



A Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell.

The Bishop:

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**ENTRANCE**

**ANTIPHON**

**The Lord said; I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.**  
Jeremiah 29.11-14

**COMMUNION**

**ANTIPHON**

**To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.**  
Psalm 73.28

**1st Readings: Proverbs 31.10-31:** Women play a major role throughout the bible. This passage celebrates womanhood.

**Psalm Response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

**2nd Reading: I Thessalonians 5.1-6:** The Day of the Lord comes suddenly and unexpectedly. That day is everyday when Christ walks towards us to meet us where we are at.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Even if you have to die says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30:** The servant with the one talent failed because he chose to live within the limits and constrictions he felt his life was under. As a result lived a life of fear and apprehension.



*Pray for the eternal rest of Silvia Garfagnini whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated this Thursday 23rd November at 10am. May the Lord receive her into his arms of mercy and comfort John, Gino, and Luisa at this time of their loss.*

We mark CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK between the Feasts of St Margaret (16th November) and St Andrew (30th November). The theme this year is Pilgrims of Faith, in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year. The Special Collection to support the work of SCES, the Scottish Education Service, will be taken next weekend 25th/26th November.

*Next Sunday is the World Day for the Poor. Pope Francis instituted the celebration of Day of the Poor in 2017. He encouraged the Church to "go forth", beyond its own walls, to encounter poverty "in the multiple meanings in which it manifests itself in today's world." The theme of this year's day is "Do not look away from the poor." (Tobit 4.7) Pope Francis' letter can be accessed online on the parish website.*

*This Christmas, we will be donating gifts again to the Wayside Club for the homeless. Presents of underwear, hats gloves, jumpers, socks and other warm clothes would be gratefully received, ideally wrapped and labelled male or female. Please also donate toys and gifts for children, also wrapped and labelled. Boxes will be available in the Gathering Area.*

*The St Vincent de Paul Society are collecting this week for their International Commission for Aid and Development (CIAD) which is appealing for support for those affect by the war in the Middle East.*

**Hymns: Entrance Music; Offertory ; Communion 100; Exit 838**

*Pope Francis' prayer intention for November: **For the Pope***

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit. .

October's Lucky Numbers Draw: 1st No 64 £125 Pat Kane; 2nd No 29 £75 Billy Chapman; 3rd No 61 £50 Helena Paterson. Please contact Eddie Kelly at [treasurer@stathanasiuscarluke.org](mailto:treasurer@stathanasiuscarluke.org) for your winnings.



**Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Scotland**

*The St Vincent de Paul Society has published its annual report which can be accessed online through the parish website. Please take some time to read this and see the sterling work done by the Society. You may consider becoming a member. Copies of their autumn leaflet are available.*



This is the QR code for the parish if you would like to make your contributions electronically. Make sure you tick the box if you choose to Gift Aid your donation.

*There is a recruitment event for Catholic teachers in St John Paul II Primary School Uddingston on Wednesday 29th at 7pm. See the noticeboard for further details.*

No word yet as to who will be the new parish priest. The bishop is at present undertaking a general review of parishes in the diocese. Hopefully the appointment will be soon. Don't know who it could be!



**SUNDAY TAKEAWAY:** I cannot fail to mention in particular an increasingly evident form of poverty that affects young people. How much frustration and how many suicides are being caused by the illusions created by a culture that leads young people to think that they are “losers”, “good for nothing”. Let us help them react to these malign influences and find ways to help them grow into self-assured and generous men and women.

When speaking of the poor, it is easy to fall into rhetorical excess. It is also an insidious temptation to remain at the level of statistics and numbers. The poor are persons; they have faces, stories, hearts and souls. They are our brothers and sisters, with good points and bad, like all of us, and it is important to enter into a personal relation with each of them.

The Book of Tobit teaches us to be realistic and practical in whatever we do with and for the poor. This is a matter of justice; it requires us to seek out and find one another, in order to foster the harmony needed for the community to feel itself as such. Caring for the poor is more than simply a matter of a hasty hand-out; it calls for re-establishing the just interpersonal relationships that poverty harms. In this way, “not turning our face away from anyone who is poor” leads us to enjoy the benefits of mercy and charity that give meaning and value to our entire Christian life. *Pope Francis*

**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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