make every effort to build up the Church, especially the young, in that faith which is our greatest treasure.

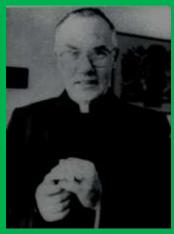
With every blessing and good wish,

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Bishop of Motherwell.

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             Silver Jubilee
Sun. 26th Aug: Exhibition - "History of Parish".
Mon. 27th Aug; Barbecue -for all the family. 7.30pm.
             Tickets ... E1.
Tue. 28th Aug: Grand Concert in St. Benedict's
             Tickets...El children 50p. 7.30pm.
Wed. 29th Aug: Bus Run to Blackpool with Evening
              Meal at Kendal.
             Tickets £10
                                      Leave Bam.
Pri.31st Aug: Dinner/Dance at St. Leonard's
                                    School.
             Tickets £7.
                                    7.30pm - Late
Sun. 2nd Sept: Youth Mass.......6.30pm.
              Followed by Disco.
              Tickets 60p.
Mon. 3rd Sept: Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving
              Followed by tea in St. Benedict's
                                   School.
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SILVER JUBILEE RAFFLE
This will be drawn after Jubilee Mass, in the school
on 3rd September.
We ask every family in the Parish to sell some
books of tickets. Thank You.
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Easterhouse Jubilee Joy!



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Easterhouse Jubilee JOY

PARISHIONERS of St Benedict's in Easterhouse have been celebrating their church's silver jubilee.

The parish was originally started in 1958, the first parish priest being Fr. Angus McKellaig. He lived in the local housing estate during this time, and used St Benedict's school for Mass.

Four years later his replacement. Canon Henry McGinn, initiated the building of the church. During the two years of construction the parish shared St. Brigid's in Baillieston.

Famous ex-parishioners include Stevie Chalmers, who scored Celtic's winning goal in the European Cup Final, and Scotland winger Pat Nevin.

In 1975, when Fr. James Ashe took over, he took the choir loft and turned it into a small church hall. It is still used today after Mass, and also every day when the older members of the parish can meet.

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Easterhouse Jubilee Joy!



Frs. Tim Brosnan, Thomas O'Hare and Cornelius O'Leary also had spells as parish priest until 1988 when the Salesian Order were invited to take over the parish.

Fr. Michael Power, the current parish priest, is helping to oversee the parish jubilee. The parishioners, who now number 2,600, organised a number of celebratory events, including a barbeque, concert, dinner-dance, and finally a Mass of Thanksgiving.

Bishop Joseph Devine and Fr. Michael Winstanley, head of the Salesians, were the chief celebrants at the Mass, along with all the former parish priests of St Benedict's.

Although Bishop Devine had left before our lensman snapped this happy group of priests and religious at the parish hall (left), there's no doubt the Mass was a fitting end to the celebrations. And, as we discovered at the parish barbeque, no-one went hungry when Fr. Power decided to help dish out the nosh at the burger tent!

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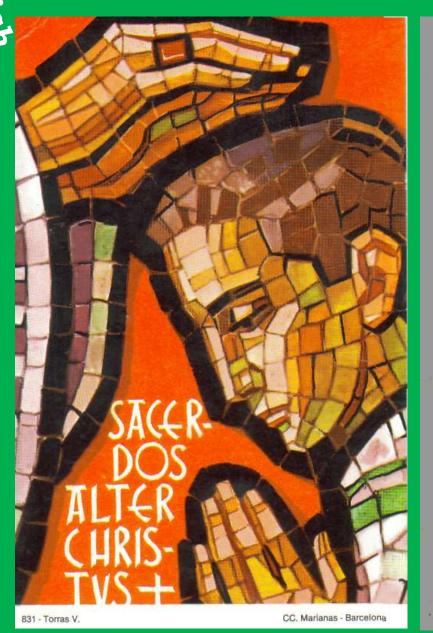
Jon Haughie with others and Fr Michael Power in 1991.



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Please pray for

Charles J. O'Farrell

ORDAINED PRIEST

St. Benedict's, Easterhouse 11th. July, 1991.

Lord, bless my parents, my brother, my relatives and friends, all who have helped me in the past and those who will do so in the future.





Standing outside St. Benedict's, Easterhouse with parish priest Fr. Michael Power (left), are Fr. Ladislav Vik and Bro. Dominic Dvorak.

Fr. Ladislav Vik, Provincial of the Prague Salesians, and Bro. Dominic Dvorak, spoke to the Observer this week while staying at St. Benedict's, Easterhouse. They were also due to visit St. Paul's, Muirhouse, Edinburgh, where the Salesians also work.

We have come here to Scotland to experience the way the Salesians live and work as a community," explained Bro. Dominic, a fluent English speaker who translated for Fr. Vik.

Fr. Vik was ordained in 1960 by his Bishop in a clandestine ceremony performed in the Bishop's one bedroom flat, and spent two years in jail for saying Mass without approval.

He continued to work as a chemist, making food for animals, while practising his ministry in secret. The Archbishop of Prague and one of his fellow priests were window cleaners for nearly 11 years.

Lots of religious men and women spent many years in prison." said Bro Dominic "and two Salesian priests were in jail for 16 years. One of them died in captivity."



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Fr Michael Power leads us to Carfin Grotto.





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The day chapel in St Benedict's from the front.



