



5th SUNDAY of EASTER YEAR A
13th-14th May 2017

A Parish of the Diocese
of Motherwell.
The Bishop;
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ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance. Alleluia!

Psalm 97.1-2

COMMUNION
ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty alleluia.

John 15.1, 5

1st Reading: **Acts of the Apostles**

6.1-7: In this passage, we see the early community developing structures to enable it to respond more fully to the Gospel. Deacons are appointed to care for the needy.

Response to the Psalm: **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

2nd Reading: **I Peter 2.4-9:**

In Christ, we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, set apart to sing the praise of God.

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said:

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

John 14.1-12: Despite following Jesus and being close to him, Philip still remains dissatisfied. He is looking for something more. Jesus explains that the fullness of God himself is present in him—he is in the Father and the Father is in him. It is this fullness that he shares with

his disciples and all who would follow him. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.



Our First Holy Communions took place this Saturday. We thank God for the children who received the Eucharist for the first time and keep them and their families in our prayers. The children are: Holly Fleming, Conor Dowling, Niamh Porter, Caitlin Graham, Charlie Toohey, Ryan White, Johann Gillon, Luke Tennent, Hollie Murphy Glencorse, Joseph Irvine, Oliver McAtamney, Ciara Reynolds and Neil Nightingale.

They will be present at our Sunday Mass when we can congratulate them. Sincere thanks to the school staff especially Mr Farrell and Miss Connachan for all the work they did by way of preparation.



The 3rd meeting for the parents of the Confirmandi is this Thursday at 7pm in the church oratory. The aim of the meetings is two-fold; to allow you to explore and deepen your own faith, and so help you to accompany your child more confidently during the period of sacramental preparation.

We welcome the sisters of St Peter Claver who will be here this weekend to tell us a bit about their ministry and make an appeal on behalf of the Order. Sr Editta will speak at the vigil Mass and Sr Monica at the morning Mass. There will be a 2nd collection for them. We assure the Sisters of our prayers for success in their work.

This is Christian aid week. There will be a Service in St John's Church this evening to mark its beginning. Volunteers are still needed for the door-to-door collection and the Café, which will be serving breakfasts, lunches and cakes throughout the week. Please give your support or lend a hand. See details overleaf.

Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts are on sale in the stall.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION: 15th-19th May: Assist our parish representatives in the street collections and collection count on Sunday 21st May. Please contact **Marie Henderson 07413 520794** or add your contact details to the list in the Church Porch if you can help in any way. **CHRISTIAN AID CAFE: MONDAY 15th May 10am-3pm:** Could you spare a few hours to help run the cafe? Could you help with food preparation before the cafe opens or help weary "all-dayers" clear up after 3pm? A special effort for home baking contributions would also be most appreciated as always. Please contact **Maureen Doherty 759818/07759326523** or add your contact details to the list in the Church Porch if you can help in any way.

Thank you for last week's collection which came to £813 in the plate and £580 in Standing Orders, and also £611 you gave to the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund

The Pilgrimage in honour of St Margaret of Scotland takes place in Dunfermline on June 11th. See the poster in the porch for details.

The next meeting of the Men's Group is Friday 26th May at 7pm in the hall.

Let's keep in our prayers all our pupils who are sitting their public exams at this time. May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire them during this important time of their lives.

BISHOP TOAL WRITES: 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. Saturday 13th May marks the 100th Anniversary of the First Apparition of Our Lady to the children, Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia. On that day Pope Francis will celebrate Mass at the Shrine in Fatima and canonise the visionaries Francisco and Jacinta – a moment of great joy and blessing for the whole Church as these inspiring children are proclaimed as saints.

On Saturday May 20th we will welcome the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to Our Lady of Good Cathedral Motherwell at 10am Mass and all are welcome to attend. As well as honouring Our Lady and focusing on the key points of the Fatima Message – prayer, penance and peace – we will also give thanks for the Canonization of Saints Francisco and Jacinta, and consecrate the Diocese of Motherwell to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The National Pilgrimage to Carfin this year on Sunday 3rd September will be in honour of Our Lady of Fatima, and we will have a Motherwell Diocesan Day at Carfin on Sunday 15th October to end this centenary anniversary. A good number will also participate in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima in early October. In celebrating this special anniversary we seek Our Lady's intercession for us all and our needy world of today, and we give thanks for the gift and faith of children and all they contribute to the life and worship of the Church. We pray especially that as a Church we will protect and care for them and inspire them to know and practice our faith in the best way possible.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us. Saints Francisco and Jacinta, pray for us.

There will be May Devotions each Tuesday of May at 7pm with the Rosary, Litany of our Blessed Lady and Benediction.

Lucky Numbers April Draw: 1st No 46 Charles Meehan; 2nd No 40 Leann Prior; 3rd No 10 Jack Murphy. Cheques available in the sacristy

Please remember in your prayers our sick and housebound: Helen Kelly, Chrissie Kelly, Mary Canning, Roisin Daly, James Sloan, Karen Forbes, Mary Kelly, Ann Martin, Walter Britton, Raymond Gallagher, Maureen Campbell, John Wilson, Patricia Clisby, Una Delaney, Isobel Gardner, Lynett Moses, Mary Whitcombe, John McKernan, George Wisdom, Joan McKay, Michael McKay, Anne Marie Reilly, Maurizio Puricelli, Aaron Joseph Higgins, Maryellen O'Farrell, Karen Derbyshire & Betty Flynn.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: Daniel Sloan, Brian Oates, James McKay, Theresa McCaughey, Albert O'Hara & Peter Daly



HOLY MASS: Vigil of Sunday: Saturday, 6pm; Sunday: 10am.

Monday-Friday: 10am.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30-5.55pm and on request.

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