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Newsletter

Eleventh Sunday of the Year

June 14th, 2026

My dear parishioners,

Perhaps you have noticed in the media that Pope Leo XIV has written his first Encyclical Letter to the Church and to the World: '*Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the time of Artificial Intelligence.*' I offer the following quotations for your reflection:

“Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together. Each generation inherits the task of shaping its own era, of guiding history to become a place where the dignity of every person is safeguarded, justice is promoted and fraternity made possible. Yet every era also runs the risk of creating an inhumane and more unjust world. Whenever humanity is in danger of marring its true identity, we Christians lift our eyes to the Incarnate God, knowing that it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of humanity truly becomes clear. In Jesus Christ, this humanity in its grandeur becomes the Way, the Truth and the Life, opening the path for each of us to grow toward fullness.

Founded on Christ, the living stone, we experience the powerful and mysterious action of the Holy Spirit, and we believe that every authentic human effort to cooperate with him for the good will be blessed by our heavenly Father, in whom we place our hope. For this reason, we can diligently contribute to every initiative that builds a more just world, and we can call others to collaborate in promoting the integral development of every human person. We wish to engage in dialogue with all men and women of our time, with whom we share in the events, questions and aspirations of humanity. Together with them, we seek to identify new paths for the common good and for promoting a dignified life for all.

Pope Leo XIV

Congratulations to Lorna Lawson, the Headteacher of St. John Ogilvie's High School, and to the staff and pupils, for the excellent report from the School Inspectors who recently visited the school. Well done!

Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday June 15th: Mass at 10am;

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

Tuesday June 16th Mass at 10am;

Rosary at 9.40am; Feast of All Saints of Scotland

Wednesday June 17th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Thursday June 18th: 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

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday, June

24th at 7pm in the parish meeting room; the PPC is there to serve the parish community and your suggestions, comments and observations are welcome; we will do our best to respond in a positive manner to what you bring to our attention. Please speak to a member of the Council or put a note in the box at the back of the church or email PPC1846@hotmail.com.

On Tuesday at 10am Mass, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints of Scotland; we recall the many local Saints throughout Scotland's Christian history, whose number is too great to commemorate individually. The feast celebrates the glory of God in these many holy men and women, as well as their sharing in the Paschal Mystery of Christ. It is a calling to mind of the spiritual solidarity of the communion of saints, a reminder of their constant intercession for us, and of the sustaining power of the Eucharist in our pilgrim journey to the New Jerusalem. The Feast of All Saints of Scotland was added to the liturgical calendar for Scotland, after approval by the Bishops of Scotland in 2024.

Next Sunday, June 21st, the Catholic Church in Scotland celebrates Day for Life,

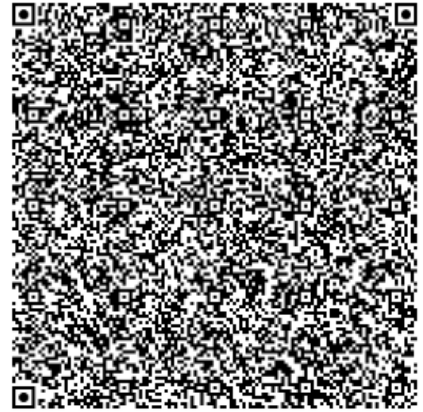
This year's theme is *'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'* and reflects on the humanity of the unborn child and acknowledges with compassion, the deep grief experienced by parents who lose a child before or shortly after birth. There will be a second collection towards the Bishops' Conference *Day for Life Fund*, which offers grants for pro-life initiatives and indeed other efforts that encourage people to live life to the full; www.bcos.org.uk/Day-for-Life-Fund

St. Vincent de Paul Conference in our parish; after a further meeting with Bridget Ann Devanny, the President of the SVDP in Motherwell Diocese, we can move forward in re-establishing a SVDP Conference in our parish. The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, June 16th at 6.30pm**, during which a President, Treasurer and Secretary will be elected. Thank you to those who have come forward to serve our parish in this way.

Dignity not Detention: Justice and Peace Scotland, Sunday, 14th June at 1pm, Dengavel House, Strathven, ML10 6RF; Archbishop Nolan will join members of J&P Scotland outside Dungavel Immigration Removal Centre this Sunday to stand in solidarity with those detained inside and to call for an end to indefinite immigration detention in the UK.

Recently Deceased: Jim Carter, Esther Agnew, Helen Walsh, Jim Bain, Christine Collinder, Linda Anderson, Grant Gillen, Gordon Nisbet, Lawrence Murphy

Special Remembrance: Christine Devine, Christopher Clancy, Kevin Bryant, Ella and Joe Paterson, Anna McAdam, Margaret Daly Rooney, John and Helen Carney, Moira Pacheco, George Connor, Bishop Maurice Taylor and deceased relatives, friends and benefactors of our parish.



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