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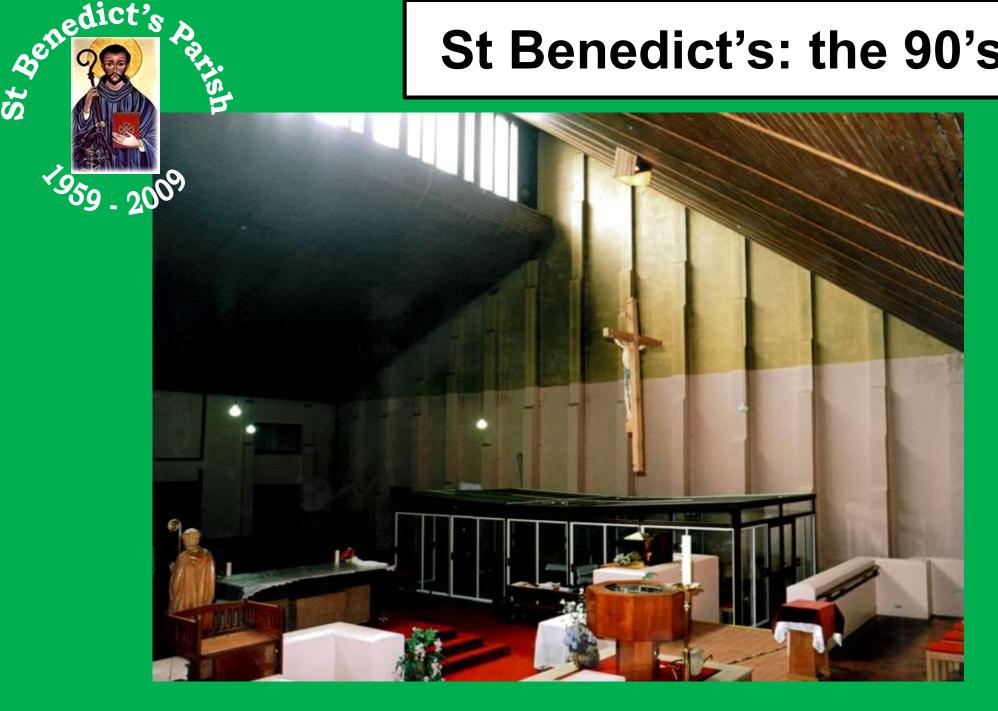
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The day chapel in St Benedict's from the side.









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Fr Michael Power joining in the fun at a social.





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Mary Murphy, coordinator of Bosco Juniors Youth Club with Fr Bob Gardner SDB, founder of the Club and former chaplain of St Leonard's Secondary School.

Bosco Juniors worked to enable young people to recognise their own power and ability to achieve their dreams through physical, mental, spiritual and recreational

development.

Projects included a wide range of activities such as Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Arts & Crafts, Sexual Health and Well Being training.

Fr Bob also initiated short and longterm placement of overseas volunteers.

The young people involved in the annual St Benedict Playscheme gained great knowledge of other lands-especially Holland-through his efforts.

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Before the opening of the Bosco Centre team photos and pennants were displayed up the stairs.

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John Paul Fitzpatrick and class of 1994 First Communion with Fr Kieran Anderson and teacher Sr Francois

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Father lan Knowles .



Benedict's Asign



Mr and Mrs
George and Pamela Baird.
10/05/97
Pamela is the daughter of
Jimmy and Margery Welsh.

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The "FAB FOUR":
Ann Joan Margery Mary.

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Mr and Mrs
George and
Pamela (Welsh) Baird.
10/05/97
Married by
Fr Kieran Anderson.



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The Bridesmaids



Fr Kieran at the altar.



Robert Welsh with Helen and Jimmy McMahon

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"Big red chopper at the playing fields at The Lenny.

Prince Charles again.

Whit's wrang wae him, can he no' get the no. 41 bus like the rest ae us?"(Allison McKenzie on Friends Reunited)

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Terry McMillan, Christopher Fitzpatrick and Darren Bates make their First Communion in May 1999.

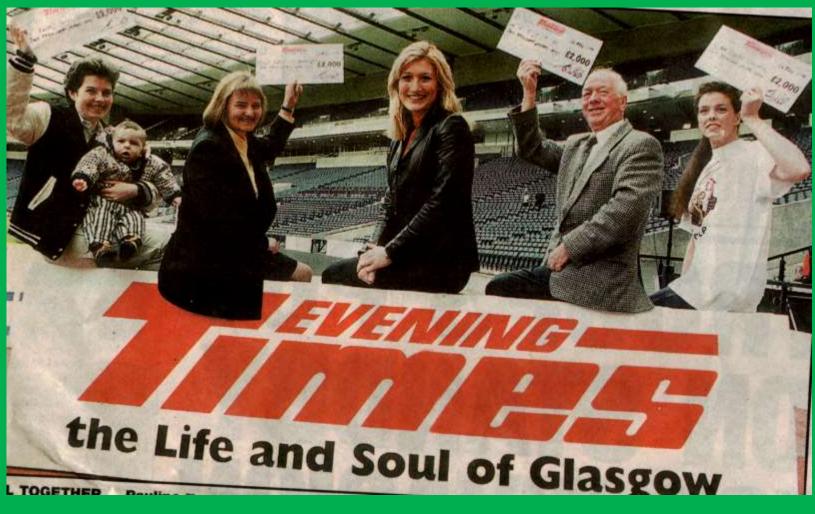
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Their dream was to win a minibus because they're dedicated to transporting elderly and sick people who wouldn't otherwise be able to get to church - to Mass and back every Sunday. But their £2000 prize will cover van hire for a MONTH of Sundays!

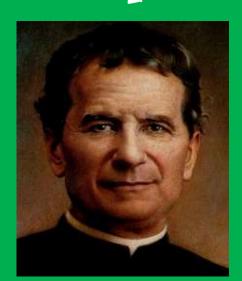


Margaret Hughes gets our cheque for £2 000 in May 1999.

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St Benedict's: the 00's



Fr Michael O'Meara and Salesian Cooperators
Margaret Bell and Alice McTaggart with husbands
Henry Bell and Robert McTaggart

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Amanda Russell made her First Holy Communion in Saint John Ogilvie Church.

She was a very popular visitor to St Benedict'son this occasion!





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St Benedict's: the 00's

Amanda is congratulated by Parish friends and later stands in front of the statue of St John Bosco at Carfin Grotto.





