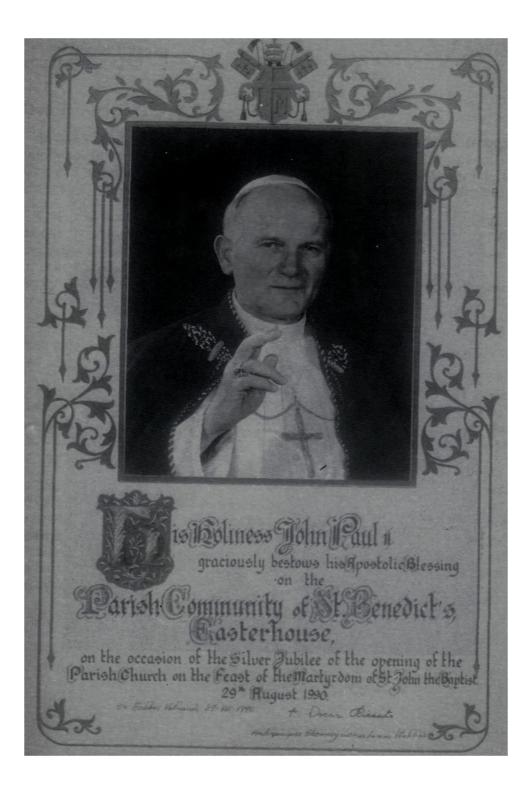
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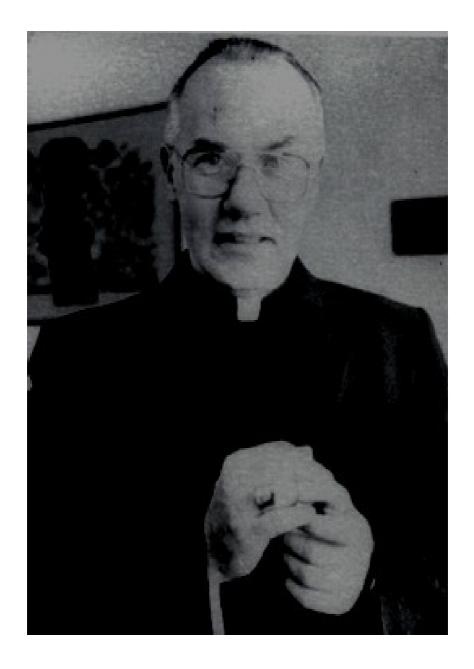
EASTERHOUSE

Silver Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving

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

Monday, 3rd September, 1990





Dear Parishioners of St. Benedict's,

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.

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,

Bishop of Motherwell.

+ Joseph & wind



Dear Parishioners,

On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of our church, I am pleased to address these few lines to you all.

As comparative new-comers, still, we can appreciate all the dedication and generosity that went into the building up of this parish. One of the local history books I read, on arrival, was full of praise for the wonderful contribution made to the Easterhouse community in general by such a fine building. The building was a reflection of the admirable parish spirit so clearly expressed in the varied activities so enthusiastically and successfully run.

To all concerned priests and people—ex-parishioners, those who have passed on, but particularly to those still working "at the coal face", I thank you for all you have bequeathed to us.

We also want this to be a celebration, a joyful sharing and involvement, and a reaching out to the whole area, to our sick and housebound members, and to those who have lost contact with us for whatever reason. Now is the time to discover that there is plenty of time and room for all.

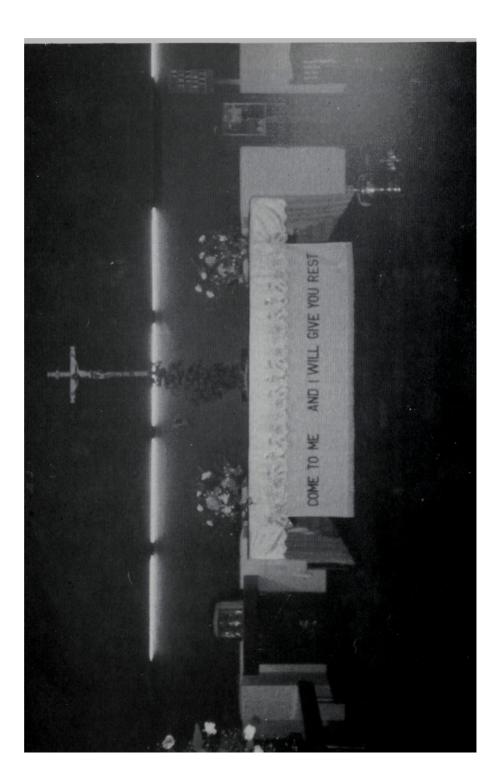
For our young parents, young adults and teenagers—our future community and hope—may this celebration provide a springboard, fire them with that enthusiasm for involvement which St. Benedict's needs if it is to re-establish its leading role let's all be caught up in "going for gold".

