



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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

October 11th 2026

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2027: Thinking of joining the Diocese of Motherwell Lourdes Pilgrimage from Monday 12th to Monday 19th July 2027? The theme of the pilgrimage will be '*The Visitation, reaching out to others in service and joyful charity*'; accommodation at Hotels Mediteranee and Alba, priced at £995 pp for full board based on twin/treble rooms. Single supplement £280; flights direct from Prestwick to Lourdes and return. Bishop Toal will lead the pilgrimage. Booking can be made through Joe Walsh Tours; for further information please email whb.clements1@btinternet.com. *The diocesan pilgrimage is a beautiful way to visit Lourdes, especially if you are visiting for the first time.*

Wave of Light Service, 15th October 2026, in St. Augustine's Church at 6.45pm; this service offers a quiet space to remember babies whose memory we hold close to our hearts. We will light candles in prayer and in remembrance of their lives, holding each baby and their family in our prayers. *Whether your loss was recent or many years ago, you are welcome; parents, families and friends are welcome to be with us.*

The 2026 Oscar Romero Lecture: 'From Romero to Gaza: The Price of Living by Our Principles': Thursday 22nd October, 7pm, in The Immaculate Conception Church, Maryhill, Glasgow; the lecture will be delivered by Oliver McTernan, internationally recognised peace mediator, Director of Forward Thinking, and author of *Violence in God's Name*. The evening will include a Q&A session and refreshments.

Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Motherwell, Thursday, November 5th at 7pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell; this Mass brings us together to remember and pray for the bishops and priests who faithfully served our diocese over the years. We give thanks for their lives, their ministry and the care they offered to our parish communities, commending them to God's love and mercy.

Motherwell Diocesan Children's Choir: Enjoy singing or interested in giving singing a try? Please join the new children's choir! We are delighted to invite children from across the Diocese to become part of this new choir; it's a place to sing, make new friends and share our faith through music; the choir is open to all children in P5-P7, with no audition required and no cost to take part; **Wednesday evenings 6-7pm in Cathedral Primary School, Motherwell.**

MISSION SUNDAY is celebrated next weekend; a second collection will be taken up in every parish in Scotland; a little donation from us all goes a long way.

Please consult the diocesan website, www.rcdom.org.uk for further details about events across the diocese

Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday October 12th: Mass at 10am;

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

Tuesday October 13th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Wednesday October 14th: Mass at 10am

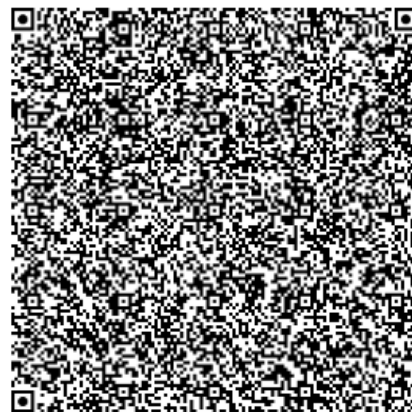
Rosary at 9.40am

Thursday October 15th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Saturday October 17th: Nuptial Mass at 12.15pm

We wish joy and blessings on Katy Cluckie and Christopher McCann on their Wedding Day.



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.

The daily liturgy is a wonderful gift to the church and a beautiful way to begin the day; you are always welcome to join us for the prayerful recitation of the Rosary and for morning Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council: The PPC will meet again on Wednesday 21st October at 7pm; the Council is there to serve the parish community; your comments and suggestions are very welcome and we will do our best to respond; 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

Family Conference: The Agency for Marriage, Family and Life has organised a National Conference. Married couples and families are invited to a day at Saint Augustine's, Coatbridge on the **24th October 2026**. Come along for Mass with Bishop John Keenan, formative talks, children's catechesis and more. Please book your place at <https://bcos.org.uk/NFC26>.

Wrap Up Lanarkshire Appeal: Donate your spare winter coats or anoraks to The Rotary Club of Hamilton, help support many local charities and community organisations who care for people who are homeless, escaping domestic violence, living in poverty and refugees. Drop off your coats in the box at the back of the Church. *Please donate a coat or jacket during the month of October.*

The Defibrillator is kept in the first confessional and is clearly visible on the wall; a wheelchair is also stored here. There will be further training in the use of the Defibrillator on **Saturday 31st October**, 10am to 12 noon in the parish hall.

Thank you: Hamilton Foodbank sent a lovely letter of thanks for the donation of food and toiletries (see notice board); thank you also to everyone who supported last week's coffee morning, especially those who handed in home-baking; a donation of £500 has been sent to support the good work of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.

Recently Deceased: Lina Gallo, Barbara Doyle, Liz Gillies, Fr. John McGorry (Glasgow)

Special Remembrance: Willie Donnelly, Oran Marron, Claire McIntyre, Tom Murray, Charles Dobbin, Agnes O'Donnell. Maureen Gillespie, Morag Lynas, Nessie Lynas, Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane, James and Helen Lennon, Patrick and Joan Lennon, Jim Carr, John and Julia O'Neil, Hugh, Mary and John Carr and our own deceased relatives and friends, and the benefactors of our parish.

For reflection: *"Nature is painting for us, day after day, pictures of infinite beauty if only we have eyes to see them."* John Ruskin (1819-1900).