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Fr Michael O'Meara with Jennifer Cameron (Right) and others on the occasion of their First Holy Communion in May 2001

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Henry & Margaret

Today we take the opportunity to celebrate the years of service to God, our Blessed Lady and the parish of St Benedict's by Henry and Margaret Bell.

Henry and Margaret came to this parish in 1961 and immediately rolled up their sleeves and became involved with the Parish Community from the start.

At least 3 generations of St Benedict's parishioners have either worked alongside Henry and Margaret or least benefited from their hard work, both prayerful and practical. Both are faithfully daily communicants dedicated to Our Lady and express this devotion by leading the daily rosary every morning after mass.

I am sure you will all agree that they are a charming friendly couple who are always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needs it.

We are privileged to have them both praying and working for our good and the good of the parish.

They are both an example and inspiration to all of us. This is truly what a parish community is all about and cogs like these will make sure the machinery never stops working.

We congratulate them on this special award and also on their Golden Wedding Anniversary which they celebrated in the summer.

Thank you Henry and Margaret. God Bless you both.

Presentation of the Bene Merenti

to



Henry & Margaret Bell

By the Rt Rev Joseph Devine Bishop of Motherwell



27th October 2002 St Benedict's, Easterhouse



Fr Michael O'Meara SDB

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Involvement

Over the years Henry & Margaret have been involved in the following parish groups/activities



SVDP

Social Club

Fundraising Summer Playscheme

Cantor Passkeeping

Daily Rosary Group Hall/Church Maintenance

Salesian Co-operator Eucharistic Ministry

Children's Youth Club St Mungo's Singers Glasgow

Cleaning of Altar Vestments Annual Pilgrims to Lourdes

Finance Committee Parish House



The Bene Merenti
("To the Well-Deserving")

Henry & Margaret are being awarded the Papal Bene Merenti for long service to the Parish.

Today's Mass will give the parish the opportunity to thank God for the devoted service of them both and also all the other people who week after week give sterling voluntary service to our parish.

These papal awards will be a source of pride and joy for the whole parish community.



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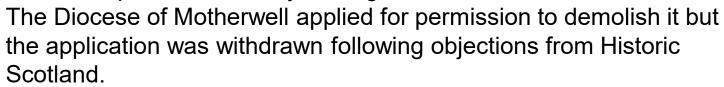
By Vivienne Nicoll

A CHURCH under threat of demolition is to be given a new lease of life at a cost of almost £2,5million.



St Benedict's was designed in 1965 and is one of the few listed buildings in Easter-house, Glasgow.

But the church and its adjoining presbytery suffered serious structural and water problems a few years ago.



Many parishioners left the church as the building, one of several churches designed by award-winning city architects Gillespie Kidd and Coia, continued to deteriorate



Glasgow City Council development and regeneration director Rodger McConnell said the building's problems were now extensive but that it would be saved.

Mr McConnell said: "The work required to restore the building includes renewing the copper roof covering and asphalt to confessionals, gutters and pipes and a lightning conductor.



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"Some of the walls need to be rebuilt and modern windows replaced with ones of the original design."

Once repaired, the church will also be used as a base for community groups. Mr Mc Connell said: "The building is now too large for its parishioners.

"To meet a need in the area, it will be partially converted to allow the upper floors to be let for community based groups involved with education and personal money advice."

Historic Scotland has to contribute almost £450,000 towards the work and Heritage Lottery has confirmed a grant of £1.4m.

The Diocese of Motherwell will commit £500,000 to the project which will also get back more than £88,000 in VAT, leaving a shortfall of around £40,000.

Today Mr McConnell was recommending that councillors agree to cover the shortfall to let repairs to go ahead.

A Heritage Lottery Fund spokesman said: "As a fine example of postwar architecture, the church stands out like a beacon in its surroundings.

"It demonstrates how a heritage asset can be sensitively adapted for today's purposes." vivienne.nicoll@ eveningtimes. co. uk

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Work started on this major refurbishment of the Church and parish house (presbytery) of St Benedict's in 2003.

The parish priest, Fr Michael O'Meara, moved into temporary residential accommodation and for his temporary Parish Office he had to use a Portacabin.

Masses were held in the nearby St Benedict's Primary School.



The picture above shows Fr Michael O'Meara, with his dog, Prince, in front of the Parish "Office."

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On Wednesday 23rd June 2004 Bishop Joseph Devine celebrated Mass in the Westwood Business Centre, Glasgow, to mark the end of the first phase of the Easterhouse Joint Pastoral Project. The Project, which began in 1996, involves the parishes of St Clare's and St Benedict's. Three Religious Congregations, the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB), the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA) and the Daughters of Charity (DC), are involved in the Project and together with the parishioners they make up the Pastoral Teams of the two parishes and the Joint Pastoral Team. The second phase of the Project began in September 2004. Fr Jim McGarry SDB, leader of the Joint Pastoral Team preached at the Mass.







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Fr Jim concluded his homily thus:

One of the lessons I take from the last eight years **Confidence builds on Confidence.**

I think the experience of the past eight years has given us a sense of God's confidence in us.

And that gives us the confidence to continue.

So, let us go on, building on what has been achieved, continuing to read the signs, trying to be the Church that the Lord wants us to be.........