May our two great patrons—St. Benedict with his charism of peace and St. John Bosco, patron of the young, intercede for us and inspire us. Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

With every blessing and good wish from all the Salesians for a really enjoyable jubilee.

Yours sincerely

Michael Power, S.D.B.

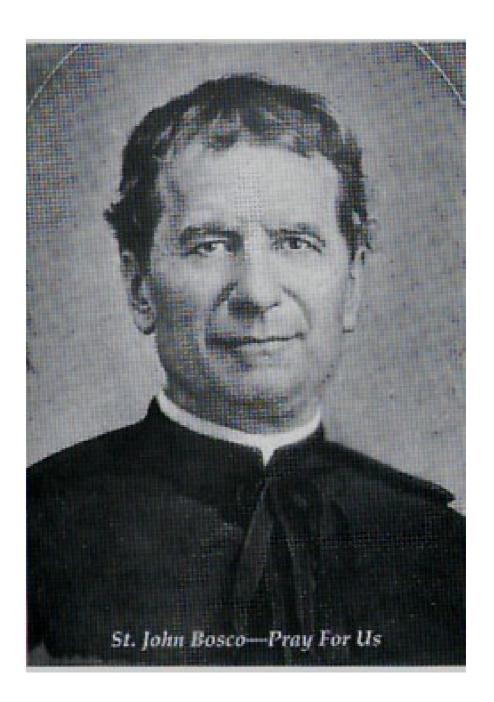


PARISH PRIESTS OF ST. BENEDICT'S, EASTERHOUSE 1958-1990

1958-1962	Rev. Angus McKellaig	Present Appointment Retired
1962-1968	Rev. Henry A. McGinn J.P.	St. Mary's, Larkhall
1968-1975	Rev. Daniel Hennessy	St. Bridget's, Baillieston
1975-1981	Rev. James J. Ashe	St. Brenda's, Motherwell
1981-1984	Rev. Timothy Brosnan	St. Gerard's, Bellshill
1984-1987	Rev. Thomas O'Hare	St. Serf's, Airdrie
1987-1988	Rev. Cornelius F. O'Leary	St. Patrick's, Shotts
1988-	Rev. Michael Power, S.D.B.	

ASSISTANT PRIESTS OF ST. BENEDICT'S, EASTERHOUSE 1958-1990

Rev. James McGlinchey	1959-1965	PP St. Dominic's Craigend & St. Mungo's, Garthamlock
Rev. Robert Curley	1962-1967	PP of St. John the Baptist's, Uddingston
Rev. Bernard Oates	1965-1972	R.I.P.
Rev. John T. Lavery	1965-1968	
Rev. Isaac McLaren	1967-1968	PP St. Stephen's, Coatbridge
Rev. John C. Brady	1968	
Rev. James O'Hara	1968-1970	Army Chaplain
Rev. Damien Gilhooly	1970-1975	St. Cadoc's, Halfway
Rev. Patrick Loughran	1970	
Rev. Dominic Towey	1970	St. John Ogilvie's, Blantyre
Rev. Thomas Connelly	1972-1978	St. Cadoc's, Halfway
Rev. Daniel J. Rooney	1972-1975	St. Bernadette's, Motherwell
Rev. James Shiels	1975-1978	Drumkeen, Raphoe.
Rev. James Duddy	1977-1980	St. Joseph's, Blantyre
Rev. Hugh Sheridan	1978-1987	Retired
Rev. Paul Stewart	1980-1987	Sacred Heart, Bellshill
Rev. Peter Burns S.D.B.	1988	
Bro. Peter Johnston, S.D.B.	1988	
Rev. James C. Walsh,		
S.D.B.	1989	



Mass of Thanksgiving

ENTRANCE HYMN

Awake from your slumber!
Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning
for all those who weep.
The people of darkness
have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing
has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God.

