



A Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell.

The Bishop:

Rt. Rev. Joseph A. Toal

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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

30th-31st JULY

ENTRANCE

ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Psalm 69.2-

COMMUNION

ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Wisdom 16.20

1st Readings: **Ecclesiastes 2.21-23:** The author reflects on the precariousness of life and its fleeting nature. Why be full of cares and restlessness?

Response to the Psalm:
On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

2nd Readings: **Colossians 3.1-11:** In baptism we died with Christ and have been brought back to true life in him. We have stripped off our old self and put on Christ who is everything and is in everything.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 12.13-21:** In this parable, the Lord shows how greed and ego can get a grip of us so that we no longer are capable of living a life of depth and value. The rich man lives only at a superficial, material level marked by acquisitiveness and consumerism.



Thank you for the £456.40 you donated to Stella Maris to mark Sea Sunday.

Berkshire Youth Choir, who feature in this year's Edinburgh Festival, will be performing in concert in St Patrick's Shotts on Monday 22nd August at 7pm. There is free entry to this event with any donations going to the parish. See the posters on the noticeboard.

We welcome to our parish Roman and Nataliia Timoshiv and their daughter Karolinka from Ukraine. We pray that they will settle well in Scotland and that their nation will find peace. We hope to have a parish social event soon to celebrate their arrival.

Resources for prayer and reflection are available on the diocesan website www.rcdom.org.uk. Go to Synod 2021-23 and click Synodality and Spirituality. As we relax during these days of August, let's take time out to explore our Catholic faith and spirituality in order to refresh our prayer life and discover the great riches of our tradition.

HYMNS:

Entrance Music

Offertory 603

Communion 820

Exit 824

The final video in the series "Understanding the Mass" is available on the parish website. Please take some time to view.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for August: *For small businesses* —

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Last month's Lucky Numbers Draw: 1st No 53 John Douglas £125; 2nd No 11 Maureen MacFarlane £75; 3rd No 10 Jack Murphy £50. Please contact Eddie Kelly at treasurer@stathanasiuscarluke.org for your winnings.



Pray for Ellis Chalmers and Aria Catherine Latta who will be baptised this Sunday. May they and their parents, Allan and Stefanie, and Marcus and Heather, grow together in faith, hope, and love, and receive every blessing from the Lord.

St Athanasius' Rambling Group meet each 3rd Sunday of the month. The pick up point is Mount Stewart St at the church. If you would like to join, please contact Vivienne on 07876 041973 or Anne on 07729 600438. A great and inexpensive way for young families to have a wonderful day out.



We hope there will be a full programme of social events in the hall once summer is over. In preparation, would you bring along gifts, bottles and other items for the various events? We are now looking for a new bar manager. The application form is on our website and also posted on the noticeboard.

SUNDAY TAKEAWAY: If we did but know it, we would be hard put to avoid the experience of God. It is practically inescapable. We cannot help coming into the embrace of the divine presence in all our experiences. 'We do not sometimes have experiences of love, fear, ourselves, or anything else and then have experiences of God as well. The basic, original experience of God, on the contrary, is the ultimate depth and radical essence of every personal experience. . . . Without this understanding it is difficult, too, to experience the true meaning of liturgical celebration. If we cannot see God in the ordinary events of life, then we cannot expect to suddenly experience God when we gather to worship. To the extent that we have a heightened awareness of the absolute mystery in all the joys and sufferings of life, will we have little trouble in finding God at the moment of the sacraments. The sacraments of the church make explicit what is implicit in the sacrament of the world. 'That which is lived out in an everyday manner outside the sacraments,' Schillebeeckx writes, 'grows to its full maturity in them. The anonymity of everyday Christian living is removed by the telling power of Christ's symbolic action in and through his Church.' He is convinced that we all carry a child-mystic within us; that mysticism, in its real meaning, is not as remote as we often assume; that Christians must become mystics who are attuned to the mysterious light that shines behind all that happens . . . 'Make ready for Christ,' shouts Thomas Merton, 'whose smile, like lightning, sets free the song of everlasting glory that now sleeps, in your paper flesh, like dynamite.' This process begins and ends at the heart of life. *Fr Daniel O'Leary*

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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