



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

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Newsletter

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

August 16th 2026

My dear parishioners,

Sincere good wishes to the teachers and pupils for the start of the new school year. May it be a happy and fulfilling one for all. The following information has been sent by the diocese:

Annual Vocations Mass, Tuesday, 25th August, 7pm in Motherwell; Bishop Toal invites us to gather as a diocesan family to pray for vocations to the priesthood and to the permanent diaconate, as well as women entering religious life. We also celebrate the vocation of marriage and family life. Please join us as we pray for an increase in vocations throughout our Diocese.

Season of Creation Conference: Saturday, 5th September at 10am-5pm, in Eyre Hall, Archdiocese of Glasgow Offices, Clyde Street, Glasgow G1 4JY: the Bishops' Conference invites you to a day of inspiration, reflection and practical action as we celebrate the Season of Creation. We are delighted to welcome Lorna Gold, Director of the Laudato Si' Movement as our keynote speaker. The day will also include practical workshops exploring how parishes, schools and communities can engage young people and parish groups in caring for our common home. Register today at: bit.ly/SeasonofCreation26.

National Pilgrimage at Carfin, Sunday 6th September 3pm; this is an opportunity for Catholics from across Scotland to come together in prayer, renewing our devotion to Our Lady and celebrating the gift of faith as one national community. Everyone is warmly invited to join this special day of prayer and pilgrimage at Scotland's National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Walking Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, Monday 21st to Monday 28th September 2016: the pilgrimage package includes bed and breakfast accommodation in Sarria, Portomarin, Palas de Rei, Arzua, near O Pino and Santiago de Compostela. The approximate cost is £552 per person, excluding flights; for more details contact: ALBA TOURS Ltd, 01698 262941 or 0794 1301 431.

Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday August 17th: Mass at 10am;

Rosary at 9.40am

Tuesday August 18th: Mass at 10am;

Rosary at 9.40am.

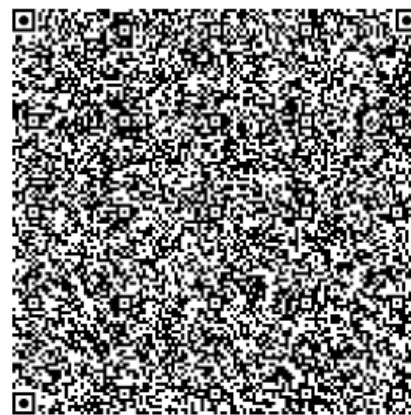
Wednesday August 19th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Thursday August 20th: 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.



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.

Parish Pastoral Council meets this Wednesday at 7pm; the PPC is there to serve the parish community; your observations and suggestions are always welcome and often acted upon; please speak with one of the Council members or put a note in the box at the back of the church or email PPC1846@hotmail.com

Ignatian Spirituality Centre, 35 Scott Street, Garnethill, Glasgow G3 6PE, offers a good variety of workshops, retreats and courses throughout the year. Please consult www.iscglasgow.co.uk; www.onlineprayer.net.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): this is the recommended way for an adult to become a member of the Catholic Church; it involves a period of instruction in the Catholic Faith from late September until Easter of 2027. If you are interested in exploring this further, please speak with Fr. O'Brien.

Mission Appeal: every year Bishop Toal gives permission for a Missionary Order to make an appeal throughout Motherwell Diocese to support their good works in various parts of the world; the Comboni Missionary Order will make the Appeal in our parish on the weekend of August 29/30th. *A second collection will be taken up.*

Recently Deceased: Gerald McDonald, Elizabeth McPhelim, Patricia McKale, Charles Dempsey, Peter Shalley, Mary Valesi, Paul O'Donnelly, Marie Heaney, Ian Brough, Richard Connell, Betty McConnell, Patricia Sillars, Michael Murray

Special Remembrance: Elizabeth and Joe McCafferty, Mary and Frank McAteer, Peggy Boyd, Elizabeth Mudie, William Sheerin, Solange Murphy and deceased relatives, friends and benefactors of our parish.

For Reflection:

**“A child reminds us that playtime
is an essential part of our daily routine”**
Ralph Waldo Emerson