



A Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell.

The Bishop:

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## SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C

8th-9th January 2022

### ENTRANCE

#### ANTIPHON

**After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended on him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.** Matthew 3.16-17

### COMMUNION

#### ANTIPHON

**Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.** John 1.32-34

**1st Reading: Isaiah 40 1-11:** This cry of Isaiah to prepare a way for the Lord was later applied to John the Baptist. He is the one who announced the immanent arrival of the Messiah.

Response to the Psalm: **Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.**

**2nd Reading: Titus 2.11-3.7:** The kindness and love of God were poured into our hearts through the gift of baptism and the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit which was given to Christ.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Luke 3.15-22:** John tells the people that they will be baptised with the Holy Spirit and fire by the Lord who would come after him. Jesus' baptism is presented like a new creation through the action of the Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As they descend on the Jordan, the entire creation is made holy.



*The Christmas Season ends with today's Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. Tomorrow we return to Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year C. This continues until Ash Wednesday which this year takes place on 2nd March. Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.*

*Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!*

Our RCIA meetings restart this Wednesday at 7.30pm. Remember, everyone is welcome to take part. This year we are following a series of videos which give a beautiful presentation of our Catholic faith.



**HYMNS: Entrance 650 Offertory 643 Communion 629 Exit Music**

## Pope Francis' prayer intention for January: *For true human fraternity*

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

This month's Lucky Numbers Draw: 1st No 032 Maureen McKendrick £125; 2nd No 069 Liam Gault £75; 3rd No 057 Karen Berry £50. Please contact Eddie Kelly at treasurer@stathanasiuscarluke.org for your winnings

There is a 2nd collection today to support the work of our national Justice and Peace Commission. Go to [www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk](http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk) to see some of the work the Commission does. A letter of thanks for your gifts from the Wayside Club is displayed on the noticeboard. Thank you for your crib donations which will be sent to St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society.

*With the present increased circulation of the virus, please do your best to maintain social distance as you enter and leave the church and as you choose your seat.*

*Please pray for the eternal rest of Sr. Margaret Colbert, a Daughter of Charity, who was involved in a pastoral role in our parish from 1993 to 2006. Sr. Margaret died on 31<sup>st</sup> December in St. Catherine's Care Home in Lanark where she had resided for many years.*

*Please pray for the eternal rest of Janet Docherty whose Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 18th January at 10am. May the Lord comfort her family and loved ones at this time of their loss.*

### **SCIAF: THANK YOU:**

#### **You have transformed lives**

As well as giving joy to your loved ones you have enabled real change for families in poverty at Christmas. With the purchases of a Real Gift and your kind donations to our advent project we were able to send a wonderful £1000.00 to SCIAF from St. Athanasius. Thank you all for your support. Wishing you all very Happy and Healthy New Year!

#### **P.S.Keep a lookout for our next project.**

Marion and Karen

Bishop Toal invites married couples to join



him in the celebration of Mass in thanksgiving for the gift of married life.

The Mass will take place in Motherwell Cathedral on Thursday 27th January at 7pm. Couples will be invited to renew their vows during Mass.

*The week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Tuesday, 18th January*

**SUNDAY TAKEAWAY:** In any relationship, fierce love causes us to cross boundaries and borders to discover one another, to support one another, to heal one another. When we do this, when we go crazy with affection, and offer wild kindness to our neighbour across the street or across the globe, we make a new kind of space between us. We make space for discovery and curiosity, for learning and growing. We make space for sharing stories and being changed by what we share. This is the space of the *border*, of both/and. . . . We can learn to see the world not only through our own stories, through our own eyes, but also through the stories and worldview of the so-called other. . . . We simply must open our eyes, look across the room, the street, the division, the border—and reach out to that neighbour, offering our hand, our compassion, and our heart. *Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis*

**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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