And as we move into Phase Two of the Joint Pastoral Project, Let the Lord's words to Jeremiah ring in our ears -

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you....it is the Lord who speaks"

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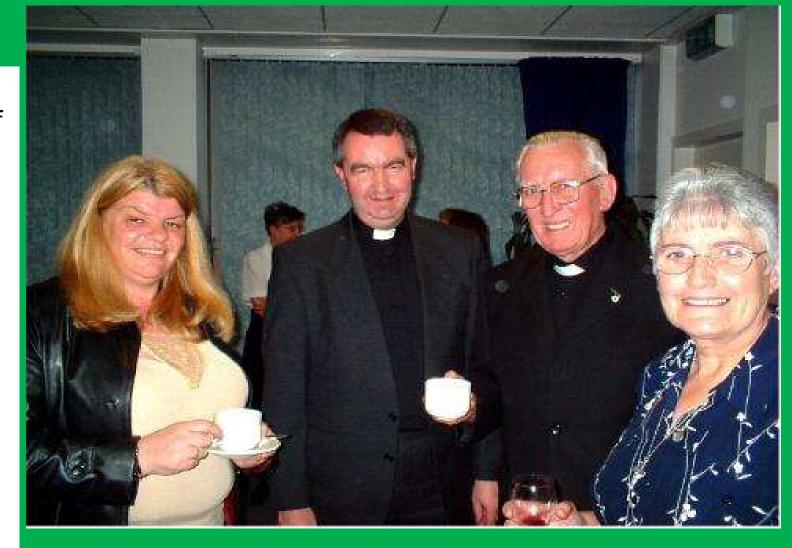
Aileen Cameron, St Benedict's Team, Sr Agnes McGarvie DC, Sr Anne Buckeridge DC, joining project in September (St Clare's), Geraldine Feeley of St Benedict's Team and Sr Elizabeth O'Donnell FMA, leaving in August after three years in Easterhouse to take up new appointment at Motherwell Diocesan Pastoral Centre. (2004)



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Rosanne O'Neill, former member of St Benedict's Pastoral Team, Fr Brian McGraw SDB (St Clare's), Fr Michael O'Meara, SDB and Sister **Margaret Power** FMA, who joined the **Joint Pastoral** Team in September 2004.



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Fr Michael O'Meara SDB and Mr Frank Cassidy, Chancellor of Motherwell Diocese who have given great support in the renewal of St Benedict's.



This 1960s-built church had won an architectural award when it was opened, but years of neglect brought it to the point of demolition.

It was refurbished in 2004 -2005 to the tune of £2-3m and given a modern, Mediterranean-inspired look.

There is also an adjacent office space, originally let to One Plus and currently let to Eastererhouse Women's Aid.

The offices, which feature a window with a commanding view of the chapel, give much needed income to the Parish.



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The innovative £2.5m revamp of St Benedict's Church eventually got under way after many discussions over many years.

Now, thanks to funding from Historic Scotland, the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Diocese of Motherwell, Greater Easterhouse Partnership and Glasgow City Council, not only do Fr Charles Garrick and Fr Michael O'Meara and the congregation of St Benedict's have a modern sacred space for worship but brand new office accommodation was also available.

Designed by Jack Coia, St Benedict's first opened in 1965 as stated earlier. However, due to failures in the roof, walls and foundations, the church fell into disrepair and was on the verge of demolition when Heritage Lottery, Historic Scotland and partners helped the Diocese to save the B-listed building, one stipulation being that funding should produce a clear benefit to the wider community of Greater Easterhouse.

The newly repaired and renovated building, the work of DTA Architects and Watson Construction is impressive. Light and airy, the church houses a new office suite for local business use, with separate access to the church and the office space to ensure privacy.

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DTA Chartered Architects was formed in March 1985 by its Principal, Donal Toner. They had been involved in the impressive development of Carfin Pilgrimage Centre prior to involvement with St Benedict's Parish.

St. Benedict's Church Easterhouse, Glasgow

CLIENT: Diocese of Motherwell

Refurbishment of existing Grade B listed building to incorporate a smaller church area with community facilities.

Copper roofed extension is also incorporated as an entrance facility.

Completion: October 2004

Cost: £2.5m

Contractor: Watson Construction

Surveyor: Devers Boyle

Structural Engineer: Ramage Young

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Fr Columba Walsh, Piper **Greg Stewart** accompany **Margaret Bell** and Henry Bell proudly wearing their Bene Merenti medals at the re-opening of the church.





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Bishop Devine, Brian Hughes and altar servers

Scottish Catholic Observer FRIDAY OCTOBER 15 2004



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Parishioners at Mass of Re-dedication.

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St Benedict's parishioners in Easterhouse celebrated the reopening of their church with a Solemn Re-dedication Mass held last Friday night The Mass, which featured a piper leading the procession into the church, included Bishop Joseph Devine as the principal celebrant.

Others concelebrating with the bishop were Fr Charles Garrick SDB, parish priest of St Benedict's and Fr Michael O'Meara SDB, assistant priest, clergy from the local Deaneries and many former priests who had previously served in St Benedict's.

In his homily Bishop Devine recognised the trials and tribulations that the parish community had suffered over such a long time and paid tribute to the work of Frank Cassidy, Chancellor of the Diocese of Motherwell, in negotiating such a successful outcome to the repair project. He also thanked Heritage Lottery, Historic Scotland and the other funding agencies.

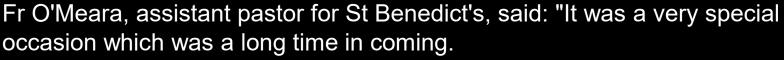
Bishop Devine said: "St Benedict's Church has been totally transformed and will now serve as a sign to the passer-by of God's presence in this neighbourhood of humanity".





Then, addressing the parishioners, Bishop Devine said: "This is the day the Lord has made for you. Let us rejoice in the fact that it has finally come."

He also invited the parishioners to "rise to the challenge and be an even more significant sign of God's presence. Following the motto of your city, may you flourish by the praising of the Lord's name and by honouring His Word."



"It has taken nearly 16 months to complete the work but I am glad to say that the church has been restored to its former glory after having fallen into disrepair."

Afterwards, those present retreated to the new St Benedict's Primary school, where a reception was held to complete the celebrations marking the reopening.





