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Newsletter

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 9th 2025

This weekend the Church celebrates the Feast of the Lateran Basilica in Rome: following the Emperor Constantine granting freedom of worship to the Christians in 313, the church was built beside the palace of the Laterani family and consecrated in 324. The church is the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome and, until 1309, the Popes lived nearby. Its original dedication is to the Most Holy Saviour; in the Middle Ages, the names of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist were added (thus, a common name now is St. John Lateran). The Basilica bears the inscription: *'Omnium Urbis et Orbis terrarum Mater et Caput'* which means, *'The Mother and Head of All the Churches in the City and the World.'* This feast was extended worldwide to the whole church in 1565.

Xavarian Missionary Fathers will visit our parish this weekend, November 8-9, to make an appeal for support. Every year a missionary order is given permission by the bishop to visit the parishes of the diocese so that they can share something of their mission with us. *Thank you for making Fr. Montesi welcome. A little donation from us all goes a long way.*

Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy, Bishops, Priests and Deacons: this special liturgy will be celebrated in Motherwell Cathedral on Monday November 10th at 7pm. In this Jubilee Year it is important that we remember and pray for all who have ministered in the Diocese since its foundation. *Bishop Toal warmly invites the priests and people of the Diocese to join him for this special Mass.*

St. Mary's Primary School: Parent Council Bingo Night; Thursday, November 13th 7pm, entry £9; all welcome to join us in the school for prize bingo, tea/coffee and home baking; *please come along and support our school.*

Holy Cross High School Christmas Fayre: please come along to the annual Christmas Fayre in the school on Saturday 29th November, from 11am until 2pm. There will be activities for all the family and plenty of goods for sale. As well as providing vital funds to support the good work of the school, the Christmas Fayre

provides a wonderful opportunity for people within the school and the surrounding parishes to come together as a community. ***Please come along and join in the fun.***

Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday November 10th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Tuesday November 11th: Mass at 10am

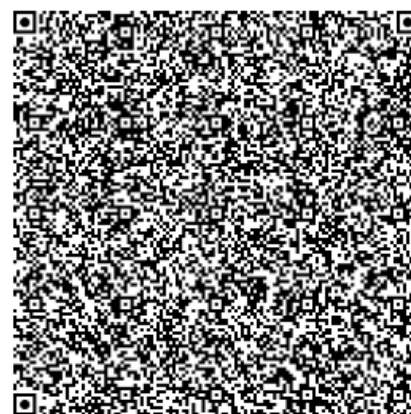
Rosary at 9.40am

Thursday November 13th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Friday November 14th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am



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 life. Come as you are!

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.

Sincere Thanks: the parish has received a bequest of £7,002.36 from the estate of Mr. James Fletcher, who died on November 14th 2023; we offer sincere thanks for this generous gift, and especially to the members of the Fletcher family. James will be remembered among the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's Parish, Hamilton, ***requiescat in pace.***

Catholic Education Week: we will mark this significant moment in the calendar on Sunday, November 23rd, the Feast of Christ the King. We look forward to welcoming representatives from Holy Cross High, St. Mary's Primary and St. Paul's Primary.

The Befriending Group has now met twice to prepare for this new ministry within our parish. Are you someone or do you know someone who would like to receive a visit from a member of the parish? It could be that the visit is meeting for a coffee rather than meeting in your home. Please contact Justine on 07951397616 or speak with Fr. O'Brien.

RCIA is now underway and will meet this Thursday evening at 7pm in the parish meeting room. *We have six people making this journey and please remember them in your prayers.*

Parish Choir: Do you enjoy singing? Please come along to the choir practices in preparation for Christmas. Monday evenings in the parish meeting room from November 17th at 7pm.

Coffee Morning and Christmas Card Sale: the parish stall and Fairtrade are holding a joint coffee morning on 16th November after both morning Masses. Christmas cards, Nativity sets, Advent Calendars including Fairtrade Chocolate Calendars, Christmas ornaments will be on sale. A small selection of Fairtrade food and crafts will also be available. Toast and home baking will be served. Proceeds to the Hamilton Foodbank. *Please join us in the hall.*

During November the church prays for those who have gone before us into eternal life, especially those who have been good to us in life. Traditionally we write their names on a November List, which are available at the back of the church. Often people include a little donation and this year these offerings will be donated to **Friends of the Holy Land**, a small Catholic charity supporting people living through the most difficult circumstances,

Recently Deceased: Sarah (Sandra) Devlin, Isabella (Ailsa) Cosgrove, Janet Conway, Pamela Bell

Special Remembrance: Mark Owen McGuire, Tommy O'Donnell, Les Lovelock, John Smith, Frank Lyons, Anna Donnelly, Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane, and all our own deceased relatives and friends, and all the benefactors of our parish.