

Prayer for Vocations:

Loving and generous God, we are your people, the work of your hands. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love.

Grant to us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice.

Bless the Church of the Diocese of Motherwell by raising up dedicated leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as priests.

Inspire us to know you better and open our hearts to hear your call.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray for the Sick: William McCardie; Fr Paddy Hughes C.M; James O'Connor; Fr Patrick Walsh; Canon Michael Walsh; Simon Johnson.

We remember all of those who have died recently: Anne Hemphill; Rose Quinn.

We pray for the Anniversary of: Frank Hilland.

St. Mary's Church, Lanark

22nd Sunday of the Year (B)

2nd September 2018

INTRODUCTION TO THE MASS The readings of today's Mass emphasise the difference between fulfilling religious obligations out of a sense of ritual or duty and truly living a religion of the heart. Jesus calls us to put our hearts where our mouths are.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading (Deut 4:1-2.6-8). The God we believe in is a God who is very near to us. This calls on us to live out our lives in accordance with the commandments God has given us to lead us on the path of true wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent?

Second Reading (Jas 1:17-18.21-22.27). Our response to God is shown by our responsibility for all God's people, especially for those most in need.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel (Mk 7:1-8.14-15.21-23). The keeping of external laws does not in itself lead to God, our hearts have to be truly converted if we are to follow the way of Jesus.

Think Vocations: "Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves." Jesus is the Word who calls you to serve Him in truth. Is He inviting you to priesthood or religious life? Call your diocesan Vocations Director or visit www.priestsforScotland.org.uk

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday:	9.30am	Mass	St Gregory the Great
Tuesday:	9.30am	Mass	
Wednesday:	9.30am	Mass	
Thursday:	9.30am	Mass	
Friday:	9.30am	Mass	
Saturday:	9.30am	Mass	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass :	5.00pm
Sunday:	10.30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: after 9.30am Mass; 4.30pm - 4.50pm; and on request.



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Parish Information

Celebrating the Sacraments

Baptism: by arrangement with the Parish Priest. In line with Diocesan policy, there is a preparation meeting for the celebration of this Sacrament.

Marriage: in line with Diocesan policy, a minimum of six months notice must be given, during which all couples will be expected to participate in Preparation Meetings for their celebration.

Anointing of the Sick: on request. Anyone with a planned stay in hospital, should arrange to celebrate this Sacrament before going into hospital.

St Mary's Clubrooms: For bookings contact: clubrooms@outlook.com or call 01555 662234

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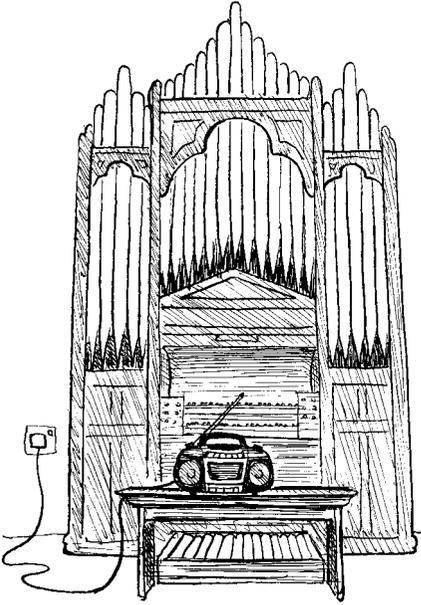
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FAITH IN FOCUS: WORTHLESS WORSHIP



Canon O'Gloom rubbed the sleep out of his Sunday morning eyes as he managed to open the church just before the first parishioners turned up for the 9 o'clock Mass. The beer cans, chip papers and confetti in the porch reminded him that he really must get round to organising some sort of cleaning rota now that no one was left from the old one.

At seven minutes past nine he beckoned to Eleanor White who put on a backing CD of the Entrance Song, "I rejoiced when I heard them say let us go to God's house". A few faithful bothered to join in but most just listened to the synthesised sound of the keyboard and the croaking of the music group led by Sid Montgomery. During the first reading the altar boy was sent off to go and get a taper to light the candles with. This came as a pleasant distraction from Cynthia Purejoy's mumbling from the Book of Lamentations. Thank God the microphone wasn't working.

