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Bishop of Motherwell

22nd August 2017

Letter from Bishop Toal to be read and distributed in all parishes on 27th/28th August

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Proposals on Financial Support for your Parish and Diocese.

Since the Finance and General Purposes Meeting in June I have been wondering how to approach the subject of the on-going financial support necessary for the work of the Diocese of Motherwell. I have concluded that the most appropriate way is to encourage you, the faithful of the Diocese, to support your own parishes as best you can, recognising that the Diocese will also benefit from these contributions through the levy collected.

The most important contribution you make to your parish is the weekly offertory collection and it is essential that you assess from time to time what your contribution is and whether it can increase in order to help meet the rising cost of running a parish today. One proposal is that people be encouraged to give the equivalent of what they are paid for one hour's work per week as their basic offering. I would ask that you consider this or determine your way of measuring what is a just contribution for you to give to the Church's mission locally - for your parish and your diocese. This has to be your most significant contribution before the other good causes which we are asked to contribute towards.

It is a great help also to your parish and Diocese if as a tax-payer you can Gift-Aid these weekly collections, so that the parish can receive the additional benefit of reclaiming the tax paid on your contributions. If you don't already gift-aid your contributions could you please consider doing so and, if necessary, ask how to go about it.

We live in a world now in which some people no longer carry much cash and make payments electronically or by standing order. People move around a lot as well and may not attend Sunday Mass each week in their own parish. Alternative means can be arranged for you to make your regular contributions to your parish other than putting cash or an envelope in the basket. If you wish to make your basic contributions to the parish through means other than cash please speak with your parish priest or a member of the parish finance team.

This year the Diocese is levying between 22 and 26% from the offertory and offertory equivalent income of parishes. It is a significant amount but is necessary in order to meet the diocesan expenses (which include staff wages, caring for retired priests and seminarians, and the diocesan contribution to the Bishops' Conference). We have managed to reduce the diocesan expenditure in recent times but it is difficult to see where further cuts can be made, and impossible to see parish expenditure falling as most costs rise year on year. We need your support more than ever and I hope you will consider a generous response to what I am asking. I thank you for your loyal support for the local church in Motherwell, in the parishes and as a Diocese, and hope you understand the priority this must have in the sometimes multiple demands made upon our charity within the Church and beyond.

With my prayers and very best wishes,

+ Joseph Toal



Our Lady of Lourdes

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21st Sunday of Year A

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Monday	<i>Memorial of St Augustine</i> Mass at 10.00 am
Tuesday	<i>Memorial of the Beheading of John the Baptist</i> Mass at 10.00 am
Wednesday	Mass at 10.00 am
Thursday	Mass at 10.00 am
Friday	Mass at 10.00 am
Saturday	Mass at 10.00 am Vigil Mass for Sunday at 6.00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	9.15 am—9.45 am 10.30 am—10.45 am 5.00 pm—5.30 pm
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DEACON SEAN WYLLIE

Our deacon Sean will be ordained to the priesthood in his home parish of St Patrick's, Shieldmuir, Wishaw, ML2 7TH on Friday 8th September at 7.00 pm. An invitation is extended to our parishioners to attend the celebration and also to the Mass of Thanksgiving the following day at 12 noon. Deacon Sean will be absent from the parish from Wednesday 7th September until Saturday 16th September. On his return he will celebrate all the Sunday Masses on the weekend of 16th/17th September and give his First Blessing afterwards.

The church is open every day, including Sunday, for personal prayer, from 8.00 am until 6.00 pm.

THE ROSARY

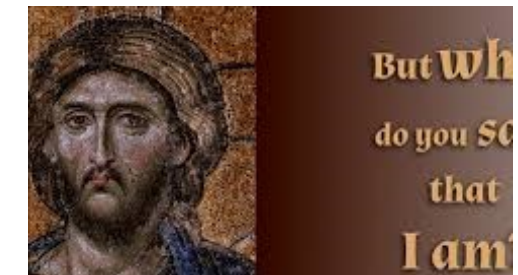
Recitation of the Rosary from Monday to Saturday inclusive after 10 o'clock Mass.