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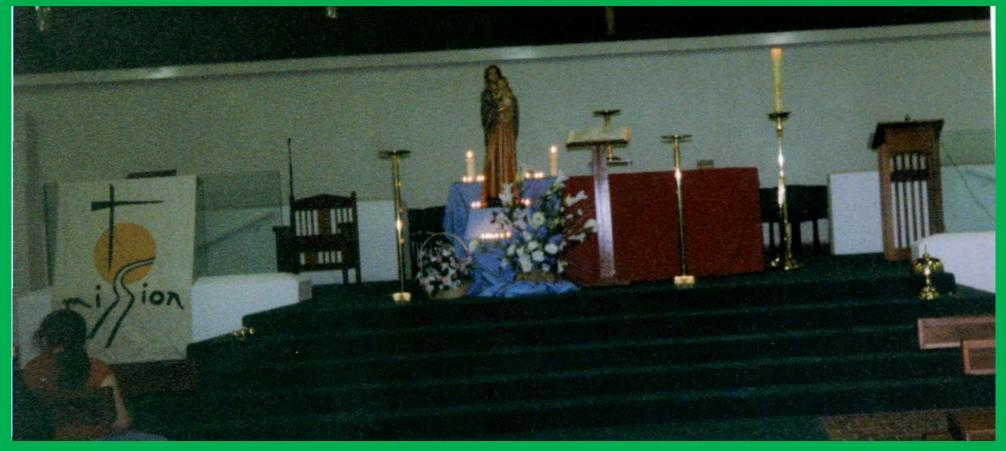


















St Benedict's: Illumination

At night time the side entrance to the Church is illuminated as shown.

Every 15 to 20 seconds the lights cycle through this sequence.



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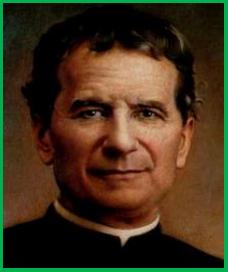
Easter 2009:
Carole Kean and Joan
Fleming on the
Morning Churches
together March in
Easterhouse.

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Mission Statement of the Salesian Sisters Province of Great Britain

We are women in love with the God of life who challenges us to live the spirit of Valdocco and Mornese through our commitment to the all-round education of the young, especially those in greatest need. "that they may have life and have it to the full". We value the unity and diversity within our communities and we celebrate this through reciprocal appreciation of who we are and what we do. We make ourselves available to each other and to the young in open communities; through this witness we become signs of hope and joy. Strengthened by the support we receive from each other, we reach out in love and journey with the young in their struggle. Our Safeguarding Matters Policy and our membership of COPCA bear witness to the importance we place on care of the young and vulnerable. Respecting their dignity and freedom of choice, we seek to recognise and respond to their needs and challenge them, in turn, to respond to the needs of others and live Gospel values.

We collaborate with others who work with the young and in a special way with those who share the Salesian ethos.

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Sr Janet Bradley, Sr Eileen McGarry Sr Isabel Geraghty, Sr Kay Young, Sr Bernadette Cassidy and Sr Margaret Power.



Sister Helen Carey



Sister Margaret Leadox



Sr Mary Dooley, Sr Breda Byrne and Sr Elizabeth O'Donnell now at Newmains.



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Sr Isabel Geraghty FMA
Primary School Teacher,
St Benedicts Primary School,
Easterhouse.

My name is Sr. Isabel and I have been a Salesian Sister for 27 years...it seems like yesterday! At the moment my main ministry is teaching in St. Benedict's Primary school. I have been teaching in St. Benedict's long enough now to be able to welcome the children of past pupils into school! As well as being a classroom teacher, the mission extends into other activities.





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Our school is a RAINBOWS site where children who have suffered loss have an opportunity to work through a programme to help them.

Working with other very dedicated staff, there is an after-school club for about 60 children who love to sing and play games. One of the highlights of my week is working with the school choir. This gives many children throughout the school the opportunity to use their voices to express their deepest selves.

As a Salesian Sister, I see my mission in school as a way of helping young people recognise the great gifts and potential they have and I feel it is a great privilege to share in their daily lives. Life in St. Benedict's can be challenging but is never dull!

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Fr Michael O'Meara PP Emeritus 2000-2005, Fr Fabio Attarb (visitor from Rome), Fr Jim McGarry PP St Clare's (Rector of Salesians), Fr Charles Garrick PP





The first group of Salesian Cooperators began formation in the early 90's under the direction of Sr Esther Murphy. John and Mary Owens with Peter and Pat Norvell joined us early on from Milton Centre to explain what was involved and we soon met other committed lay people from Milton and Paisley.

Ten people made our "promise" and received the *Regulations of Apostolic Life* (RAL), badge and certificate in a very moving service in February 1991.

Others joined the group in 1995 and 2000 with yet some more from St Clare's joining the group in recent years some of whom hope to join Mary Kelly by making their "promise" soon.

Extract from RAL:

The Regulations outline the personal associative identity of the cooperators, who are described as:

- •mature people with a rich humanity; Christians with a lively and convinced faith, who wish to witness to Christ in the world;
- •active members of the Church, who are aware of their baptismal commitment to participate in the mission of the Church;
- •lay people who are able to bring Christian animation to the world;
- •apostles committed to the building of the Kingdom;
- •true Salesians, committed to share and carry everywhere concern for education;
- •Christians committed to holiness through living the apostolic project of Don Bosco.



The St Benedict Summer Playscheme had been founded in 1988 and the cooperators were to take leading roles in the running of this until its closure in 2004. The Wednesday Club-an evening youth club-also had strong links and the current Parish involvement permeates all areas of apostolate such as Sacramental Preparation, RCIA, Eucharistic and Music Ministries, Readers, Children's Liturgy and cleaning of the Church.

