



A Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell.

The Bishop:

Rt. Rev. Joseph A. Toal

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**4th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
30th April-1st May**

**ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON**

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Psalm 32.5-6

**COMMUNION
ANTIPHON**

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

1st Readings: **Acts of the Apostles 13.14-52:** Paul and Barnabas spread the good News throughout the middle East. They experience both success and failure and remain faithful to proclaiming the Gospel boldly.

Response to the Psalm: **We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

2nd Reading: **Apocalypse 7.9-17:** In his vision, John sees the saints and martyrs gathered in front of God's throne, shepherded by the Lamb who has brought them to springs of living water.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: **John 10.27-30:** In this very brief passage Christ is presented as the Good Shepherd and we his flock who belong to him and listen to his voice. He gives us eternal life and we will never be lost. A few words and a big message!



Communion

*Our Primary 4 children celebrate their First Holy Communion next Saturday, 14th May. We pray that the Lord will bless them and their families and strengthen their faith so that they take their place in our parish life worshipping God and serving one other. They will be present at the 11am Mass on Sunday 15th May to thank God for the gift of the Eucharist. **There will also be Mass at 9am that day to make sure the church is not overcrowded.***

There will be May devotions each Wednesday of the month at 7pm with Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We will pray especially for the end of the war in Ukraine and the restoration of peace.

**HYMNS: Entrance 784 Offertory Music
Communion 780 Exit 779**

To mark Christian Aid Week, there will be a "Praise Night" in Kirkton Church on Sunday 15th May at 7pm.

The most recent issue of Safeguarding Matters, the newsletter of the new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency is available online through our parish website.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for May: **Faith-Filled Young People**

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Last month's Lucky Numbers Draw: 1st No 54 Catherine Cullen £125; 2nd No 49 Christine Boyle £75; 3rd No 51 Grace Broom £50. Please contact Eddie Kelly at treasurer@stathanasiuscarluke.org for your winnings

A Bingo night will take place in the hall on Sunday 22nd May. Please donate gifts for the bingo and raffle. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7pm, tea ticket £2.

The diocese has now established a new Catholic marriage counselling service for couples married within the Church who may be experiencing marital problems. Couples seeking the support of this service are asked to enquire online at <https://marriagefamilylife.org>

Our National Justice and Peace Commission has produced posters explaining the Church's teaching on nuclear arms. See them displayed on the noticeboard and through the parish website.

There is a 2nd collection this week for sick and retired priests.

John Kelly is stepping down as chairman of the Hall Committee and bar manager. We are very grateful to him for his many years of service. The hall is a wonderful asset in the parish but we need more volunteers to make it work even better. Please consider giving some of your time.

SUNDAY TAKEAWAY: Mary reveals to us the nature of Christian discipleship.

In crucial ways, Mary is the quintessential disciple of Jesus Christ. That is to say, as a follower of Jesus, her son, she herself at first was pregnant with the divine word and gave birth to that word who was Jesus of Nazareth. Mary's discipleship began and was centred on her womb being full of the word and her giving birth to that word for the sake of the whole world. All disciples of Christ are called likewise to be pregnant with the word of God, to dwell in worshipful and studied ways with the word in scripture and in the sacramental life of the church, to internalize that word, to incorporate that word by the power of the Holy Spirit into the fullness of who we are, and then to birth that word in deeds of love of the neighbour and in witness to the God made known in Jesus Christ. In short, in modelling faithful Christian discipleship, Mary leads the way. *Jonathan Linman*

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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All the scriptural readings for Eastertide with commentary are available at www.whatgoodnews.org. Check it out!

In preparation for the World Meeting of Families, due to be held in Rome this year from 22nd – 26th June, the diocese is organising a series of events. Every family is invited to pray the rosary at home every day from Sunday 22nd – Sunday 29th May. Family rosary books have been specially printed to help families with this Marian devotion. These can be purchased online at <https://marriagefamilylife.org/books>. For more information, see the poster on the information board and on the website.