Wednesday Tearoom	After 10.00 am Mass or Rosary
Sunday Tearoom	After 11.00 am Mass

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

In the Church Hall on Thursdays from 1.30 pm until 3.30 pm.
All welcome

27th August 2017



ANNUAL VOCATIONS MASS

Tomorrow/Monday 28th August at 7.30 pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Coursington Road, Motherwell. Please participate in this celebration to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

Every Tuesday in the Oratory after the Rosary
New members most welcome.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

On Fridays in the Church at 2.00pm.
Stations of the Cross, Prayers for Priests,
3 o'clock Prayer, "You expired Jesus",
Divine Mercy Rosary

You are welcome to join us for Prayers and Novena in honour of Our Blessed Lady of the Miraculous Medal on Saturdays after 10.00 am Mass and before the Rosary.

BINGO

Bingo in the Hall every Tuesday at 7.30 pm.
New members welcome.

MOTHER AND TODLER GROUP

In the Church Hall on Thursdays
from 10.30 am until 12 noon
All welcome

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

3rd September 2017 22nd Sunday in Year A
Jeremiah 20: 7-9 Psalm: 62 (63)
Romans 12: 1-2 Matthew 16: 21-27

ALTAR SERVERS

We are now trying to arrange meetings for our Altar Servers. To help us plan and ensure as good a response as possible from the Servers we ask for the help of their parents.

For new recruits please speak to Len Kelly or Deacon Sean at Mass this weekend and give them your address, contact details, the school you attend and indicate a suitable time for meeting.

The current Servers are asked to speak to Len or Deacon Sean this weekend to arrange a time to meet.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

READERS

The new rota is available on the noticeboard in the porch.

TREASURE HUNT

It is proposed to have the next Treasure Hunt on Sunday 17 September. Names on the list in the noticeboard please.

PARISH INCOME LAST WEEKEND

Offertory Collection	£1398.59
Votives	£168.02
Stall	£85.00

The Small Change GiftAid Reclaim amounted to £2000.00. Thank for your financial support.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

We are due to take up a Second Collection for the Church Building Fund on Sunday 3rd September at all our Sunday Masses.


WEEKDAY MASSES AND VISITING THE CHURCH

It is very encouraging to have so many parishioners attending Mass on weekdays and we thank you for coming to Mass in such healthy numbers. We are also blessed with a constant flow of people visiting the church during the day for personal prayer. There seems to be at least one or two people in the church at any given hour of the day. Thank you for giving such a wonderful witness to the faith of the church at Mass and outside of the public activities of the parish. We should never underestimate the benefits our prayer brings to our parish community. Such generosity in prayer bears generous fruit for the building up of our parish community in faith and love.

THANK YOU

The Music Group at 11 o'clock Mass last Sunday certainly added to the celebration of the liturgy. It's great to have them back after the summer break and in such fine voice. Well done and thank you!

LOCAL FOOD BANK

 Our next collection for our local food bank is next weekend 2nd/3rd September. Thank you again for last month's wonderful response.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Abbey McLean of Orefield Place, East Mains, will be baptised today at 12.30 pm. Please pray for Abbey and for her parents and godparents at Mass today that they will be the best of teachers in the ways of faith.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

We offer our congratulations and to Christopher Boyle and Jennifer Adamson who will celebrate their wedding in our church on Saturday 3rd September at 12.30 pm. May God bless them and watch over them throughout their married life.

MONDAY EVENING MASS

There will be a Mass on Monday evenings at 7.30 pm from Monday 4th September in addition to the morning Mass at 10 o'clock.

CANON DONALD MCKAY

A Months Mind Mass for the late Canon McKay of the Diocese of Argyle and the Isles will be celebrated in St Michael's Church, Glenmanor Avenue, Moodiesburn, G69 0DL, on Friday 15th September at 7.00 pm. Further details from Fr Michael Briody by email briodypix@gmail.com or by phone on 01236 872537.

LEE JAMIESON R.I.P.

Our prayers are very specially asked for Lee who died 3 years ago on 24th August 2014 and who would now be just 15 years of age. Lee died after a 9 month battle against leukaemia fought in Yorkhill Hospital and died in Balloch Hospice. After his death his father Stephen and mother Elizabeth started the charity "Live it for Lee". The many fundraising events held over the past 3 years have raised over £110,000.00 in Lee's memory and all proceeds have been donated to "Bloodwise" who research the particular type of leukaemia Lee suffered during his life. His family will be attending 11 o'clock Mass today and ask your prayers for Lee and for all who have supported "Live it for Lee" over the past three years.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

Taster Day at ISC, 35 Scott Street, Garnethill, G3 6PE, on Saturday 2nd September at 10.30 am and at 2.30 pm. Get a flavour of what the Centre offers - workshops on prayer, creative space and an opportunity for an informal conversation with the team at ISC. Come for the morning or afternoon sessions (or both if you wish). No charge for the day - bring your own lunch, tea and coffee provided by ISC.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

A vacancy has arisen at the Catholic Media Office for an Admin. Assistant. The position is full-time and based in Glasgow with a salary of £18,735.00. There are further details on the noticeboard. An application pack can be obtained by email from recruitmentsbcos.org.uk or by writing to - Recruitment, Bishops' Conference of Scotland, 64 Aitken Street, Airdrie, ML6 6LT. Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 4th September 2017.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN

The Bishops of Scotland will consecrate Scotland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the Annual National Pilgrimage to Carfin on Sunday 3rd September in this the centenary of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima.

PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE

Saturday 2nd September Vigil of Preparation

7.00 pm	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mysteries of the Rosary on the Hour from 7.00 pm until 10.00 pm
10.30 pm	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Light refreshments in the Xavier Centre during the evening</i>

Sunday 3rd September National Pilgrimage Mass and Solemn Act of Consecration

1.00 pm	Sacrament of Confession available until 2.30 pm
3.00 pm	Holy Mass with the Act of Consecration
5.00 pm	Rosary & Benediction

We now have a full bus going from our parish to Carfin on Sunday 3rd September. The bus will leave from the school bus stop at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School at 1.30 pm and will leave from Carfin around 5.30 pm. Please listen to the announcements at Carfin for the precise time of departure for East Kilbride.

Remember to come prepared for the weather - Mass will be outside at Carfin Grotto.

We have left some information details on the bulletin table from Bishop Keenan of Paisley outlining the thinking behind the Act of Consecration.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience are holding a residential weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place from 6th until 8th October at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge. For details contact Ros on 0131 669 0003 or email rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk

Completed forms must be returned by Friday 22nd September 2017.

See the noticeboard for more information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In the meantime, Confessions will be at the following times on Saturdays:

9.15 am until 9.45 am;
10.30 am until 10.45 am;
5.00 pm until 5.30 pm.

Confessions will resume on Thursday evenings with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7th September.

Confessions are available at any time on request.

CHURCH LIGHTING

The issues associated with the lighting in the body of the church have been addressed by the company which installed the lighting and the plan is to have the situation remedied in the week beginning 4th September. Just as well because for the Vigil Mass and other Masses or Services in the evenings it is becoming quite challenging to be able to read our prayer books or see the words in the hymn books. Let's hope the solution provided by the company ends our difficulties with the lighting!

Please pray for the sick

Jackie Fleming, John McManus, Eileen Robertson, Mary Harrison, Mary McGuire, Carole Gaffney (Australia), Samuel Ruddy (age 20), Marianne Doherty, Douglas McDonald, Kerr Gildie, Charlotte Jordan, Eileen Mullan, Dick Cohen, John Watson, Ann Gough, Catherine Watson, Susan Gough, Roseanne Dupree, Tony Slaven, Lena Connochie, May McCormack, Marie Docherty, Leslie Docherty, Linda Hogg, Joseph Berry, Anne Adams, Gerry Kelly, Nancy McLellan, Terry McLellan, Paul Gallagher, Mary Johnstone, William Ellis, Elizabeth Hunter, Gian Adjuda, Betty McKenna.

Please pray for the dead

Recently Dead

Canon Donald McKay; Kitty O'Brien (Co. Cork).

Months Minds

Johnny, Jim & Irene McDermott; Cathy Devlin; Tommy Flaherty; Thomas Flaherty; John Rae; John & Celia Cooper

Anniversaries

Millie Shaw; Margaret Mary Gardyne; May & Gerry O'Neill; Jean O'Hare; Eva Fisher & Friends; George Murray; Lee Jamieson; Mary O'Hagan; Malcolm Docherty; John Hamilton; Chris Farren; Charlie & Sheila Fearon; Francis & Clare Docherty, Stephen Russell.