Our first batch of Salesian Cooperators:

Sr Esther, Betty Carmichael, Fr Michael, Mgt O' Brien, Pat White, Eddie and Bridie Campbell, Marie McGreavey, Alice McTaggart, Harry Kane, Joyce Hennessy and

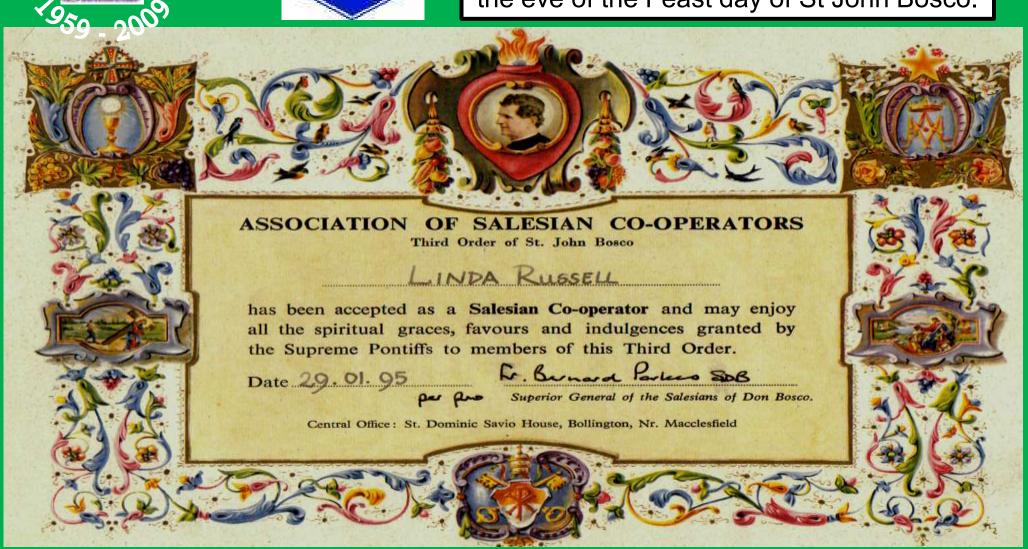
Isabel Kerr.







Linda Russell's certificate from 29.01.95the eve of the Feast day of St John Bosco.



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Sr Kay Young
visits
Battersea in the
mid 90's in her
role as National
Cooperator
Delegate.

Salesian Cooperators





Sr Ann Hoskison and Fr Bob Coupe, SDB National Delegate, at the launch of a Don Bosco Video in Bermondsey, London, 21/4/90









Sr Eileen McGarry and visiting Cooperators from England, Pat Barnes and Annabel Clarkson, with Sr Kay Young.

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Salesian Cooperators





LEFT: Sr Agnes, Isabel Kerr and a laid back Mgt Bell

RIGHT: Betty Carmichael, MB, Mary McDonagh and Sr Margaret Cahill on a

Cooperators Summer Bus Outing.















Bridie Campbell





Glencoe will never be the same......



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Fr Pat Lawes SDB from Australia with Isabel Kerr and Roseanne O'Neill at the 1999 Bollington Retreat

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Sisters Helen Carey Eliz O'Donnell Mgt Leadox Eileen McGarry Eileen Foley Bernadette Cassidy celebrate the Feast of John Bosco in 2000 with Fr Bernard **Parkes**



and Denis McTiernan, Agnes McDonagh, Linda Russell, Bill McMillan, Betty Carmichael, Mgt Bell, Mary McGuire, Alice McTaggart, Mary Anne McMillan, Gerry Feeley and Harry Kane.



Cooperators on retreat in Kendall in October 2003

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Cooperators Missioning Service, Annual Retreat Savio House, Bollington in 2003.



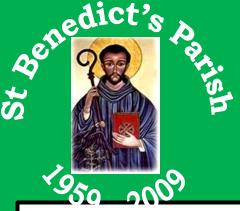
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Maddie's
"Goodnight"
at the Annual
Retreat in
Savio House,
Bollington
in 2003.





Suzanne Edmunds **Enrollment at Annual** Retreat in Savio House, Bollington in 2003: Tess John, Provincial Coordinator, Fr Bernard, SDB Delegate, Suzanne, Sr Eileen McGarry, FMA Delegate, and Bridie Redfearn, Regional Delegate.

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Cooperator Mary Kelly from St Clare's, centre of picture wearing her newly presented cooperator badge, is congratulated at St Benedict's in May 2008

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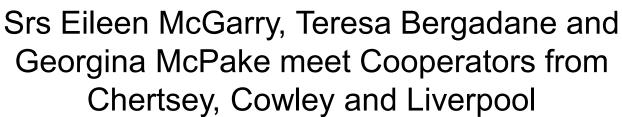


Annual Cooperator Retreat Kendall 2006

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Fr Bernard Parkes and Sr Eileen McGarry meet Cooperators from Chertsey, Farnborough and Liverpool at Bollington Retreat



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Sr Eileen
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meets
Cooperators
Anne Oboe
and
Matt Murphy

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Senior Citizens Club

The Senior Citizen's Club was a prominent group in the Parish over many years.



Margaret Wilson, Betty Airlie. Margery Welsh and Ellen Quadrelli







Some Parish Helpers

The Social Club started when Fr Ashe had the choir loft removed and the area altered to provide a hall with a capacity of about 90.



Jimmy Stowe and Jimmy Welsh



JW , Bobby Barton and Robert McTaggart



Some Parish Helpers





JW, J McM, Sadie Malone and Henry Bell

JW, John Fleming, Mgt Bell, James McMahon and Bobby Barton

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JW and Michael McBride

Some Parish Helpers



HB, MW, JW, and Andy Casey



Sadie Malone and Cathy Walker senedict's party

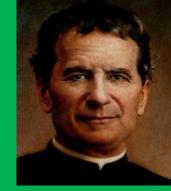
Happy Feast in Paisley

Harry Kane continues the **Feast Day Celebration in St Fergus** Church Hall in **Paisley** where we joined the local Salesians and those from Milton Centre.





Happy Feast in Paisley

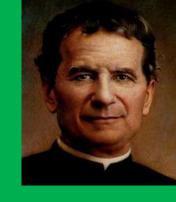




Frank and Roseanne Griffin (St Clare's), Anne Burns, Denis and Belinda Tiernan, Anne Carruthers, Maisie Begley and Sr Helen Carey.



