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Newsletter

Solemnity of The Body and Blood of Christ

June 7th 2026

My dear parishioners,

I hope this finds you and your families well as we move now into summer and all this special time of year offers, especially the abundance of nature, and hopefully a welcome change in routine. This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi); I offer the following words from Pope Benedict for your reflection:

“The Eucharist is the food reserved for those who in Baptism were delivered from slavery and have become sons and daughters of God; it is the food that sustains them on the long journey of the exodus through the desert of human existence. Like the manna for the people of Israel, for every Christian generation the eucharist is the indispensable nourishment that sustains them as they cross the desert of this world, parched by the ideological and economic systems that do not promote life but rather humiliate it. It is a world where the logic of power and possessions prevails rather than that of service and love; a world where the culture of violence and death is frequently triumphant. Yet Jesus comes to meet us and imbues us with certainty; he himself is *Bread of Life*. He repeats this to us in the words of the Acclamation: *I am the living bread from Heaven, if anyone eats this bread, he will live forever.*”

A word of sincere thanks: on Tuesday morning at 10am, the staff and pupils from St. Mary's Primary, together with invited guests, will gather here in the parish church for a special *Mass of Thanksgiving* for the outstanding service that Mrs. Elaine Fitzpatrick, the Headteacher, and Mrs Angela Cluckie, the Depute Headteacher, have given to the children who have received their primary school education at St. Mary's School. As you know, Mrs. Fitzpatrick will move, at the end of term, to a new post in the Education Department of South Lanarkshire Council, and Mrs. Cluckie will retire from teaching after thirty-one years of outstanding service to the young people of our parish. *Thank You* are among the loveliest words we have in any language. On Tuesday morning we will say a heartfelt *Thank You* to Elaine and Angela for the many ways they have given of themselves to support and encourage the young people of our parish. *May they both be richly blessed in this new stage of their journey.*

Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday June 8th: Mass at 10am;

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

Tuesday June 9th Mass at 10am;

St. Mary's Primary will be with us

Wednesday June 10th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

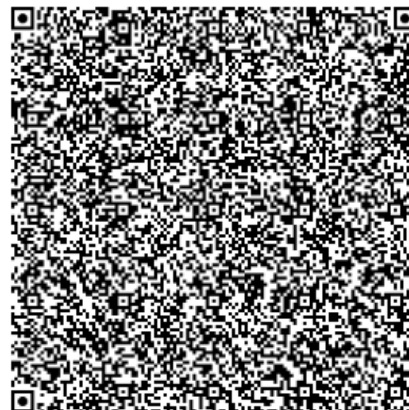
Thursday June 11th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Friday June 12th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am; Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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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The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday, June 24th at 7pm in the parish meeting room; the PPC is there to serve the parish community and your suggestions, comments and observations are welcome; we will do our best to respond in a positive manner to what you bring to our attention. Please speak to a member of the Council or put a note in the box at the back of the church or email PPC1846@hotmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference in our parish; after a further meeting with Bridget Ann Devanny, the President of the SVDP in Motherwell Diocese, we can move forward in re-establishing a SVDP Conference in our parish. The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, June 16th at 6.30pm,** during which a President, Treasurer and Secretary will be elected. Thank you to those who have come forward to serve our parish in this way.

Catholic Men's Society will have their final meeting before the summer break this Monday, June 8th in the parish meeting room after the morning Mass at 10am. All are welcome.

The Parish Strollers take a break from strolling in the park during the summer months; they reconvene in September.

SCIAF sends thanks for the donation from our parish to support their Lenten Appeal; the total donation came to £4,350, and this was made up from the special collection and the Wee Boxes. Not so Wee after all! *Thank you for this wonderful response.*

Thank you to everyone who came along for Afternoon Tea in the parish hall; special thanks to the Parish Council for arranging the day and thanks to all who served a lovely tea! Proceeds came to £1,500 and will be shared between St. Andrew's Hospice and Kilbryde Hospice.

Recently Deceased: Jim Carter, Esther Agnew, Helen Walsh, Christine Collinder, Michael Doran, Charles Devlin, Jemma Ross, Grant Gillen, Gordon Nisbet,

Special Remembrance: John and Helen Carney, John and Elizabeth Fulton, James Fulton, Nancy McSorley Henry, Moira Pacheco, and deceased relatives, friends and benefactors of our parish.

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