



**The Catholic Parish of
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Confessions: Saturday 4:30 – 4:50pm

Newsletter

Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year

November 10th 2024

My dear parishioners,

I hope this finds you and your families well and enjoying something of autumn's wonderful colours. Each year, Bishop Toal asks that the parishes draw attention to the importance of Safeguarding in the Diocese of Motherwell. The following statement was prepared by our Safeguarding Officer, Mrs. Isabelle Boyd:

Annual Safeguarding Update

Safeguarding is directed and underpinned by the Church's 'In God's Image' approach, where everyone in the Catholic Church, especially those in positions of leadership and responsibility, value the lives, wholeness, safety and well-being of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone.

The Church makes every effort to protect all, particularly our children and vulnerable adults, from all forms of harm. Safe recruitment practices ensure volunteers undergo a series of suitability checks, including PVG membership, where eligible and appropriate. While statutory procedures, such as PVG checks, are an essential and a mandatory part of protocols, adopting a culture of care is equally important, being vigilant, looking out for each other, and passing on any concerns.

Safeguarding in our parishes continues to be vital and we are grateful for the efforts of all parish volunteers in their individual ministries and for our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators and the good work they do on behalf of their parish communities. Further information on the church's procedures can be found by contacting our parish co-ordinator Isabelle Boyd or the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Veronica McKenna on 01698 269114 or email

veronicamckenna@rcdom.org.uk. Bishop Toal's Annual Safeguarding Statement to Parishes was published in early October, appropriately around the Feast of the Guardian Angels, and this can be read on the Diocesan Website at www.rcdom.org.uk

November Lists are available at the back of the church; please write down the names of your departed relatives and friends and they will be remembered in a special way during our November Masses; donations placed inside the envelopes will be shared between the charities, *Mary's Meals* and *Friends of the Holy Land*.

I offer here the Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday November 11th: Requiem Mass for Mr. George McDougall at 11am

Confessions at 6.30pm; Novena at 7pm

Tuesday November 12th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Wednesday November 13th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Thursday November 14th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

What is happening to the Lectionary and why?

The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use both the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter for the Psalms. The Lectionary will become mandatory for use in all Catholic parishes and Mass centres in Scotland, England and Wales from Advent 2024, which begins on December 1st.

Coffee Morning and Christmas Card Sale Sunday 10th November: the parish stall and Fairtrade are holding a joint coffee morning after the morning Masses; Christmas Cards, Nativity Sets, Advent Calendars including Fairtrade Chocolate Calendars, Christmas Ornaments etc., will be on sale; Holy Cross High School will also be selling Christmas Cards; a small selection of Fairtrade food and crafts will also be available; toast and home baking will be served; proceeds to the Hamilton Foodbank

Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday 17th November; the theme is *Pilgrims of Hope*; the parish will mark the occasion on Sunday 24th November and the Diocese asks that a special collection be taken up to support the work of Catholic Education.

Motherwell Diocese Education Mass will take place in the Cathedral on Monday 25th November at 7pm; Bishop Toal invites you to attend this special liturgy, especially those involved in our Catholic Schools.

Being Catholic Television can be accessed by logging on to www.beingcatholic.org or via the Diocesan website at www.rcdom.org.uk; it can also be accessed via all the usual social media channels.

CREDO, the parish faith-sharing group meets on Tuesdays at 1 o'clock in the parish meeting room; all are welcome to take part and to enjoy some tea and biscuits afterwards.

The Parish Defibrillator is located in the first confessional and is clearly visible on the wall as you open the door.

Please pray for all who are ill: John Rimmer, Jim Breslin

Recently Deceased: David Rankin, George McDougall, Daniel Coffey, Paul Mulvey, Margaret Bryson, William Miller, Dr. Margaret Anne Craig, Jimmy Connor, Martha Oates, Eamonn Nugent, May Masterson, Kyle Mitchell, Matt Mitchell, Fr. Gordon Brown (Edinburgh).

Special Remembrance: Les Lovelock, Jon Smith, Maureen McGuire, George Terrett, John and Elizabeth Fulton, John Fulton, Mark Owen McGuire, Brian Carolan Snr. and Jnr., Mary Moore, William, Tom and Michael Bridges