



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C

9TH-10TH NOVEMBER 2019

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

**Let my prayer
come into your
presence. Incline
your ear to hear my
cry for help, O
Lord.**

Psalm 87.3

*COMMUNION
ANTIPHON*

**The Lord is my
shepherd; there is
nothing I shall
want. Fresh and
green are the
pastures where he
gives me repose,
near restful waters
he leads me.**

1st Reading: **II Maccabees 7.1-14:** The books of the Maccabees record the Jewish revolt in the 2nd and 1st centuries BC against the new imperial powers which had arisen in succession to Alexander the Great. Again under pressure to give up their religion, the Jews stand fast under this persecution as today's reading shows.

Response to the Psalm:
**I shall be filled, when I
awake, with the sight of your
glory, O Lord.**

2nd Reading: **II Thessalonians 2.16-3.5:** The Lord will strengthen us to withstand evil and bigoted people. He will give us his love and inexhaustible comfort with sure hope, making us able to trust in his love and the fortitude of Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
**Stay awake, praying at all
times for the strength to stand
with confidence before the
Son of Man.**
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Luke 20.27-38: The Sadducees try to distract Jesus and trap him with smart and too clever-by-half theological argument. The Lord refuses to be drawn but simply states that we are all children of God and that in Him all people, even the dead, are alive. The story shows that faith is not something to be argued



about or score points with, but it is to be lived out with simplicity and conviction.

The 3rd World Day of the Poor, instituted by Pope Francis, takes place next Sunday, 17th November.

The dedication of the new altar and refurbished church by Bishop Toal will take place during the vigil Mass of Saturday 30th November at 6pm. Everyone is invited to a Reception in the Hall afterwards. This Sunday we have a church Open Day from 12.30-5pm for any of your friends or family who would like to see the refurbished church. Guided tour at 1pm, followed by a cup of tea.

Adoption Week Scotland takes place from 16th-23rd November. Information about St Margaret's Family and Children's Care Society is on the noticeboard.

Please pray for the eternal rest of Mare Claire Reilly whose Requiem Mass takes place this Monday with her reception on Sunday at 6.30pm. May the Lord comfort her family at this sad time.

Thank you for your giving last week both in the first and second collection for the refurbishment. Your on-going generosity is deeply appreciated.

HYMNS FOR MASS Entrance 761; Offertory 836 ; Communion 768 & 772; Exit 767. The choir is asked to come together for a practice this Sunday and next after Mass.

Pope Francis' Prayer intention for November: Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East—That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

EVENTS IN THE HALL: *A Bingo Night has been arranged for Sunday 10th November. Tea ticket £1.50, doors open 6,30pm. Please donate prizes.*

Taylor's Fashion Show: 5th December at 7.30pm.

The **Christmas Fayre** takes place on 16th November, doors open at 10.30am. Bottle, Tombola, nearly new and many other stalls. Please donate bottles and nearly new items.

Christmas cards and gifts are now on sale in our shop. The parish Christmas card with the photo of the church is still available, price £1

During November, Mass will be offered up each day for all whom you have asked to be remembered and for all former parishioners and priests

St Patrick's Shotts are hosting their Christmas dinner on December 14th. Please see the notice-board for more details.

Motherwell Diocesan Choir will once again be here for a Christmas Carol Service on Sunday evening 22nd December. Please put the date in your diaries.

Together in Christ: Baptised and Sent. The 3rd of the 6 reflections takes place this Wednesday in the Oratory at 7.30pm. Those who took part in the parish retreat are especially welcome.

The Ladies' Group are hosting a talk this Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm. from Roisin Rea about her recent experience in Uganda with Missio Scotland. All welcome.

Our annual Mass for all our parishioners who died in the past 12 months will be celebrated next Saturday evening at 6pm the vigil Mass of Sunday. Tea will be served afterwards in the Oratory.

SUNDAY TAKEAWAY: *In closeness to the poor, the Church comes to realize that she is one people, spread throughout many nations and called to ensure that no one feels a stranger or out-cast, for she includes everyone in a shared journey of salvation. The situation of the poor obliges us not to keep our distance from the body of the Lord, who suffers in them. Instead, we are called to touch his flesh and to be personally committed in offering a service that is an authentic form of evangelization. Commitment to the promotion of the poor, including their social promotion, is not foreign to the proclamation of the Gospel. On the contrary, it manifests the realism of Christian faith and its historical validity. The love that gives life to faith in Jesus makes it impossible for his disciples to remain enclosed in a stifling individualism or withdrawn into small circles of spiritual intimacy, with no influence on social life ... Before all else, the poor need God and his love, made visible by "the saints next door", people who by the simplicity of their lives express clearly the power of Christian love. God uses any number of ways and countless means to reach people's hearts. Certainly, the poor come to us also because we give them food, but what they really need is more than our offer of a warm meal or a sandwich. The poor need our hands, to be lifted up; our hearts, to feel anew the warmth of affection; our presence, to overcome loneliness. In a word, they need love. ... Pope Francis*

Please pray for our sick and housebound.

Lord our God. For you have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick and housebound today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: Yvonne Kerr, Eileen Ewen, Andrew Lauder & Gail Kirsten.



HOLY MASS: Vigil of Sunday: Saturday, 6pm; Sunday: 11am.

Monday-Friday: 10am.

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

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