Happy Feast in Paisley





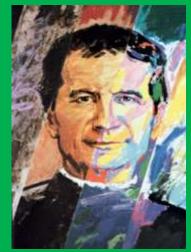
John and Sadie Finlay, Joe Grant, Mary Kelly, Libby Rohan and Gerry Feeley



Salesian Family Day Out











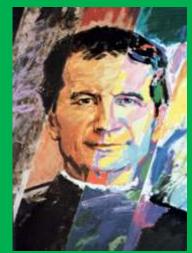
Silver Sands, Aberdour: Early 90's, Family Day out



Salesian Family Day Out











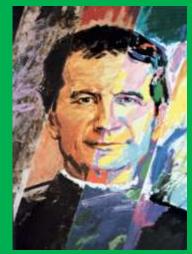
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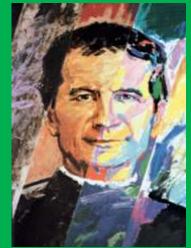
Henry Bell and Eddie Campbell enjoy a chat on unusual seating.

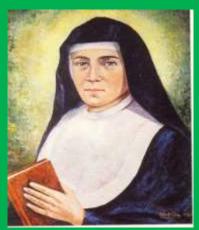


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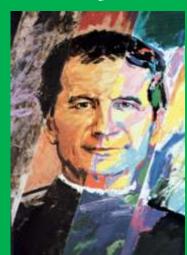
Mary Kelly, Isabel Kerr, Betty and Marion Dixon



Salesian Family Day





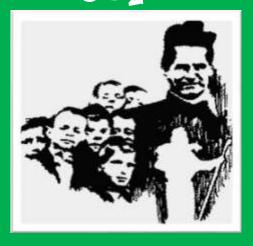


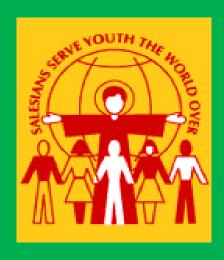




Gerry Feeley, Fr Bob Gardner and Harry Kane celebrate in 1998

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Maisie McClounan, Isabel Kerr and Alice McTaggart at Tuckshop

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Every year we finished with a day out at Louden Castle.

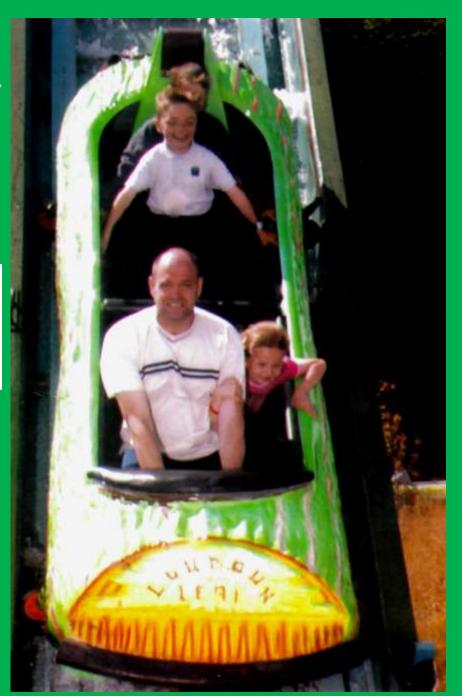
Mary McDonagh, Betty Carmichael, Isabel Kerr, Mgt Bell and

Agnes McDonagh are on "Bag Duty". (2001)

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Brian Elliot at the Log Flume on a final playscheme activity.





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Playscheme







Brian with young helper Gavin Kane at Millport. The playscheme passes were used to the full to get free transport by land and sea- it didn't extend to air!

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Playscheme





On the island bikes are popular but the method of transport shown highlights the friendship generated by the playscheme!

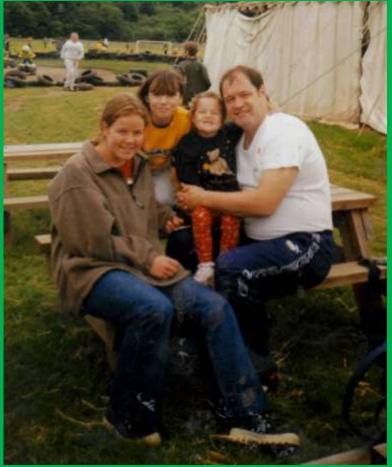




Playscheme









Brian Elliot with Amanda Russell and Dutch helper Sarah at Old McDonald's Farm(1999).









Bridie Campbell led this group "Doon the Water" in 1998

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Margaret Bell helps Nicki Adams and friends at Arts and Crafts



Janitor Stephen Machin, Harry Kane and Brian **Elliot with Amanda Russell** at Arts and Crafts. Stephen was a great help in ensuring that our playscheme ran smoothly each year.



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St Benedict's: Celebration



Margaret Bell and Margery Welsh prepared the buffets for many functions (pre and post Salesian).

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St Benedict's: Celebration







Sr Kay enjoys a laugh with Mary Middleton, Ann Carruthers and others.

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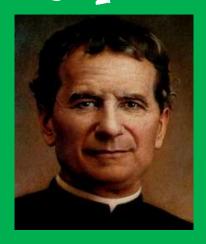






Mgt Hughes, Bill McMillan and Alec and Mgt Samuels enjoy a celebration up the stairs.

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Fr Jim
McGarry
leads a
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celebration.



St Benedict's: Celebration



Mgt Hughes her sister and mum Mary Middleton enjoy a 70th celebration up the stairs.



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Mary Anne McMillan, Mary McDade, Frances McManus (St Clare's) and Geraldine Feeley.

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Mary Kelly, Joe Grant, Mrs Keady, Sadie Finlay and Margaret Finnegan.

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Betty, Linda Russell, Anne Burns and Linda Granger.

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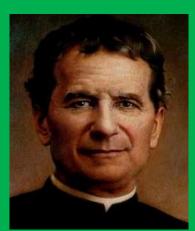






Margery and Jimmy Welsh with John Begley.

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Srs Breda Byrne, Isabel Geraghty, Eileen Foley with Mgt Paton, Mrs Young (Sr Kay's mother) and Cathy Anderson (St Clare's) in the background.

