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Sunday Masses: Vigil 5pm, 9am and 10:30am
Confessions: Saturday 4:30 – 4:50pm

Newsletter **Thirtieth Sunday of the Year** **October 25th 2026**

Thank you for your very generous response to World Mission Sunday; our donation came to £2,000 and this has been sent to *Missio Scotland*. Your prayers and offerings will strengthen the Church's mission in places where resources are limited but faith is vibrant. As we continue to live the call to be ***One in Christ, United in Mission***, let us remember missionaries and the communities they serve, asking God to bless them with courage, joy and hope.

Coffee Morning and Christmas Card Sale, next Sunday 1st November: the parish stall and Fairtrade are holding a joint coffee morning after the 9am and the 10.30am Masses. Christmas Cards, Nativity Sets, Advent Calendars, Christmas ornaments etc., will be on sale. A small selection of Fairtrade food and crafts will also be available. Please come around to the hall after mass and enjoy some coffee/tea/juice, toast and home baking; *donations of baking always welcome.*

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.

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 Mediterranee 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.*

Defibrillator Training: would you like to learn how to use the defibrillator? This skill could help save a life; please join us in the parish hall on Saturday, October 31st at 10.30am for training; the defibrillator is kept in the first confessional and is clearly visible on the wall; a wheelchair is also located there.

Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday October 26th: Mass at 10am;
Rosary at 9.40am; Confessions at 6.30pm; Novena at 7pm

Tuesday October 27th: Mass at 10am
Rosary at 9.40am

Wednesday October 28th: Mass at 10am
Rosary at 9.40am; Adoration after Mass until 2.30pm

Thursday October 29th: Mass at 10am
Rosary at 9.40am

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 recitation of the Rosary and for morning Mass.

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.

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Next Sunday, November 1st, is the Solemnity of All Saints, and begins the special month of Prayer for the Faithful Departed. November Lists are available at the back of the church. Please take one and write down the names of those you wish to be remembered during the liturgy. Many people include a little donation, and we usually gather these together to support a charity. This year let us support the good work of Friends of the Holy Land; you can see what the charity is doing on www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk

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.**

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. ***Final uplift on Thursday October 31st.***

Bishop John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley and President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, has announced that he is stepping back from his daily duties until further notice, following medical advice. Bishop Keenan has been undergoing medical investigations and will require further tests and examinations over the coming weeks; he hopes to provide a further update once these investigations are concluded and is grateful for your prayers at this time.

Please pray for those who are ill: Cathie Young, Adrienne Mulholland, Fr. Brian Logue

Recently Deceased: Barbara Doyle, Liz Gillies, Doreen Malone, Rose Lanyon, Michele Gaeta, Isobel Houlton, Patrick Duffy, Fr. John McGrorry (Glasgow)

Special Remembrance: Margaret Lynas Higgins, Helen and James Aiton, Bishop John Mone, Kathleen and John Lynas, Jim and Mary Neary, Eric and Helen Murphy, Charles Feenie and our own deceased relatives and friends, and the benefactors of our parish.

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