



A Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell.

The Bishop:

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*Scottish Charity No
SCO11041*

4th SUNDAY IN LENT

YEAR A

18th-19th March 2023

*ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON*

**Rejoice Jerusalem
and all who love her,
be joyful all who were
in mourning exult and
be satisfied at her
consoling breast.**

Isaiah 66.10-11

*COMMUNION
ANTIPHON*

**The Lord anointed
my eyes: I went, I
washed, I saw and I
believed in God.** John
9.11

1st Reading: **I Samuel
16.1-13:** This story of
David being chosen to
become King of Israel is
told to show that God sees
in a very different way to
us — he goes beyond
appearances and gazes into
our hearts.

Psalm Response: **The
Lord is my shepherd
there is nothing I shall
want.**

2nd Reading: **Ephesians
5.8-14:** We were once
darkness but now are light
in the Lord so we can live
as children of the light.

Gospel Acclamation: **Praise to you,
O Christ, King of eternal glory!
I am the light of the world says
the Lord, anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of
eternal glory!**

Gospel: **John 9.1-41:** The story of
the man born blind healed by the
Lord. In John's gospel, the miracles
of Jesus are called
"signs" since they
point to the identity of
Jesus. Here he
presents himself as the
Light of the World.
Some see this but
others fail to do so.



Seniors Together invite you to

"Age Friendly South Lanarkshire"

St Athanasius' Community Hall

Tuesday 28th March

10.30am-12.30pm

A day of information, advice and
much more — money matters, bene-
fits advice, housing information,
scams, rogue traders etc. Over 20
Agencies will be present. Come
along to this very useful event with
help and advice for all, from young
families to senior citizens. See the
poster on the noticeboard.

Hymns

Entrance: 435; Offertory: Music;

Communion: 806; Exit: 749



*Lent is a holy season
during which we prepare
for our solemn celebra-
tions of Holy Week and
Easter. Our prayer,
fasting, and almsgiving
are the ways through*

*which we undergo conversion of mind and heart,
progress in our journey of faith, and renewal of
our parish life.*

During Lent we are reflecting on synodality, this
new way of being and working as Church to
which Pope Francis invites us.

*At the end of our Masses this weekend, Marion
O'Hara or Karen Berry will make an appeal on
behalf of SCIAF which will be followed by a
collection. Please pick up a copy of the Letter
from Bishop McGee, the Bishop-President of the
charity.*

There will be Stations of the Cross each Tuesday
of Lent at 7pm. Faith-Sharing continues each
Monday of Lent at 7.30pm in the Oratory.

*Pope Francis' prayer intention for March: **For victims of abuse***

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

February's Lucky Numbers Draw: 1st No 08 Isabel Wyber £125; 2nd No 35 Dennis Boyle £75; 3rd No 62 Margaret Haddow £50. Please contact Eddie Kelly at treasurer@stathanasiuscarluke.org for your winnings.

There is a Beginners' Line Dance every Monday in the Hall from 7-8.30pm, price £3. All welcome. Please spread the word.

There is a Prize Bingo in the Hall on Thursday 16th April. Please leave items for prizes inside the Church.

On this 4th Sunday in Lent, it's good to take stock of our Lenten journey so far, especially in terms of the synodal process of communion, participation and mission. Have my disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving given me a deeper sense of communion with my fellow parishioners? Have they boosted my participation at Mass and in parish life? Are they renewing my sense of being a missionary disciple, witnessing to the Lord in my daily life? Do I notice any change and growth in these areas?

Thank you for the very generous £1023.10 you gave in response to Fr Montesi's appeal. The thank-you letter from Fr Duffy on behalf of the Xaverians is on the noticeboard.

SPRED (SPecial RELigious Development) is a ministry of the diocese dedicated to the faith development of those with special educational needs. If you would like to volunteer for this beautiful ministry, please call Lorraine on 07891 297716. There is more information available on the website www.motherwelldiocese.org/spred.

SUNDAY TAKEAWAY: *Love lies at the heart of Jesus' judgment. With open eyes he sees in us more beauty, more goodness, more holiness, than we often see in ourselves and each other. His judgment is intended to open our eyes to see anew; a new life, a new world, and new possibilities. What we often don't understand is that his judgment is in our favour and for our good even when it doesn't feel that way. He is a prophet who has come into this world for judgment. Where does Jesus' judgment intersect your life? My life? What is it asking of us? Where does our seeing diverge from his seeing? What possibilities and hope does his judgment offer you and our world?*

"Surely, we are not blind, are we"? Rev Mike Marsh

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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Thank
you 

Many thanks for your kind birthday wishes, cards, and gifts to mark my 70th birthday. I deeply appreciated them. A special thank you to the Ladies Group for the lovely tea and cake and their thoughtful gift

Friday abstinence from meat is an ancient Catholic practice and one which is ever more relevant today with the ecological crisis. It's estimated that if 500,00 people do this, over 20,000 tons of carbon emissions are avoided—the equivalent of 30,000 return flights Glasgow-New York. That's quite a thought! And we can double that if we abstain from meat also on the Wednesdays of Lent.