



A Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell.

The Bishop:

Rt. Rev. Joseph A. Toal

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7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C

19th-20th February 2022

ENTRANCE

ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Psalm 12.6

COMMUNION

ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Psalm 9.2-3

1st Readings: I Samuel 26.2-23: Pursued by a jealous and threatened King Saul, David chooses not to kill him when the opportunity presents itself. He refuses to lift his hand against the Lord's anointed.

Response to the Psalm:
The Lord is compassion and love.

2nd Reading: I Corinthians 15.45-49: Paul sees Christ as the new Adam and contrasts him with the first. As earthly creatures, we carry the first Adam with us; in Christ, we are given a share in his life-giving spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you, says the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6.27-38: The Lord continues his sermon 'on the plain.' Luke prefers this location to Matthew's 'sermon on the mount' — we are all on a level playing field and what goes for one goes for everyone. These challenging words show that life can be lived without conflict and each one of us is enabled by the Father to do so.



Please consider offering your service as a Reader at our Masses.



Lent will soon be upon us (Ash Wednesday is March 2nd). During these weeks we can reflect on how we hope to live out this holy season through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In the next few weeks we will bring together a "Lenten Pack" with suggestions on how we as a parish community can mark this sacred time. The diocesan website (www.rcdom.org.uk) has a new page which offers prayer and spiritual resources. Take a moment to have a look. Go to Synod 2021-23 on the bar and click Spirituality and Synodality.

HYMNS: Entrance 795 Offertory Music Communion 720 Exit 776

Pope Francis' prayer intention for February: *For religious sisters and consecrated women* — We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Last month's Lucky Numbers Draw: 1st No 066 Patricia Pollock £125; 2nd No 067 Liz Frame £75; 3rd No 014 Margaret Lindsay £50. Please contact Eddie Kelly at treasurer@stathanasiuscarluke.org for your winnings

The Faith-Sharing Group begins its new session on Monday 28th of February at 7.30pm in the Oratory. Email mikeandestie@gmail.com for a copy of the booklet *Around the Lenten Circle*. For more details see the poster on the noticeboard.

Our bishops encourage all Catholics to return to the communal celebration of Mass in church from the first Sunday of Lent, March 6th. Please let your family and friends know so that we can together share in the Eucharist and enjoy each other's presence once more.

Remember our online Bulletin offers further reflections on the Sunday readings and other prayer and spiritual resources. On the homepage of our website there is a Children's Liturgy each week as well as a short video for everyone. Fr Magill also offers a video 'take' on each week's Gospel.

Congratulations to Bishop William Nolan on his appointment as Archbishop of Glasgow. He will be installed in Saint Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday 26th February. May the Lord bless him in his new ministry and direct him at all times through his gift of the Holy Spirit.

St Andrew's Hospice is once again holding its fund-raising Midnight Walk on Saturday 18th June. If you would like to take part, please sign up at www.st-andrews-hospice.com

Friday 4th March 2022 is a Day of Prayer all those who have experienced abuse. Please pray for children, young people and vulnerable adults whose lives have been scarred by the abuse they have experienced at the hands of those whom they trusted. Pray also for all are engaged in the pursuit of peace, healing and reconciliation for the abused, the needy, the weak and the vulnerable. Pray that the work of the new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency will be guided by the Holy Spirit to help us all to meet our responsibility to respect and safeguard the dignity of all.

SUNDAY TAKEAWAY: *To pray is to open up oneself to God who dwells within us. It means holding back nothing from God and sharing everything with God. . . . Only the grace of God can enable us to let go of our fears and allow God to be the God of our lives. True prayer is fundamental for life in God. It is that grace of conversion that opens up our hearts to realize the humble presence of God in our lives. Prayer of the heart is unceasing prayer, where God breathes in us and our hearts are turned toward God. This deepening of our lives in the divine life is the path to self-discovery. In and through prayer we discover our true selves, the self that God has created each of us to be. . . . Ilia Delio*

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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