



**3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORD
OF GOD SUNDAY YEAR B
20th-21st January 2024**

*A Parish of the Diocese of
Motherwell.*

The Bishop:

Rt. Rev. Joseph A. Toal

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ENTRANCE

ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour strength and honour in his holy place. Psalm 96.1, 6

COMMUNION

ANTIPHON

Look towards the Lord and be radiant, let your faces not be abashed. Psalm 34.6

1st Readings: Jonah 3.1-5:

Jonah is called by the Lord to a seemingly impossible task — the conversion of a great city.

Yet it happens, much to Jonah's astonishment.

Psalm Response: Lord, make me know your ways

2nd Reading: I Corinthians 7.29-31: The world in its present form is passing away. Our lives as Christians must have an urgency to become who God wants us to be.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1.14-20: To follow

the Lord is to leave the nets in our lives which entangle us, the small "boats" which limit our vision, and the Zebedees, family members and close friends, who would dampen our deepest desires to live a fullness of life.



This week we celebrate Sunday of the Word of God. This was instituted by Pope Francis so that we can treasure ever more fully the Scriptures given to us in the bible. The logo for the *Sunday of the Word of God* gives particular prominence to the theme of relationship: a strong bond between the wayfarers, in an intertwining of looks, gestures, steps and words. In light of the passage about the disciples of Emmaus, Jesus appears as the one who "drew near and went with" humanity (Lk 24:15), and "dwelt

among us" (Jn 1:14). In him "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:28). Familiarity with the Word of God arises from a relationship that comes from searching for the face of God in Sacred Scripture. The Bible is not there to give concepts but experiences, it does not just plunge us into a text, rather it opens us to meeting the Word of life decisive "for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2Tm 3:16,17). The theme this year is **"Remain in my Word."** (John 8.31)

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Pope Francis' prayer intention for January: FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

December's Lucky Numbers Draw: 1st No 35 £125 Denis Boyle; 2nd No 438 £75 Linda Boyle; 3rd No 64 £50 Pat Kane. Please contact Eddie Kelly at treasurer@stathanasiuscarluke.org for your winnings.



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Pray for the eternal rest of Betty Dickson who died on 8th January. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 30th January at 10am with her body being received the previous evening at 6.30. May the Lord comfort her family and loved ones at this time of their loss

Hymns:

Entrance 706

Offertory Music

Communion 720

Exit 722

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4 Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.*



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: This week especially Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. The theme for this week is "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself."

SUNDAY TAKEAWAY: We wish to live unity, because we wish to follow Christ, to live His love, to benefit from the mystery of His being one with the Father, which is the essence of divine love. ... According to Jesus' priestly prayer, what we yearn for is unity in the love of the Father, which comes to us as a gift in Jesus Christ, love that also informs thought and doctrines. It is not enough to be in agreement in comprehension of the Gospel, but it is necessary that all believers are united to Christ and in Christ. It is our personal and community conversion, our gradual conformation to Him, our living increasingly in Him, that enables us to grown in communion between us. This is the soul that also supports sessions of study and every other type of effort to arrive at more closely aligned points of view. Keeping this clearly in mind, it is possible to unmask some false models of communion that in reality do not lead to unity but instead contradict its essence. *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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