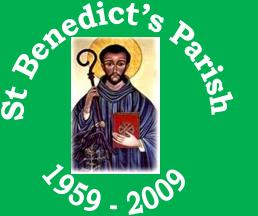
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St Benedict's: Celebration



Yvonne Percival, Margaret Hughes and Margaret Samuels.



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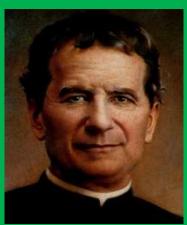


Marion Dixon, Sadie Finlay and Margaret Finnegan go through their paces with the Devlins in the background.

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Bobby and Cathy Devlin .

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Helen McMahon, Sr Esther Murphy, Mgt O'Brien and Alice McTaggart



Cathy Anderson (St Clare's) with Belinda and Denis Tiernan

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Sr Margaret Middleton and Mum Mary.

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Roseanne O'Neill and John McConnell



Sr Mary Dooley, who taught in St Leonard's and St Andrew's, with Mgt O'Brien and Alice McTaggart

St Benedict's: Celebration



Eddie Campbell, Margaret Bell, Alice McTaggart, Fr Michael Power, Margaret Samuels and Robert McTaggart.

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St Benedict's: Celebration





Margarett Bell, Cathy Walker, Robert McTaggart, Sr Agnes Colett, Bridie Campbell and Mary McDonagh

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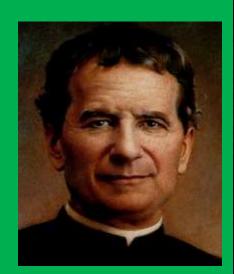


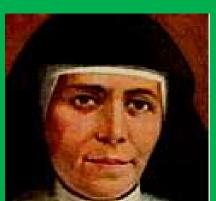


LEFT: Margaret Bell, Margery Welsh and Alice McTaggart with Fr Walsh.

RIGHT: Alice with Sr Agnes

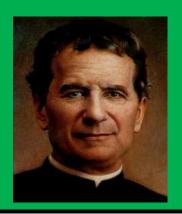
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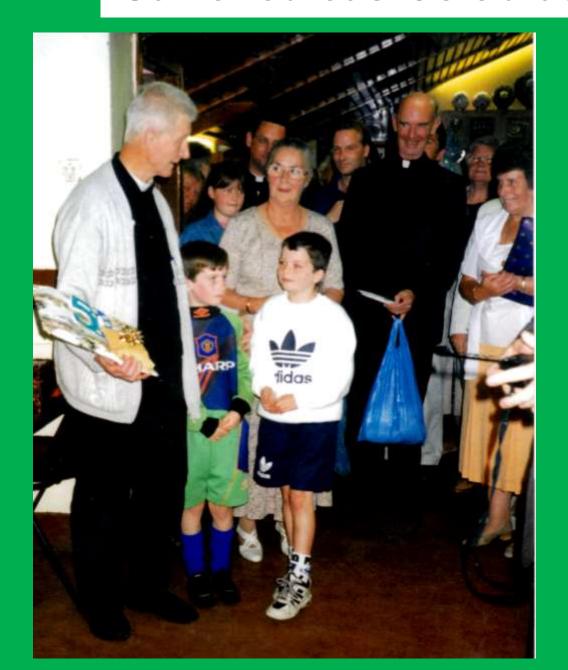




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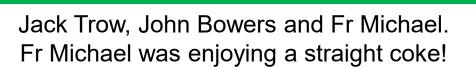


Fr Walsh
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Fr Peter Burns is
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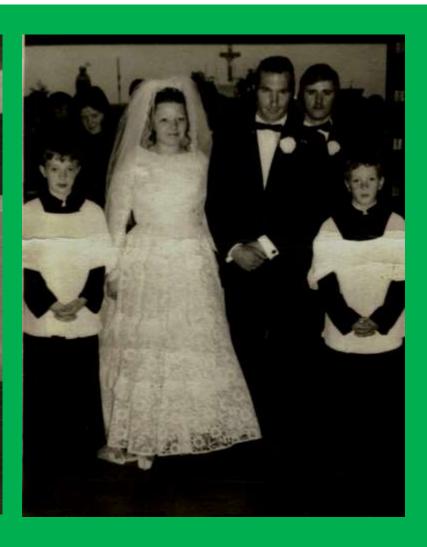




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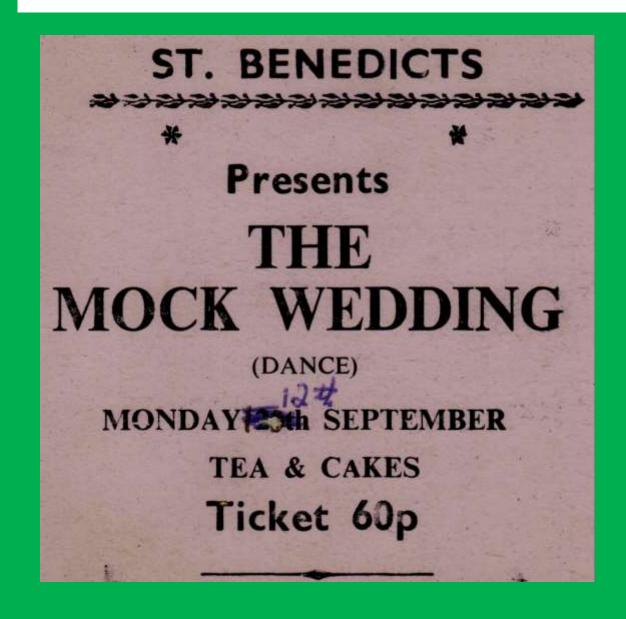


The new Mr and Mrs Robert McCulloch



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Sr Esther Murphy does her "dwarf" impersonation for Sr Mary McGlynn, Eddie Campbell, Margaret O'Brien and others.

