



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 YEAR B
 22nd-23rd September 2018

A Parish of the
 Diocese of
 Motherwell.
 The Bishop;
 Rt. Rev. Joseph A.
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*ENTRANCE
 ANTIPHON*

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them and I will be their Lord for ever.

*COMMUNION
 ANTIPHON*

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.
Psalm 118.4-5

1st Reading: Wisdom 2.12-20:

So often bad motives are attributed to people of faith who try to live a good life. Their lives can be seen as an unspoken reproach and consequently they can experience condescension and even hatred.

Response to the Psalm:
The Lord upholds my life.

2nd Reading: James 3.16-4.3:

The wisdom that comes from above makes for lives that are kindly and considerate, full of compassion and peace. That peace bears fruit in holiness of life, enabling us to leave behind all forms of self-indulgence.

Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Mark 9.30-37: Jesus instructs his disciples a third time about his coming suffering, death and resurrection. They respond with silence, full of fear and failure to understand. They ignore Jesus and instead they begin to argue about which of them was the greatest. As his disciples they are close to Jesus, but show they still haven't "got it." They are still thinking of their own interests rather than the relationship



Christ invites them to have with him.

PARISH ASSEMBLY

Sincere thanks to all of you who took part in our Parish Assembly. This is an important part of our response to Pope Francis' appeal to "walk together" in the Church, all of us in our different ways taking up the baptismal call to participate fully in our Catholic life. Only in this way will our Church be reformed and sanctified, with each of us taking up Christ's call to follow him in bringing his Good News to the world and growing in holiness of life. A written report of the assembly's transactions will be available in the next couple of weeks.



A warm welcome and thanks again to Fr Bill Harrison who is with us this weekend. Fr Magill returns from retreat Monday evening.

Parents who have not yet enrolled their children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are asked to contact Fr Magill by the end of the month.

SCIAF are involved in the emergency response to the floods in Kerala in India. Many Catholics from that region live in our diocese and throughout Scotland. To find out how you may help, visit www.sciaf.org.uk

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the opening of St Athanasius' Hall, there will be a buffet and dance on Saturday 27th October. For more information, please contact John Kelly on 07591 996709.



The annual St Athanasius Bowling Day at Castlehill Bowling Club takes place tomorrow, on Sunday 23rd September from 9.30am. This is open to all from the age of 9 years upwards even if you've never played bools before (it's a fun day). Food and refreshments available all day. If you want to take part, please contact Chic Meehan, Eddie Grattan or John Kelly on 07852132540.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for September is that the young people of Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

The autumn season of Contemplative Theology will take place in the Xavier Centre in Carfin on 27th September, 4th, 11th and 25th October from 7.15 - 9.15pm. This is an opportunity for all parishioners in the diocese to reflect together in a prayer-filled environment how we in the diocese of Motherwell are being called to follow Christ as his Church in the world in which we live.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the centre of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory. May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries, so that through us we can "water" society, beginning with our daily relationships, and purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the newness of God. The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each "Hail Mary". *Pope Benedict XVI*

Please remember in your prayers our sick and housebound: Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick and housebound of our community. Amid their mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: Phil Haverstock and John Flynn



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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