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Confessions: Saturday 4:30 – 4:50pm

Newsletter

First Sunday of Lent

March 9th 2025

My dear parishioners,

Very sincere thanks for the warm welcome you gave to Sarah and Julie, our friends from Mary's Meals, and for your very generous response to the appeal to fund the daily meal at Namichenja Primary School in the district of Sinda, in the southern part of Zambia. When the parish council suggested this as a project for the Holy Year, the intention was to raise the money over the months of 2025. Well, it's moving for me as your parish priest to let you know that we raised the funding over the course of last weekend; the donations reached £5,500. I hope you and your families and friends will be deeply consoled to know that these children, our little brothers and sisters in Zambia, will greatly benefit from our solidarity with them. *Please be sure to thank your relatives and friends who gave a gift to this Jubilee project and may God bless you all.*

Bishop Toal has sent a letter to all the parishes of the Diocese asking that we be represented at a Wellspring Parish Renewal Meeting on Monday 10th March at St. Bernadette's Church, Motherwell from 7-9pm. The bishop suggests that three or four people from each parish take part in the discussions around parish renewal, with a strong emphasis on spiritual growth. In addition to hearing the experience of three parishes who have initiated their renewal programmes, there will be opportunity to pray and reflect together, as well as discussion and listening.

St. Andrew's Hospice, Airdrie: Make a Will Month, March 2025: Make or update your Will and support the good work of the hospice during the month of March. Several Lanarkshire Legal Firms have agreed to write a basic Will or update an existing Will and wave their legal fees, in return for a donation to St. Andrew's Hospice. For further information please contact Lorna McCafferty, Trusts, Legacy and Individual Giving Manager, at St. Andrew's Hospice on 01236 772087 or email lorna.mccafferty@standrews.scot.nhs.uk.

Hospice website: www.st-andrews-hospice.com for details of the Solicitors taking part.

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 4-6th April 2025 at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge, For details contact: Louise on 07926 571004 or email: louise398@gmail.com *Parishioners who have taken part in this weekend retreat have said how helpful it was.*

Natural Family Planning-God's Way-Nature's Way: The Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Fertility Regulation is a successful family planning method for couples having difficulty conceiving or simply wanting a family safely and naturally. It is proven to be 99% effective in avoiding pregnancy without side-effects. It also strengthens marriages and focuses on couples successfully planning a family together in equal partnership.

Interested in sharing this knowledge with others? Apply for our flexible, online Training Course to become an accredited teacher today. For further information, please contact Fertility Care Scotland at info@fertilitycare.org.uk

I offer here the Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday March 10th: Requiem for Sandra Bogan at 11.30am

Confessions at 6.30pm; Novena at 7pm

Tuesday March 11th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Wednesday March 12th:

Stations of the Cross at 9.35am

Thursday March 13th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am; First Confessions at 6pm

Friday March 14th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

The Parish Council: members will meet on Wednesday March 12th at 7pm; your comments and suggestions are welcome; please speak with one of the members or place a note in the box at the back of the church or email PPC1846@hotmail.com

The Daily Liturgy enables us to listen to the words of Jesus and to find real hope in what he says and does; the moment of Holy Communion is indeed a moment of personal encounter with Jesus. *If you are free on weekdays, please consider joining us for the rosary and Mass as part of our parish pilgrimage of hope,*

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: The Novena consists of some beautiful prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, a moment of reflection and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, then the opportunity to receive Holy Communion; *please consider making the Novena part of your Pilgrimage of Hope? You would be most welcome.*

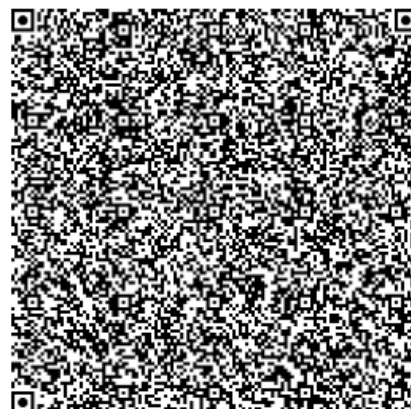
Aid to the Church in Need: Scottish Conference, 'Courage to be Catholic' Saturday 29th March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9.30-4pm. Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organizations from around Scotland and help build the Catholic Community. To register: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR>

Credo, the Parish Faith Sharing Group meets on Tuesday in the meeting room at 1 o'clock; new members are always welcome.

Coffee Morning on March 23rd after the 9am and 10.30am Mass: Fairtrade invite you to come around to the hall and enjoy some coffee, tea, toast and home-baking. Some Fairtrade goods and Easter Eggs will be available to purchase.

Recently Deceased: Sandra Bogan, Kevin Moon, Margaret McDaid, Rosemary O'Hara, Sister Monica McDonald, Amy Warren, Fr. John McMillan, Fr. John Callaghan, Leo Morgan, Anita Boni, Alice Gallagher,

Special Remembrance: William Miller, Winnie Maxwell, Fiona Seal, Moya McDermott, John and Elizabeth Fulton, James Fulton, Annie and John Donnachie, Catherine Coyle, Ines and Tommy Maxwell, Angie DiMarco, Peter and Ida McKeown, Bella and Owen Currie and all our own deceased relatives and friends and all the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.



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