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11th May 2025 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

SERVICES FOR 12th – 18th May 2025

Monday		
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary	
10:00	Mass	
Tuesday		
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary	
10:00	Mass	
Wednesday		
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary	
10:00	Mass	
Thursday		
18:15 - 18:45	Confessions	
19:00	Mass	
Friday		
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary	
10:00	Mass	
Saturday		
09:15-09:45	Confessions	
10:00	Mass	
16:15 - 16:45	Confessions	
18th May 2025	5 th SUNDAY OF EASTER	
17:00	Vigil Mass	
Sunday		
09:00	Sunday Mass	
11:00	Sunday Mass	

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<u>READING 1</u> ACTS 14:21-27 They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.

PSALM PS 144:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

READING 2APOC 21:1-5AGod will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

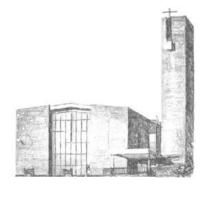
GOSPELJOHN 13:31-35 I give you a new commandment: love one another.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

There are several kinds of love, and the love God has for us is the greatest kind. It is totally selfless, all encompassing, and enduring. It is this love which Jesus wants to love us with. But we are not always able or willing to accept it. Our human limitations too often leave us stuck with a love that is erotic, selfish or possessive. That is not love, that is enslavement. Only God's love is real.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1450
Gift Aid	£260
Votives	£170
Easter Collection	£1650
Digital Weekly Collection	£124



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

ANNIVERSARIES

Hugh McGrattan, Maureen Smith, Patricia McCaffrey, George Reilly jnr., Christopher Wyber, Sheen Park.

<u>RIP</u>

Frank McParland, Patricia McVay, Anne McHugh, Angela Hudson

<u>SICK</u>

Pat Hunter.

NOTICES, FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY;

On Thursday as all know, Cardinal Robert Prevost was elected Pope by the Conclave of Cardinals, taking the name Leo XIV. It is generally regarded that a Pope's name gives an indication of the kind of papacy that is to follow. His predecessor of that name, Leo XIII, was pope at the end of the 19th. Century, a time of great social upheaval and unrest. Leo XIII most famous work was the encyclical, Rerum Novarum, which gave birth to the trade union movement and Catholic Social Teaching and showed him to be on the side of working people.

Leo XIV, like his immediate predecessor, Pope Francis, already has a solid reputation for speaking up on behalf of the poor and the immigrant and has certainly been courageous in 'speaking the truth unto power.'

In the Good Friday Liturgy, the intercession for the Holy Father proclaims, "Protect the Pope that you have chosen for us." Pope Leo is not simply the choice of the Cardinals, he is God's choice and all Catholics are duty bound to show him love and respect. Viva il Papa.

Message from Bishop Toal on the Election of Pope Leo XIV

FIRST COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to the P4 Children of Our lady of Lourdes Primary School who celebrated their First Holy Communion yesterday.

The First Communions for St. Louise children take place in St. Vincent's Church on Saturday 31st May.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS 13TH MAY:

A bus will leave from opposite the Church at 6.20pm. If you wish to book a seat, place your details on the list on the noticeboard. The Rosary begins at 7pm and mass at 7.30pm

FOOD BANK:

Retiring collection taken up this weekend.

SCIAF "WEE BOXES"

You raised over £2,800 which has been sent to SCIAF. Thank you for your generosity.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TOAL ON THE ELECTION OF POPE LEO XIV

With our fellow Catholics, and so many others across the world, we in the Diocese of Motherwell thank God for the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. It is great news that Cardinal Prevost was chosen so quickly by his fellow Cardinals and there is reassurance that they have placed this confidence in his abilities to lead the Church in the great mission of preaching Christ and upholding and strengthening our communion as the Body of Christ, the People of God. We trust that his choice has been inspired by the Holy Spirit and his actions will always be guided by the same Holy Spirit.

May God bless Pope Leo, and may he be sustained by the prayers of all the faithful. We commend his ministry as the Successor of St Peter to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, and to that of all the Saints.

We will celebrate a Diocesan Mass in Thanksgiving for the Election of Pope Leo XIV in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell, on Monday 26th May at 7pm. All are most welcome to attend.

Joseph Toal

MAY ROSARY:

During the month of May, the SVDP will lead the Rosary in the oratory at 7pm before their weekly meeting and all parishioners are welcome to join them.

MARY'S MEALS:

Will be here the weekend of 24^t /25th May. They will speak of their work and sell raffles to help them feed even more children.

Please note, Mary's Meals no longer collect textiles of any kind so do not bring bags of clothing to the Church.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING;

i. I would be grateful if all those who act as Ministers of Holy Communion could attend a brief meeting in the Church this Thursday at 7.30pm.

ii. Recently I approached other parishioners asking them also to assist as Ministers of Holy Communion in the parish. I invite them to meet in the Church House on Monday 5th June at 7pm.

ASCENSION THURSDAY;

Advance notice that this takes place on Thursday 29th May and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX - (THE LITTLE FLOWER)

Centenary of her Canonisation which took place on 17^{th} May 1925

Solemn Mass to celebrate this centenary on Saturday 17th May at St Francis Xavier's Church, Carfin at 12.00 noon