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Confessions: Saturday 4:30 – 4:50pm

Newsletter

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

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My dear parishioners,

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, a very special day in the life of the Catholic Church, for it reminds us that we belong to a church that has no borders; the good news of the gospel belongs to every man, woman and child.

World Mission Sunday invites us all to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting missionary priests, religious sisters and brothers, lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. These missionaries have a crucial role, *'in inviting everyone to the banquet of the Lord.'*

This year we are asked to support the church in Cameroon in West Africa.

Fr. Vincent Lockhart, the National Director of *Missio Scotland*, speaks in his letter for Mission Sunday, about Sr. Hedwig Vinyo, a Franciscan Sister who has dedicated her life to serving the people in the North-West Province of the country. In the midst of a civil war which has been raging for the past 7 years, Sr. Hedwig and the Sisters of St. Francis are helping those tragically affected by the war to pick up the pieces of their lives.

Your donations next Sunday will enable the Sisters to go on gathering those broken by war and providing them with care support and a safe place. Also with your help *Missio Scotland* will give funding to the Catholic Women's Association – a Cameroonian organisation similar to the Union of Catholic Mothers here in Scotland. These Catholic women are supporting displaced people who have taken refuge in their parishes.

Gathering those who have been broken, inviting everyone to join together in a place of peace is the focus of Pope Francis' theme for this World Mission Sunday. He recalls the scene in Matthew's Gospel where the king tells the servants *'go and invite everyone to the banquet.'*

Next Sunday in a special collection we will have the chance to support this good work in a practical way; a little donation from many helps to make a big difference in the lives of some of the most challenged people in the world. *It's good to be part of that care and concern.*

I offer here the Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday October 14th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am; Confessions at 6.30pm, Novena at 7pm

Tuesday October 15th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Wednesday October 16th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Thursday October 17th: Mass at 10am

Reception on Wednesday at 6pm

Cathedral Sunday Nights for Young Adults: the next gathering is on October 20th 7.30-8.30pm. All young people aged 16 and above are warmly invited to come along to Motherwell Cathedral next Sunday evening for some spiritual input followed by time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and afterwards there is an option to gather for some social time in a relaxed setting. Around 30 young people from across the diocese gather every month, and they are forming a very fun and welcoming community which also takes part in other events and pilgrimages: why not come along; you'll be made very welcome.

Motherwell Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, July 14th -21st, 2025: departure is from Prestwick Airport with Joe Walsh Tours; pilgrims will stay in the adjoining hotels, Alba and Mediterranee, beside the River Gave.

Bishop Toal invites pilgrims to join with him in prayer for the Holy Year by reflecting on the role of Mary as disciple, woman and mother. If you wish to register an interest in joining the pilgrimage please contact Fr. Gerry Maguiness on frmaguiness@rcdom.org.uk. Bookings will be available soon online at www.joewalshstours.co.uk or by phone on 0808 1890468.

CREDO, the parish faith-sharing group meets on Tuesdays at 1 o'clock in the parish meeting room; all are welcome to take part and to enjoy some tea and biscuits afterwards.

The Parish Defibrillator is located in the first confessional and is clearly visible on the wall as you open the door.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the coffee morning last Sunday, especially those who served in the hall and those who handed in home baking; it was a lovely gathering in the parish hall.

Please pray for all who are ill: David Rankin, John Rimmer, Jim Breslin

Recently Deceased: Michael (Mike) Hoblyn, June Marsella, Patricia (Pat) Grace,

Special Remembrance: Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane, Maureen Gillespie, James and Helen Lennon, Patrick and Joan Lennon, John and Betty Lennox, John Lennox Jnr., John and Elizabeth Fulton, James Fulton, John and May Donnelly, Patrick Dolan, deceased members of the Dalton and McKenna families and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's.