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

Confessions: Saturday 4:30 – 4:50pm

Newsletter

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year

October 19th 2025

This weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday 2025: Missio is the Pope's Charity through which Pope Leo asks us to share with our brothers and sisters throughout the world. The Bishops of Scotland ask that a second collection be taken up in every parish to support the good work of Missio.

Xavarian Missionary Fathers will visit our parish on the Weekend of November 8-9, to make an appeal for support. You may wish to share your donation between these two good causes. *Thank you. A little donation from us all goes a long way.*

Bishop John Keenan and the National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life cordially invite you and your family to the inaugural National Family Conference on Saturday 29th October 2025, 10am-5pm in St. Bride's Hall Motherwell. If able to join us, please register details here:
<https://www.bcos.org.uk/NFC25>.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has been established as the means by which a person can explore the faith of the Catholic Church. Over a period of months, the RCIA offers a way to grow in knowledge of Jesus and the Catholic Faith, in the company of others. The RCIA takes place within a parish community so that the participants can share in the life of the church expressed in a local parish.

In the spirit of sharing what we ourselves have been freely given, we seek to offer the RCIA to those who are thinking about becoming a member of the Catholic Church. At present five people have expressed an interest in making this journey; there is still time for others to come forward. We will begin on **October 23rd at 7pm-8.30pm**, meeting once in the week, and receiving people into the Church at the Easter Vigil in 2026. *Please speak with Fr. O'Brien if you are interested in becoming a member of the church.*

Altar Serving Training has been arranged for **Saturday 1st November, 10am-11.30am**. Would you like to join the Altar Servers? If you have made your First Holy Communion and would like to serve, then come along to the training. Present servers should come too, for some extra training! Serving on the altar is a big commitment, so please speak with your parents about this.

Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

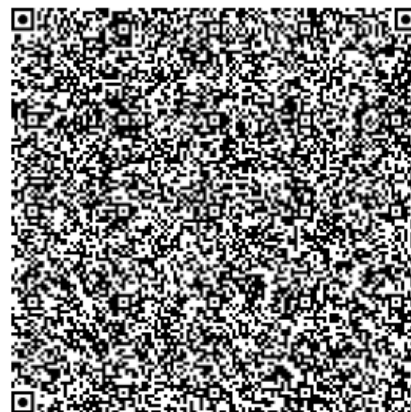
Monday October 20th: Requiem for Mary Wilson at 11am; Confessions at 6.30pm, Novena at 7pm

Tuesday October 21st: Mass at 10am
Rosary at 9.40am

Wednesday October 22nd: Mass at 10am
Rosary at 9.40am; Adoration until 2.30pm

Thursday October 23rd: Mass at 10am
Rosary at 9.40am

Friday October 24th: Requiem for Charles McGuigan at 10am



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.

You would be most welcome to join us for the daily liturgy at any time. It's a beautiful way to begin the day. The Rosary provides a prayerful opportunity to intercede for our world and for those we feel special concern. The daily eucharist invites us to listen deeply to the word of God and to receive Jesus as Bread of Life, food for our journey through the hours of the day. Come as you are!

Wrap Up Lanarkshire Appeal: The Rotary Club of Hamilton appealing for the donation of any spare winter coats or anoraks, which will be distributed via homeless shelters, refugee centres, organisations supporting the elderly, women's refuges, children's centres and other charities helping people in crisis. *Please bring your coat or anorak to the church during October.*

Parish Stall: following a request made to the Parish Council, a sheet is now available in the Stall for anyone wishing to order an item not readily available. For anyone wishing to order, our supplier is **CBC Distributors**, and their inventory is available online at www.cbcdistributors.co.uk. 2026 Catalogues will also be made available in the Stall when received. Stall contact: Clare 07778804859

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: this very special retreat is for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience; it seeks to offer spiritual and emotional support in a safe environment. It will be held in Glasgow from Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th October. For more information, please call/text Sr. Andrea on 07816942824 or email sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk; www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk.

Recently Deceased: Mary Wilson, Agnes O'Donnell, Charles McGuigan, Joseph Kane, Stephen McDonagh, Anne Carty, Michael Emmett, Kathleen Casey, Margo Trower, James Milligan

Special Remembrance: Michalina Gulka, Anna Sokolowska, Franciszek Sokolowski, Jan and Mary Kozak, Elzbieta Wojdyla, Nicole Dauxerre, Louis Chasset, Robert Moroz, Thomas Collins, John and Hannah McGuire, and all our own deceased relatives and friends, and all the benefactors of our parish.