

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

This weekend the Church celebrates **Good Shepherd Sunday** a name derived from the image of Jesus in the **Gospel of John**. The concept of being a shepherd was familiar to the Jewish mindset who regarded their Kings as shepherds of their people. **King David** had been a shepherd. Notice the same idea is liked to the role of Bishops who carry a crozier rather like a shepherd's crook a symbol of them being the chief shepherds within the Diocese. This is a good day to pray for the four Deacons who will shortly be ordained for our Diocese as well as the other candidates studying in Oscott, Rome and Salamanca. We thank God for his blessings to the Diocese of Motherwell. As in previous years a Novena of prayer for vocations in each of our Scottish Dioceses will take place. Excellent handouts at the back of Church called **Following the Shepherd**.

Congratulations to the twins whose Lenten Fast in support of charitable work in Tanzania raised **£1,236.00**. The amount raised by the parish in support of all forms of Lenten Alms was staggering. **Well done to everyone.**

Congratulations to the organising committee for their very successful Bingo Night on Sunday and for the continued good orderly planning for the celebration of the 40th anniversary celebrations of Fr Kevin Ryan on the weekend of the feast of **Corpus Christi 22-23 June**. Father Kevin will be celebrating both of our parish Masses that weekend. The Bingo Night raised **£1,100**. Brilliant stuff.

Mary's Meals are coming back again!! The weekend of the feast of **Pentecost 8-9th June**. They will collect textiles for recycling and sell raffle tickets as well. All clothing, towels, curtains, bedding, blankets, handbags, shoes, belts but no pillows or duvets. No crockery or cutlery, please!! It costs **£13.90** to provide a child with Mary's Meals for a **WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR**. That's roughly three bin bags of old clothing. The last collection was very successful and no doubt so will be this collection. In 2018 MM raised **£100,000**. We will leave the garage open before Mass on Saturday evening as well as before Mass on Sunday morning. **Collection will take place after Mass on the Sunday morning**. It is rather important we try not to miss the pick up time. **For details see Margaret McQueen and James Langton who are Garage Monitors!!**

A reminder that **Thursday 30th May** is the **Solemnity of the Ascension** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation** for all Catholics. Mass will be celebrated in the parish at **09.30** but please note there will be **no evening Mass** on the feast since Fr Bergin is celebrating Mass in John Ogilvie school in Blantyre at 6.30 pm. The feast of the Ascension heralds the start of the **Novena** (nine days of prayer) in preparation for the **Feast of Pentecost**. Pentecost was one of the three major Jewish celebrations. It took place fifty days after **Passover** (perhaps the most important of the three major celebrations). Another name for Pentecost is **Shavuot**. It was the spring harvest celebration for Jews. For Christians Pentecost has become the great feast of the **Holy Spirit** whose presence in fire and wind transformed the Apostles into men of action.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock, Ireland 17th June. £649 pp. Price includes 10kg hand luggage from Edinburgh, four nights in Knock House Hotel with full breakfast and four course dinner. All entertainment and tours included in the price. **Phone Patricia on 1268762278 or 07740175557.**

Due to **GDPR** legislation the Diocese has issued each parish with new e-mail addresses. Our address is **stteresa@rcdom.org.uk**

The work of the **SVP** is admired and respected everywhere. As part of their ongoing efforts to recruit new members the members of the parish SVP will be distributing a leaflet next week after Mass.

A **pro life conference** will be held on **June 22nd in St Augustine's** parish hall to examine the skills needed in presenting a pro life response at home, school, church and society. The speakers are well known for their knowledge and experience and will discuss life issues which affect life, love, marriage, sex, family life. The cost is £15. Lunch is included.. **See the link <https://lifeissues.eventbrite.co.uk>**

The French-Canadian **Jean Vanier**, the founder of L'Arche and a truly modern saint has died. Let us say a prayer for him this week.

Attendances: 226, Collections: £769
Thank you to the parish for this generosity.

Lately Dead: Jean Vanier,
Anniversary of: Catrina Forde, James Kane, Frank Kane,
Paul Kane, Catherine Keatings, Joseph Irvine.

A Prayer for The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Thanks to you, loving God,
for the joy at the heart of the faith we profess:
a joy not built on the sand of whim and fancy,
but on the rock of Christ.

Thanks be to you, loving God,
for the gospel's utterly good news,
timelessly relevant all times, everywhere.

Thanks be to you, loving God,
for the sure anchor to our ships that faith can give.

Buffeted by the storms and swept by tides,
still we are not wrecked, still we do not sink,
still we can ride out the tempest.

Thanks be to you, loving God,
for the utter joy Easter,
death and darkness overcome by life and light:
the pain of the Cross swallowed up
in the dawn hope of resurrection.

Thanks be to you, loving God,
for the power and passion of the gospel:
to transform, and complete, and make new,
in Jesus' name.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 12th May <i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>	10:00am 4:00pm	Joseph Irvine Devotions in Honour of Our Lady
Monday 13th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Devotions in Honour of Our Lady Catherine Keatings
Tues 14th May <i>St Matthias</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Paul Kane
Wed 15th May	9:05am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Frank Kane
Thurs 16th May	9:05am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Catrina Forde
Friday 17th May	9:05am 9:30am	Holy Rosary Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Saturday 18th May	4:30pm	James Kane

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 18th May.	F McQuade	M Connor, I Connor, C Morrissey
Sunday 19th May.	C Scullion	P Mackle, F Carroll, M Nugent

***Response to Psalm 99:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.***