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EASTER SUNDAY YEAR B
31st March-1st April 2018

A Parish of the Diocese
of Motherwell.
The Bishop;
Rt. Rev. Joseph A. Toal
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WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS to Natalie Connor who receives the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter Vigil and is received into full communion with God's holy Church and this parish. Welcome also to Hollie Windsor who will be baptised after Easter morning Mass. May God's Holy Spirit fill them with every divine grace and blessing and strengthen them with his holy Presence.



Please pray for the eternal rest of Betty Flynn. May the Lord receive her into his arms of mercy and comfort her family at this time of their loss. Betty's Requiem Mass will take place this Tuesday, 3rd April, at 10am.

Thanks to everyone who cleaned, prepared and decorated the church for Holy Week and Easter. It is looking truly beautiful. Thanks also to the choir who have led us so powerfully in our liturgies and to the altar servers who did so well. And thanks to all of you who participated so wonderfully in the Sacred Triduum. May the Lord continue to strengthen you in your journey of faith and bless you with his many graces.

Our First Holy Communions take place this year on Saturday 12th May. Please keep our children and their families in your prayers that they will experience deeply the presence of the Lord and continue to follow him with love

THE WAYSIDE CLUB: *There will be the final parcel collection this weekend. Please include items such as chocolate, cereal bars etc and an Easter message of hope.*

A PRAYER FOR EASTER DAY

Raise me up! Renew my life!
Father of life, I see the light again!
I was in darkness and had lost hope
but Jesus Christ, your son,
has won out over death - *for me.*
I celebrate today, your love, the life you give me.
I feel your presence as you breathe on my mind
and open my heart.
So many times in my life my eyes are closed
but today I *see* the risen Lord
in the breaking of the bread.
Thank you for this morning of hope,
thank you for such incredible love.
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Congratulations to our Caritas pupils who have successfully gained their award. A thanks to them from all of us for their commitment to the gaining the award through their work in the school and here in the parish. May they continue to grow in their faith as they leave school. Well done too to our primary pupils who have been so successful in the annual Burns competition once again.

Thank you for your offering last week of £666 in the plate, and for £610 in Standing Orders.

The first bingo of the year will be on 8th April. £1.50 for a tea ticket.

Thank you for your gifts of prizes for the bingo. Please continue to bring them along and leave them in the bins in the porch.



Celebrating the Easter Season

Easter is a seven week season of joy and grace. Starting with the Triduum in Holy Week and ending with Pentecost Sunday, this 50 day season has been called "the radiant centre of the liturgical year." We keep celebrating so that we might continue to enter into the meaning of the resurrection and to deepen the way it touches our daily lives.

After Easter Week's resurrection stories, the first reading for the rest of this long and glorious season is from the Acts of the Apostles. Every day we see how Jesus' followers reacted to his death, the challenges to their witness and the unexpected courage that comes to them. John's Gospel is used for the entire Easter Season, the one time of year we can enter into his poetic and layered stories on a daily basis.



Easter only begins with Easter Sunday. These daily prayers and meditations come together to remind us that Jesus is with us. He is not dead, but alive. And, that makes all the difference in the world in how much hope and courage we have, before any struggle, any possible fear of death. In these 50 days, we are Easter People! onlineministries.creighton.edu

Motherwell Diocesan Choir present *Choral Classics for a Spring Evening* in Motherwell Cathedral on 16th May at 7.30pm. Suggested donation £5, in aid of St Andrew's Hospice and Mary's Meals.

Clydesdale Community Activities Group provides a three course meal once a month in Lanark for over 65s who may be lonely or isolated. Phone 01555 667640 or email info@ccaglanark.org for more information. A pick up service is available

This month's 50/50 winners:
1st John Milloy No 42 £175
2nd Kay Cullen No 54 £75
3rd Jane Mooney No 27 £50

Please remember in your prayers our sick and housebound: Eddie Lebida, Isobel Gardner, Helen Kelly, Mary Kelly, Ann Martin, Walter Britton, Maureen Campbell, Lynett Moses, George Wisdom, Joan McKay, Michael McKay, Mary Brown, Paula Magee, Geraldine Creany, Dylan Ferguson, Jordan Ferguson, May Kelly & Mary Haverstock.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: May Lowe, Mary & Mary Jane Smalls, Frances Kelly, Joyce McLaughlin, Maurizio Puricelli, John Reilly & Bert Callaghan,



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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