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Sunday Masses: Vigil 5pm, 9am and 10:30am

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Newsletter

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10th 2026

This Thursday, May 14th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension, a holy day of obligation: Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7pm; Masses on Thursday at 10am (St. Mary's Primary will be with us), and then 12 noon.

Please join us to celebrate this beautiful feast.

Bishop Toal has asked that the following invitation be published widely within the Diocese of Motherwell: Festival of Synodality, Saturday 6 June 2026, Glasgow Caledonian University: "On behalf of Bishop Brian McGee and the Planning Team we invite you to the National Festival of Synodality, a day inspired by Pope Francis' call to be '*witnesses to synodality*'. The festival will focus on *Conversation in the Spirit*, a simple and powerful way of communal discernment rooted in listening, conversion and mission. The day will celebrate the fruits already flourishing in the Church in Scotland and include input from Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, Fr. David McCallum SJ and Sandra Chaoul. Participants will also have the opportunity to experience *Conversation in the Spirit* first hand. Lunch is included. All are welcome, especially those involved in parish and diocesan life, pastoral councils, schools and faith organisations. Tickets £45. Parishes and dioceses are encouraged to support those wishing to attend. Tickets available: bit.ly/synodality26.

Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in forming a new St. Vincent de Paul Conference in our parish. It was helpful to hear the witness of some members of the SVDP within our Diocese last weekend. Bridget Ann Devanny will come along for a follow up meeting on Tuesday May 12th at 6.30pm in the parish hall. It would be helpful if you would sign the sheet at the back of the church if you intended to come along.

The Parish Council invites you for Afternoon Tea in the parish hall on Saturday 30th May at 2pm; tickets are £15 and this includes a glass of Prosecco; tickets are on sale after all Masses over the next 2 weekends. Please bring cash! Proceeds will be shared between St. Andrew's Hospice and Kilbryde Hospice.

Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

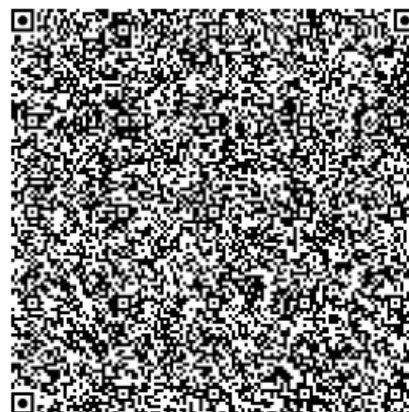
Monday May 11th: Requiem Mass for Daniel Gallacher
10.30am; Confessions at 6.30pm; Novena at 7pm

Tuesday May 12th: Mass at 10am; rosary at 9.40am
Nuptial Mass at 1 o'clock for the marriage between
Amanda McInally and Jamie Lannigan

Wednesday May 13th: Mass at St. Paul's School at 10am
Vigil Mass of Ascension at 7pm

Ascension Thursday May 14th: Mass at 10am and 12 noon
St. Mary's Primary will be with us for 10am Mass

The church's daily liturgy is a wonderful way to begin the day; you are always welcome to join us for the Rosary and Mass



Don't carry cash but wish to donate?

Scan the QR code with your mobile phone to make a donation; you will be able to Gift Aid your donation using this method.

The Diocesan Youth Office invites young adults to the next Cathedral Sunday Night on May 10th at 7.30pm in Motherwell Cathedral. A special panel of young adults will speak about their journey of faith, plus the usual beautiful music, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and some social time afterwards. The Cathedral Nights will close for the summer with a Barbecue on Sunday June 10th. All young adults welcome.

Scottish Diocesan Boundaries Consultation: St. Bride's Centre Motherwell on Monday 25th May at 7pm: Bishop Toal warmly invites the people of Motherwell Diocese to a *Conversation in the Spirit*, regarding this important topic of diocesan structures in the Catholic Church in Scotland. The conclusions of these deliberations will form part of the general response made by the Scottish bishops to the Holy See. *It would be good to have some representatives from the parish.*

Gift Aid: Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish. Do you Gift Aid your donations to the church? If you pay tax, then for every £1 you contribute to the church, we can claim back an extra 25% of what you give. This is at NO EXTRA COST TO YOU! Isn't that wonderful? If you have an income (wage, salary, pension, or investment income) on which you pay UK income tax, the tax people will add 25p for every £1 you donate. A Gift Aid Declaration Form needs to be signed by the individual parishioner, since tax is claimed back against his or her own tax. This is a huge benefit to our parish. For example, last year our Gift Aid Repayments came to £29,438.89. However, our Annual Levy, which helps support Motherwell Diocese, is £38,372.04. You can see just how important this free gift from the Tax Man is to our parish! Please, sign up to make your contributions through Gift Aid! You know it makes sense!

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday May 16th at 10.30am and 2pm.
Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

Coffee Morning next Sunday, May 17th, after the 10.30am Mass, to welcome the First Communicants and their families.

Recently Deceased: Daniel Gallacher, William Mather, Mary Gilroy, Frank Tierney, Brian Charlton, Andy Daly (New York), Rachel Beattie,

Special Remembrance: Brian Carolan Snr and Jnr., Thomas Geoghans, Margaret Boyd, Hannah Devlin, Pauline Fitzpatrick, and our deceased relatives, friends and the benefactors of our parish.

Diocese of Motherwell Website:
for good and reliable information about events across our Diocese
please consult www.redom.org.uk