



**The Catholic Parish of
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Sunday Masses: Vigil 5pm, 9am and 10:30am

Confessions: Saturday 4:30 – 4:50pm

Newsletter

Palm Sunday

April 13th 2025

My dear parishioner,

I hope this finds you and your families well as we begin our journey through Holy Week 2025. Bishop Toal has sent the following letter:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As in previous years, the Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 11am. As Bishop, I extend a warm invitation to all the faithful of the Diocese to attend and I look forward to welcoming you there. At this Solemn Mass I bless the Holy Oils to be used in the celebration of the Sacraments in the parishes throughout the year ahead, while the priests renew the promises made at ordination.

I see this year's Mass of Chrism as an important occasion in the Diocese's celebration of the Jubilee Year and I encourage you to come in parish groups as Pilgrims of Hope, united with me as Bishop in the Communion of the Holy Catholic Church, led by Our Holy Father Pope Francis. We continue to pray that his recovery will continue.

From the Chrism Mass, we move into the Sacred Paschal Triduum in our parishes, and I ask for your generous and prayerful participation in the liturgies of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death, the Easter Vigil and the Mass of the Resurrection. Let us ensure that these holy days are truly a time of intense prayer and renewed zeal, celebrating the great mysteries of our faith, purified by our Lenten sacrifices and fully open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Yours in Christ,

+Joseph Toal

Bishop of Motherwell

The Parish Council invites you to come around to the hall for a roll and sausage at our Easter Bunny Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 13th, after both morning Masses. The Easter Bunny will hop into the hall to say hello and will have some goodies for the children. There will also be an opportunity to purchase Fairtrade goods and Easter Eggs. *All welcome.*

I offer here the Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday April 14th: Mass at 10am,

Rosary at 9.40am; Confessions after Mass; Novena at 7pm

Tuesday April 15th: Requiem for Jean McFadden at 2pm

Reception on Monday at 6.15pm

Wednesday April 16th: Requiem for Tom McLean at 10.30am

Holy Thursday April 17th: Chrism Mass at 11am in Cathedral; Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm; Watching at altar of repose until 10pm

Good Friday April 18th: Stations of the Cross at 12 noon; Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm; Stations of the Cross at 7pm
Veneration of the Cross at all services

Holy Saturday April 19th: Vigil of the Resurrection at 8.30pm
Confessions on Saturday morning from 11.15am to 12 noon

Easter Sunday April 20th: Mass at 9am and 10.30am

Monday April 21st: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Tuesday April 22nd: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Wednesday April 23rd: Mass at 10 am

Rosary at 9.40am

Thursday April 24th: Requiem for Marian King at 10.30am

Friday April 25th Requiem for Nan Dalton at 10am

Reception on Thursday at 6.15pm

Saturday April 26th: St. Paul's Primary, First Holy Communion at 11am

Parish Strollers Day Out: on Friday April 25th the strollers are having a tour of Glasgow City Chambers; if anyone would like to join them, please see the notice in the porch for the details of times etc; while they will stroll around the City Chambers, they will take public transport to and from Glasgow!

Recently Deceased: Tom McLean, Jean McFadden, Nan Dalton, Marion King, John Lavery, Anne Rocks, Robert Dorricott, Christina McKelvie MSP, Jimmy McKenna, Emma Higginson-Walsh (Tralee), Pat Connachan, Maranna Severi (Italy), Jim Hoolahan, David Corns

Special Remembrance: Mgr. Alec Devanney, Fr. Walter Scott, Alice and Michael Sweeney, Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane, Marion Russell, Margaret Stewart, Ann Quigley, Edward McGeary, Ann Terrett, John Seagrave, Eileen Seagrave Wood, Ann Gallacher Dorricot, Catherine and Willie Robertson, John Mallon, Marjory Begley, William and Mary Burns, John Whyte, James and Helen Lennon, Patrick and Joan Lennon, Henry and Isabella Morgan, and all our own deceased relatives and friends, and all the benefactors of our parish.