May our tears be turned into dancing!

For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day.

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day. The one who has loved us has brightened our way. The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for his people to set their hearts free.

God is light; in him there is no darkness. Let us walk in his light, his children one and all. O comfort my people; make gentle your words. Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

O city of gladness, now lift up your voice. proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

GLORIA (recited)

COLLECT PRAYER

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING (Isaiah 63: 7-9)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

SECOND READING (Colossians 3: 12-17)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (5 times)
We will hear your word, one in love;
we will live your Word, one in love;
we will spread your Word, one in love.
Alleluia. (5 times)

GOSPEL (Luke 17: 11-19)

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Liturgy of the Eucharist

PROCESSION OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation, thanks to your goodness this bread we offer fruit of the earth, work of our hands, it will become the bread of life.

Blessed be God! Blessed be God! Blessed be God forever! Amen! (2)

Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation, thanks to your goodness this wine we offer fruit of the earth, work of our hands, it will become the cup of life.

PRAYER OVER GIFTS

FIRST EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord. Holy is the Lord God Almighty! Holy, Holy is the Lord. Holy is the Lord God Almighty! Who was and is, and is to come, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III

SECOND EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord.
Jesus is the Lord God Almighty. (melody as above)

Communion Rite

THE LORD'S PRAYER

and following prayers

SIGN OF PEACE

Let there be love shared among us, let there be love in our eyes. May now your love sweep this nation; cause us, O Lord, to arise. Give us a fresh understanding, brotherly love that is real. Let there be love shared among us, let there be love.

Let there be peace shared among us, let there be peace in our eyes. May now your peace sweep this nation; cause us, O Lord, to arise. Give us a fresh understanding, brotherly love that is real. Let there be peace shared among us, let there be peace.

LAMB OF GOD (recited)

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

This is my body, broken for you, bringing you wholeness, making you free. Take it and eat it, and when you do, do it in love for me.

This is my blood poured out for you, bringing you forgiveness, making you free. Take it and drink it, and when you do, do it in love for me.

Back to the Father soon I shall go. Do not forget me; then you will see I am still with you, and you will know you're very close to me.

Filled with the Spirit, how you will grow! You are my branches; I am the tree. If you are faithful, others will know you are alive in me.

Love one another—I have loved you, and I have shown you how to be free; serve one another, and when you do, do it in love for me.

Ubi caritas et amor. Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Your love, O Jesus Christ, has gathered us together.

May your love, O Jesus Christ, be foremost in our lives.

Let us love one another as God has loved us.

Let us be one in love together in the one bread of Christ.

The love of God in Jesus Christ bears eternal joy.

The love of God in Jesus Christ will never have an end.

Jesus, you're the one I love you're the one I know you're the one who makes me strong Spirit in my soul. From the clouds of yesterday, through the night of pain, teach me, Lord, to know your way, know it once again.

Refrain:

Bread, blessed and broken for us all, symbol of your love from the grain so tall.

May the bread we break today, may the cup we share lift the burdens of our hearts, lift them everywhere; passing on to each of us a measure of your love, love to make us whole again, as we share your word.

Refrain:

Bread, blessed and broken for us all, Bread of life you give to us, bread of life for all.

Jesus, you're the one I love; you're the one I know. You're the one who makes me strong, Spirit in my soul.

Concluding Rites

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

FINAL BLESSING

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and forever.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Bishop: May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

RECESSIONAL SONG

Chorus:

Sing it in the valleys, shout it from the mountain tops;
Jesus came to save us, and his saving never stops.
He is king of kings, and new life he brings, sing it in the valleys, shout it from the mountain tops,
—(oh)—shout it from the mountain tops.

Jesus you are by my side, you take all my fears. If I only come to you, you will heal the pain of years.

Chorus:

You have not deserted me, though I go astray. Jesus take me in your arms, help me walk with you today.

Chorus:

Jesus, you are living now, Jesus, I believe. Jesus, take me, heart and soul, Yours alone I want to be.

Chorus: