

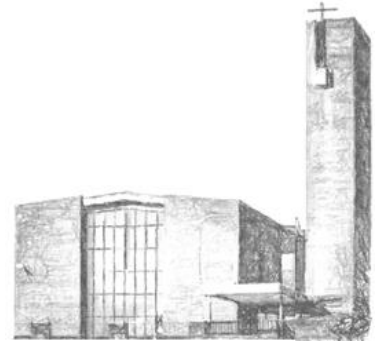
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31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 4th and 5th November 2023

Mon	10:00	Devotions
Tue	10:00	Mass
Wed	10:00	Mass - Blessed John Duns Scotus
Thu	10:00	Mass – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
	19:00	Mass – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Fri	10:00	Mass - St Leo the Great
	18:00	Reception of Remains
Sat	09:00 - 09:45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	09:15 - 09:45	Confessions
	10:00	Mass - Funeral of Margaret Thomson
	16:15 - 16:45	Confessions

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 11th and 12th November 2023

	17:00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sun	09:00	Sunday Mass
	11:00	Children's Mass
	14:00	Autism Friendly Mass

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

MAL 1:14–2:2. 8-10

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

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Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

1 THESS 2:7-9, 13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

MATT 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Chapter 23 of Matthew is unique to the gospels in the way Jesus launches a furious attack on the Pharisees. This extract attacks them for tying up burdens too heavy for people to carry, but doing nothing to help them. They are also obsessed with drawing attention to themselves. Disciples must avoid these errors. The greatest among them must be the servant; those who humble themselves will be exalted, but those who exalt themselves will be humbled!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK

Richard Carnichan

RECENTLY DECEASED

Tony Irwin, Cath McGhee, James Carr, George Thomson, May O'Neil, Margaret Thomson (funeral Sat 10:00), Elizabeth Meechan (funeral Fri 17th 10:00.)

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Gerry Boyce, Alice Mary Nisbet, Thomas and Alice O'Hagan and Family, John O'Rourke, Helen Quinn, Eileen McWilliams, James and Agnes Roden.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Cash	£1,319
Envelopes	£263
Standing Orders	£905
Estimated Gift Aid	£265
	£2,816

Stall received **£50** and votives **£193**.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND

Children's Mass at 11:00 Mass on Sunday.

Food bank collection at all Masses.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Mon	18:30	Legion of Mary	Hall
Tue	09:00	Knitting and Craft Group	Hall
	09:25	Novena, Rosary & prayer for Priests	Church
	10:30	Mother's Prayer Group	Oratory
	19:30	Bingo	Hall
Wed	10:30	Café after morning Mass	Hall
	09:25	Novena, Rosary & prayer for Priests	Church
	10:30	Pro-life Prayer Group	Oratory
Thu	10:30	Mother and Toddler Group	Hall
	13:00	Friendship Group	Hall
Fri	09:25	Novena, Rosary & prayer for Priests	Church
	13:30	Prayer for priests & vocations	Church

FUTURE SERVICES, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ADVENT FAITH SHARING GROUP

Monday 13th November at 18:30 in the Oratory and each Monday thereafter until 18th December.

Would like to spend some time away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping? Would like to spend some time in quiet reflection and contemplation of this Holy Season?

Then you might like to join us during Advent, as we walk through Sacred Scripture towards the Birth of Our Lord.

We would love to welcome you! For more details, contact Esther on 07954652268 or eadaly44@msn.com.

MASS TO CELEBRATE THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE

Thursday 14th December at 19:00, Mass for the Solemnity of the Dedication of Our Lady of Good Aid, marking the close of the 75th Anniversary of Motherwell Diocese.

ANNUAL EDUCATION MASS

Thursday 16th November at 19:00, Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Bishop Toal will be the celebrant.

ECUMENICAL EVENING PRAYER HONOURING ST MARGARET

Friday 17th November 2023 at 7.00pm in St Aloysius' Church, Rose Street, Glasgow, marking the St Margaret Declaration.

CEMETERY SERVICE

Sunday 19th November at 14:00 at Philipshill Cemetery, for those buried in the cemetery and for all our faithful departed.

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Saturday 25th November at 10:00. For all our dead, especially those whose parish funerals were celebrated in the past year. Please mention this to anyone you think would be interested.

OTHER NOTICES

WARM PLACES INITIATIVE

Some weeks ago, we were invited to participate in a Warm Places Initiative under the guidance of an East Kilbride Poverty Alliance group. We accepted immediately but have yet to hear anything from them in return. We have decided to proceed independently and propose the following initial undertaking.

- Offer a soup and roll lunch with a hot drink and biscuits/cakes between 12:00 – 14:00 on the first four Fridays of December (1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd) in the hall.

- Open to all, funding will be accessed to make this provision free.
- We will need help, and details of how to volunteer will be in next week's bulletin.
- Depending on its success, we would like to continue this from January to the end of March.

FOODBANKS

Many thanks to Lesley Davidson of Loaves & Fishes for her reflective talk at last weekend's Masses.

PROJECT WELLSRING – A STATEMENT FROM BISHOP TOAL

I am pleased to announce that we have very recently launched a new renewal project entitled Wellspring which seeks to equip the Diocese of Motherwell for growth over the next 10 years. The primary focus of this new project will be to renew and re-energise our missions by setting-out a simple Gospel-centred vision and a fresh, new pastoral plan. It will also include a strategy for property and finance management.

We are already engaged in the early stages of planning with the clergy, supported by a small team of unpaid lay professionals who will manage the process with us. The discussion phases will very soon engage parishes and laity so that we can all contribute to the important work of preparing for the future. I expect to engage the entire diocesan community, young and old, as we move into 2024.

I am excited at the prospect of setting a new course as we look ahead with confidence to the next 10 years of mission in our diocese. Please pray that Wellspring will indeed be a great gift that renews and strengthens our bonds with the Lord and His Church. Pray, too, that it inspires our sisters and brothers who have distanced themselves to re-engage with the regular practice of our Catholic Faith.

May Our Lady of Good Aid, our patroness and Mother, crown our work with her grace.

FERTILITY CARE SCOTLAND – JOB VACANCY

Fertility Care Scotland Limited (registered charity SC051574) seeks part-time Bookkeeper, approx 4 hours p/w. Flexible work-from-home options available. Previous experience required, Knowledge of Sage and online accounting programmes preferred.

Email Ashlee at info@fertilitycare.org.uk or visit fertilitycare.org.uk for more details.