Another blessing came when Canon O'Gloom announced he wasn't going to preach today because he

knew everyone wanted to be off and away early so they could enjoy the beautiful weather.

Clyde Schnell took the collection with his usual aplomb. There was no procession of the gifts since Sunday communion always came from the tabernacle, and soon we were into the Eucharistic Prayer. Clyde continued passing the basket, oblivious that something greater than his own performance was taking place in the sanctuary area.

Josh Wilkins tried to take part in the proceedings but was sucked into crawling under the pews to retrieve the felt-tip pens that his little sister Emily dropped while filling in a colouring book of scenes from the Book of Exodus.

As the congregation came forward for communion they were treated to a rendition of the "Ride of the Valkyries" from Maria Gonzalez's mobile phone. A second collection to support retired nuns meant that Clyde stepped up to the plate once more before the congregation peeled out to "O, Lord, my God!"

It was then that Canon O'Gloom was struck by a phrase from today's gospel:

"This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me."

Pilgrimage to Rome May 13 - 17th 2019

St Athanasius', Carluke

St Athanasius' Parish, Carluke is organising a pilgrimage to Rome. Some places are still available. If you would like to find out more, please come to the meeting in St Athanasius' Hall on Thursday 30th August at 7.00pm.

Dementia Awareness Group Support (D.A.G.S)

Are looking to recruit volunteers to assist their twice monthly group meeting. If you have a few hours to spare and are interested in helping with activities then please contact:- Mariane Bond on 01555 665675



What's on @ St. Mary's

Items for inclusion in St. Mary's Gazette should be handed into the Presbytery in writing by Thursday.

Church Collections

26.08.18	£1370	£750 to Diocese of Motherwell	£620 left to the Parish
300 Club Winner		Mary Thirwell	No. 243

There are about 6 places available in the 300 Club. It costs £1.00 per week with a chance of winning £100! The proceeds goes to help pay for the insurance of our Church and other buildings.

BBQ

St Mary's Annual Barbecue was a great success again this year, despite the weather. The event raised £1,500 which will go to the Church Renovation Fund. Many thanks to all those who helped make the day a great success and for all the generous donations received.

Dates for Tour Diary

National Pilgrimage in Honour of St John Ogilvie

The National Pilgrimage in honour of St John Ogilvie will take place on Sunday 2nd September at 3.00 pm at the Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin.

Holy Mass to Celebrate Marriage & Family Life

Bishop Toal will celebrate a special Mass in the cathedral, Motherwell on Wednesday 19th September at 7.00pm. All married couples are invited to attend this Mass and also to renew their Marriage Vows.

Vocations Awareness Week

Starting next Sunday we have a special week of prayer especially for Vocations to the Priesthood or Religious Life. There will be a 2nd Collection to help pay for our seminarians. At present it costs about £200,000 a year to educate our 8 seminarians in Rome and Oscott.

Upcoming Events in the Clubrooms

Sat 13th October - The Words (formerly losferwords) - tickets will be on sale soon

Sunday 11th November - Afternoon Tea in the Clubrooms

St Catherine's Senior Care Assistant Vacancy

The above post has become available within St Catherine's Care Home. Care assistant required 4/5 shifts per week, 33.75 hours per week. £9.92 per hour. SVQ 3 Social Care Required. PVG Check and References required. Contact Manager for further information 01555 661671 or Application forms can be collected from the Main Office.

Christian Aid's Family Ramble & BBQ



Fancy a bit of exercise in pleasant company? Then why not sponsor yourself or a walker and participate in Christian Aid's Family Ramble and Barbeque.

The Ramble starts from St Nicholas Church at 2.00pm on Sunday 9th September and ends at Ruth Douglas' house for a barbeque.

Details of the route are on Posters and Sponsor Forms

at the back of the Church.

All are welcome, but children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information then please contact Rosalind McConnell on 01555 664526