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Confessions: Saturday 4:30 – 4:50pm

Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30th 2025

My dear parishioner,

I hope this finds you and your families well as we enter the final stage of our journey through the holy season of Lent; let us continue to remember our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in our prayers. What a Lenten journey the Pope is making, and of course the whole church is making it with him and for him.

This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is traditionally SCIAF Sunday: this year, this good Scottish Charity is marking the 60th Anniversary of helping people around the world: “In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we are once again asking for your support, so that we can bring hope to those struggling to find it. Please stand in solidarity with SCIAF and our sisters and brothers who are living in poverty.”

Pope Francis urges us, *“to refuse to turn a blind eye to the tragedy of rampant poverty that prevents millions of men, women, young people and children from living in a manner worthy of our human dignity.”*

This weekend a second collection will be taken up to support the good work of SCIAF. As we know well, a little donation from many people turns into substantial support; this collection will be taken up in every Catholic Parish in Scotland. *Please feel free to use your offertory collection for your donation to SCIAF.*

Diocese of Motherwell: Youth Ministry Summit: for new and experienced parish volunteers; St. Bride's Hall, Motherwell, Saturday 12th April, 9.30am to 3.30pm: a day of inspirational talks, practical training, discussions and useful resource handouts; the overarching theme is *Next Generation Discipleship*; the Keynote speaker is Beccy Roseman, chaplaincy co-ordinator in the Archdiocese of Birmingham; Register at <https://forms.gle/6HUg1Ppdp2bwP2gMA>.

This conference would be of real assistance to anyone with a special interest in the pastoral care of young people in the life of the church. *If any parishioner would like to represent the parish, then please let Fr. O'Brien know.*

I offer here the Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday March 31st: Mass at 10am,

Rosary at 9.40am, Confessions at 6.30pm; Novena at 7pm

Tuesday April 1st: Mass at 10am

Stations of the Cross at 9.35am

Wednesday April 2nd: Mass at 10am

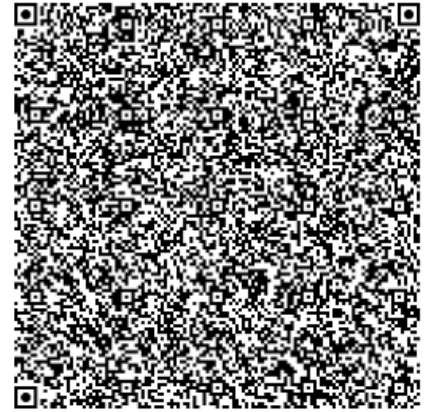
Rosary at 9.40am; Confessions after Mass

Thursday April 3rd: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Friday April 4th: Mass at 10am

St. Mary's Primary joining us for Mass



The Daily Liturgy enables us to listen to the words of Jesus and to find real hope in what he says and does; the moment of Holy Communion is indeed a moment of personal encounter with Jesus. *If you are free on weekdays, please consider joining us for the rosary and Mass as part of our parish pilgrimage of hope,*

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: The Novena consists of some beautiful prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, a moment of reflection and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, then the opportunity to receive Holy Communion; *please consider making the Novena part of your Pilgrimage of Hope; you would be most welcome.*

Credo, the Parish Faith Sharing Group meets on Tuesday in the meeting room at 1 o'clock; new members are always welcome.

Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning last week and thank you to those who served in the hall and those who provided home-baking. The proceeds came to £205 and this will be donated to the Hamilton Foodbank.

Recently Deceased: Robert McGuire, Tom McLean, Jean McFadden, Nan Dalton, William Liddell, Laraine Dempsey, Edward Craw, Mary Brogan, Rosemary Gartland, Mary Anne McCabe

Special Remembrance: Jim Russell, Frances Collins, Hugh Morgan, John and Hannah McGuire, Elizabeth and Joe McCafferty, Mary and Frank McAteer, deceased members of the McCafferty and McAteer families, Catherine Grant, Helen Harkins, Annie Miller, deceased members of the Dalton and McKenna families, and all our own deceased relatives and friends.

Gift Aid Envelopes: the new envelopes can be uplifted from the back of the church; very sincere thanks to all who help support the parish through Gift Aid. If you pay tax on your Income, please think about Gift Aiding your contributions to the church. The form takes but a moment to complete and the parish receives an extra 25% on your giving. Last year we received £25,000 from the Inland Revenue in Tax Repayment. Sign up forms are available in the sacristy or at the back of the church. If you wish to donate by Bank Mandate (Standing Order) fill in both parts of the form; if you wish to donate by envelopes, then fill in only the second part of the form. Please return to Mrs. Mary Hoggan or Fr. O'Brien as soon as possible to enable us to start reclaiming the tax repayments on your church donations.

For Reflection:

**Nature is painting for us,
Day after day,
Pictures of infinite beauty
If only we have the eyes to see them.
*John Ruskin 1819-1900***