



A Parish of the Diocese
of Motherwell.
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ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy. Deuteronomy 3.31ff.

COMMUNION
ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low. Psalm 118.49-50

26th Sunday Year A
30th September-1st October 2017

1st Reading: **Ezekiel 18.25-28:**
We can still identify with what the prophet says here—so often we blame God when things go wrong or evil things happen. But often too we avoid taking responsibility for our own actions and words.

Response to the Psalm:
Remember your mercy, Lord.

2nd Reading: **Philippians 2.1-11:**
Paul urges us to have a common purpose and common mind, modelled on Christ Jesus, who emptied himself of his divine glory and became as we are.

Alleluia! Alleluia! If anyone love me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Matthew 20.1-16: In this little parable, Jesus uses family life as a means to provoke reflection. The story is directed at the religious leaders who outwardly pride themselves in doing God's will. Jesus reminds them that words are easy—actions are what count! The parable challenges us also: how does what we profess with words have an effect in the way we live?



OCTOBER DEVOTIONS



There will be the recitation of the Rosary, Litany of our Blessed Lady and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament each Tuesday of the month at 7pm. As we celebrate the centenary of the Fatima apparitions, let's make this month special by coming to Devotions as a family.

Please pray for the eternal rest of former parishioner Antonietta Coia whose Requiem Mass takes place this Tuesday at 10am. Her body will be received on Monday at 7pm, followed by the Rosary. May God's Holy Spirit comfort her family at this time of their loss.

STAY IN ME: St Athanasius' Youth

STAY IN ME for our young people in P7 and St Aidan's High School meets again on Thursday 26th October, 7-9pm in St Athanasius' Hall. Parents, please encourage our young folk to come along for another evening full of fun and faith. See the poster in the porch.

Sunday 19th November has been instituted by Pope Francis as the first "**World Day of the Poor**". To prepare for this please consider joining a small faith-sharing group. We will use the booklet "**Love – say it with your Life**" which focuses on Catholic social teaching, prayer, scripture reading, sharing and action. The season which consists of six weekly meetings will start week beginning 8th October. You can sign up on the notice in the porch or phone 07710 354 763

Sincere thanks to everyone who attended the Parish Assembly. The pastoral and spiritual aspects of parish life discussed will be made available to everyone once the Parish Council have reflected on them. Our grant application to Viridor has been successful and we have been awarded £50,000 towards the Church refurbishment. Sincere thanks to the parish Finance Team for their commitment and effort in this matter. Work begins Monday 9th October and the main door of the church will be blocked off. Please enter and leave by the side doors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Society of the Innocents is having its annual torchlight procession followed by Mass, then tea in the Xavier Centre, on **Monday 2nd October 2017 in St Francis Xavier Church at 7:30pm**. All welcome.

The Beginning Experience Scotland Team are hosting a weekend from 6th-8th October for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death, separation or divorce.

Diocesan Retreat in the Xavier Centre, Carfin, 7th-8th October.
Please see Fr Magill if you would like to go.

BIGGAR SCIENCE FESTIVAL "What Has The Catholic Church Ever Done For Science?" A public lecture by Dr Ian Maxfield giving a brief history of the Catholic Church's many contributions to science. Biggar Kirk, Biggar ML12 6EN, Sunday 8th October, 6-7pm. Sponsored by the Diocese of Motherwell.

Prayer Morning in Kirkton Church on Saturday 9th October. All welcome to drop in for a short or longer time. See the poster in the porch.

ALMA-Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage takes place from 19th-30th July 2018 to mark the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the Diocese of Motherwell.

Pilgrimage to Rome for Educators, to mark the centenary of the 1918 Education Act, 15th-19th October 2018.

World Youth Day—Panama 2019. The Youth Ministry in the diocese is organising a "Mission Trip" to South America which will include taking part in the World Youth Day celebrations.

October is the month of the Missions. Donation boxes are available in the porch for you to take home and return at the end of the month, as are booklets with prayers and reflections.

Parish Social Events in the Hall:

13th October: Rod Stewart Night £10
22nd October: Bingo: Tickets £1.50
10th November: Ladies night: £20
9th December: Christmas Fayre.
Please bring prizes for Bingo and the Christmas Fayre

For some years, the parish Ladies' Group has been donating backpacks to *Mary's Meals* charity project. Information and contact details are displayed in the porch. The backpacks will be sent off at the end of October.

St Luke's Flu Clinic is on Saturday, 7th October. More details on the poster in the porch.

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, Karen Derbyshire, Betty Flynn, Daniel Reid, Alice Cassidy, Patricia Cassidy, Eddie Lebida, Moreen Russell, John & Kathleen Rourke, John Ness & Mary Brown.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: Maurizio Puricelli, Lina Puricelli, William Johnstone, Joyce McLaughlin, Violet Wilson, May Flynn, Jim McAllister, Jackie & Theresa Aislie & Rebecca Louise Naules.



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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