



## 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

### Third Sunday of Easter

April 19th 2026

**The Bishops of Scotland have sent a Pastoral Letter on the Scottish Parliament Election**, which takes place on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Copies of the Pastoral Letter are available at the back of the Church. *Please feel free to share the contents of this letter with family and friends.*

**Bishop Toal invites the priests and people to attend the Diocesan Synodality Meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm in St. Bride's Centre, Motherwell.** While there is an open invitation to the meeting, the bishop also asks parishes to send representatives. The purpose of the meeting is to promote Synodality in our Diocesan Structures and Activities and to form a Diocesan Synodality Committee. The recent request from the Scottish Bishops for each Diocese to consider the future structure of our Scottish dioceses will also be discussed with the intention of arranging a meeting in May to contribute to the response from Motherwell.

**A Message from the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Motherwell Diocese:** Mrs. Bridget Ann Devanny and other members of the Society will visit our parish on the weekend of 25/26 April to share something with us about the important work of the Society: who they are, what they do, and how they do it. Hopefully we might re-establish the SVDP here in our parish.

**Camp Out for Hope: Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Scotland invites you** to Carfin Grotto on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May-Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 8pm-8am for the *Camp Out for Hope*, to show solidarity with our suffering and displaced Christian brothers and sisters around the world. Join us for an all-night prayer vigil, opportunities to learn more about ACN and our work, time to socialise and build new friendships and more; go to [www.Trybooking.com](http://www.Trybooking.com) to sign up. Participants are encouraged to fundraise, with £50 as a target; you must be aged 16+ to participate. Sign-ups will receive a any

**Vocation to the Priesthood or Permanent Diaconate:** any man who is considering a vocation to the priesthood or to the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Motherwell should make himself known in the first instance to his parish priest. His contact details will then be forwarded to the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Charles O'Farrell (for the priesthood) or to Deacon Bill McMillan (for the diaconate).

**The Children's Liturgy** is an important part of our parish life, firstly by making children welcome at Mass and then by offering some reflection on the scripture readings appropriate to their age. It is a way of helping children to develop their own relationship with Jesus as he speaks and acts in the Holy Scriptures. Would you consider helping in this ministry to the children of the parish? A rota is in place, which means the commitment is not onerous. Please speak with Rona after the 10.30am Mass or pass your contact details to Fr. O'Brien.

## **Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:**

### **Monday April 20th: Mass at 10am**

*Rosary at 9,40am; Confessions at 6.30pm; Novena at 7pm*

### **Tuesday April 21st: Mass at 10am**

*Rosary at 9,40am*

### **Wednesday April 22nd: Requiem Mass at 1.30pm**

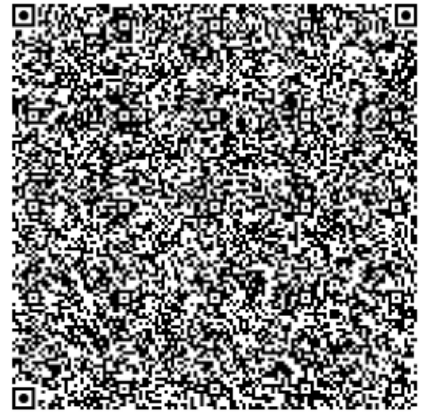
*Lina Packeviciute RIP*

### **Thursday April 23rd: 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*

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**Bishop Toal's Easter Message to the Diocese is available online and can be accessed via the diocesan website; details at the bottom of the page; other important diocesan events, dates and times, can be found on this webpage.**

**The Parish Pastoral Council meets on April 22nd at 7pm;** the Council is there to serve the parish community and your comments, suggestions and ideas are always welcome. We will do our best to respond positively. Sometimes you notice practical needs, for example, someone asked for a coat hook in the toilet, simple yet important. It's now there! Please speak to one of the Council members or email [PPC1846@hotmail.com.uk](mailto:PPC1846@hotmail.com.uk) or write your comment and place it in the box at the back of the church.

**Next Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life: Vocations Evening on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April in Cathedral House, Motherwell at 7.30pm.** open to any man who is considering a vocation to the priesthood. This is an enquiry evening for men to gather and share with one another as they discern whether they have a vocation to the priesthood.

**Recently Deceased:** Lina Packeviciute, Maureen Forbes, William Mather, Bobby Smith, Thomas Whalen, Isobel Leslie, Hugh Gilhooley, Betty McGarry, Susan Burke, Marian Ward, Catherine Connor, Frank Tierney, Iain McLaren (Nottingham), Margaret Butler, Helen Bebbington,

**Special Remembrance:** Tom McCabe, Theresa McCartney, William and Mary Burns, George Scott, Jeanie Lynas McKenna, Brenda Reilly, Moira Boylan, John Seagrave, Eileen Seagrave Wood and our deceased relatives and friends and all the benefactors of our parish.

**For Reflection:** "Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up until now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk; you won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid. Trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for, and the strength to live as he would have you do."

Pope Francis

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