



## The Catholic Parish of St. Mary & St. Paul, Hamilton

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

**Confessions: Saturday 4:30 – 4:50pm**

**Newsletter**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 26th 2026**

**The Bishops of Scotland have sent a Pastoral Letter on the Scottish Parliament Election;** copies are available at the back of the Church. To help people choose a candidate, the Catholic Parliamentary Office has prepared a resource: [www.rcpolitics.org/scottish-parliament-election-2026/](http://www.rcpolitics.org/scottish-parliament-election-2026/).

**This weekend we warmly welcome representatives from the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP),** who will share something with us about the good work of the Society: who they are, what they do, and how they do it. Hopefully we might re-establish the SVDP here in our parish. If you are interested in coming to a follow-up meeting, then please give your contact details to one of the SVDP members at the back of the church or to Fr. O'Brien.

**Camp Out for Hope: Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Scotland invites you to** Carfin Grotto on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May-Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 8pm-8am for the *Camp Out for Hope*, to show solidarity with our suffering and displaced Christian brothers sisters around the world. Join us for an all-night prayer vigil, opportunities to learn more about ACN and our work, time to socialise and build new friendships and more; go to [www.Trybooking.com](http://www.Trybooking.com) to sign up. Participants are encouraged to fundraise, with £50 as a target; you must be aged 16+ to participate. Sign-ups will receive a any

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## **Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:**

### **Monday April 27th: Mass at 10am**

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

### **Tuesday April 28th: Mass at 10am**

*Rosary at 9.40am*

### **Wednesday April 29th: Mass at 10am**

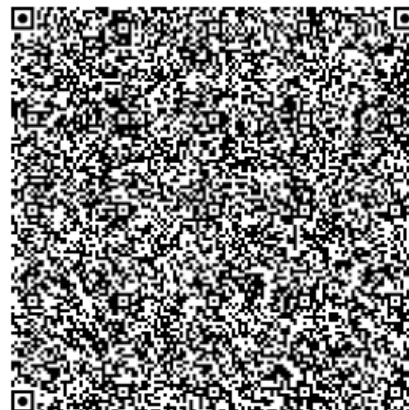
*Rosary at 9.40am*

### **Thursday April 30th: Mass at 10am**

*Rosary at 9.40am*

*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*

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**This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life: Vocations Evening on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April in Cathedral House, Motherwell at 7.30pm.** open to any man who is considering a vocation to the priesthood. This is an enquiry evening for men to gather and share with one another as they discern whether they have a vocation to the priesthood.

**Catholic Family Holidays in the Lake District:** Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. For information: [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or 017687 72711

**Congratulations** to the thirteen pupils from St. Paul's Primary School who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning: sincere thanks to Mrs. McAuley and the teaching staff for their work in preparing the children.

**Important News from St. Mary's Primary School:** at the end of the school term in June, Mrs. Elaine Fitzpatrick, the Headteacher, will leave to take up a new appointment at the South Lanarkshire Education Department in the County Buildings; Mrs. Angela Cluckie, one of the Deputes at the school, will retire from teaching, after 31 years at St. Mary's Primary. While we will miss their good presence very much, we also wish them every blessing for the future. We pray that these final weeks at St. Mary's Primary School will be filled with thanksgiving for all they have given of themselves and indeed to us.

**RCIA: our final two sessions will take place on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Recently Deceased:** Maureen Forbes, Francis McLearn, William Mather, Lina Packeviciute, Bobby Smith, Thomas Whalen, Isobel Leslie, Hugh Gilhooley, Betty McGarry, Susan Burke, Marian Ward, Catherine Connor, Frank Tierney, Iain McLaren (Nottingham), Margaret Butler, Helen Bebbington, Agnes Hendry

**Special Remembrance:** Pope Francis (First Anniversary), Marion Russell, James McMenemy, Kate Burns, Krystyna Jasniewicz and our deceased relatives and friends and all 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](http://www.redom.org.uk)