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of Motherwell.
The Bishop;
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**22nd Sunday Year A
2nd-3rd September 2017**

*ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you. *Psalm 85.3-5*

*COMMUNION
ANTIPHON*

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you. *Psalm 30.20*

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20.7-9: God's call to Jeremiah proves stronger than his personal inclinations. Despite the hardship and derision it brings, this divine call flares up like a fire deep inside Jeremiah.

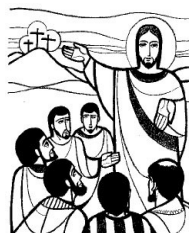
Response to the Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading: Romans 12.1-2: Paul urges us to contemplate God's mercy so that we are no longer modelled by the behaviour of the world around us but modelled by our new minds given by Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Matthew 16.21-17: Jesus foretells his Paschal Mystery, that is his suffering, death and Resurrection. Peter will have none of it since he sees the way forward quite differently—he is thinking in a limited human way not in God's way. In Christ, God reveals his way for all of us to live—by dying to self and rising to a new way of living with Christ; losing our lives, in other words, in order to find them. This is the "Paschal Mystery" of Christ we enter into ever more fully each time we celebrate the Eucharist.



Our annual Parish Assembly will take place on Thursday 21st September at 7pm in the hall. We will review parish life over the past year and make decisions for the coming 12 months. Please put this date in your diaries. It would be wonderful if every family were represented at this important event in the life of our community of faith.



Please pray for the eternal rest of Patricia Mullen. May the Lord receive her into his arms of mercy and comfort her family at this time of her loss. Funeral arrangements are still to be announced.

**NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE
TO CARFIN IN HONOUR OF
OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

This takes place this Sunday 3rd September with Mass at 3pm and celebrates the centenary of the apparitions of our Blessed Lady at Fatima. The Pilgrim Statue of our Lady of Fatima which has been taken around all the Scottish dioceses will be venerated and Scotland will be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Copies of the Prayer of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary are available in the porch. Please take one and recite it as a family this Sunday.

Pray too for the eternal rest of Canon Michael McCarthy, former parish priest, on this the 17th anniversary of his death.

Copies of the letter from Bishop Toal on your financial support of the parish and diocese are available in the porch. We will discuss what he says at the Parish Assembly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

The Scottish Catholic Medical Association's autumn talk is "Volunteering & Global Health" and will take place in Turnbull Hall, Glasgow on September 23rd.

*Carlisle Amateur Operatic Society present a production of **All Shook Up** in Motherwell Theatre, Tuesday 3rd-Saturday 7th October.*

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

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.

See the posters in the porch for more details on all the above.

St Athanasius' Girls Club meets in the hall every Wednesday from 7.15–8.30pm for the P3–P7 age group. Entrance fee £1 with tuck shop available. Fun and games for all.



Update on Church Refurbishment: Redevelopment plans for the transept and the entrance area are continuing. An application for grant funding has been made by the Diocese on our behalf. A

further update and proposals for the way forward will be given at the Parish Assembly on 21st September.

St Aidan's High School Workshop for Parents: All parents should have received a text message requesting their response to an online survey. The school are keen to offer parental workshops on a range of issues affecting young people. Have your say on what is included! Please contact the school if you require more information. Bishop Toal has appointed Fr Bruce McPhail, one of the recently ordained priests, as the new Chaplain to St Aidan's. Let's keep him in our prayers.

Parish Programmes and Meetings: Our **Caritas Group** for 6th year pupils will begin soon. All 6th formers are welcome—please see Fr Magill if you would like to sign up. Our **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** also starts this month. If you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church with a view to becoming a member, or if you know of someone who does, please get in touch soon. This is also open to all Catholics who would like to deepen their faith. There will be a **Meeting for Readers** on Tuesday 12th September and for **Ministers of the Eucharist** on Thursday 14th September, both from 7–8pm in the Church, in preparation for their recommissioning. Please let Fr Magill know if you cannot attend.

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.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: Jim McGhie, Maurizio Puricelli, James Scott, Joyce McLaughlin, Robert Greer, Bridget Connelly & Pat Mullen.



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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