



**The Catholic Parish of  
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**Sunday Masses:** Vigil 5pm, 9am and 10:30am

**Confessions:** Saturday 4:30 – 4:50pm

**Newsletter**

**Thirtieth Sunday of the Year**

**October 27<sup>th</sup> 2024**

*My dear parishioners,*

*This week we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, one of our Holy Days of Obligation; I offer these words from Pope Benedict for your reflection:*

**The Solemnity of All Saints**, which we celebrate today, invites us to raise our gaze to Heaven and to meditate on the fullness of the divine life which awaits us. “We are God’s children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be” (1Jn 3:2); with these words the Apostle John assures us of the reality of our profound relation to God and the certainty of our destiny. Like beloved children, therefore, we also receive the grace to support the trials of this earthly existence – the hunger and thirst for justice, the misunderstandings, the persecution – and at the same time we inherit what is promised in the Gospel Beatitudes. The holiness, imprinted in us by Christ himself, is the goal of Christian life. And we have a foretaste of the gift and beauty of sanctity every time that we participate in the Eucharistic Liturgy, the communion with the great multitude of Holy Souls, which in heaven eternally acclaim the salvation of God and the Lamb (Rev7:9-10). Pope Benedict

**The following day we celebrate the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day):**

Today we renew our hope in eternal life, truly founded on Christ’s death and resurrection. “*I am risen and I am with you always*”, the Lord tells us, and my hand supports you. Wherever you may fall, you will fall into my hands and I will be there even to the gates of death. Where no one can accompany you any longer and where you can take nothing with you, there I will wait for you to transform for you the darkness into light. Christian hope, however, is not solely individual; it is always a hope for others. Our lives are profoundly linked, one to the other, and the good and the bad that each of us does always affects others too. Hence the prayer of the pilgrim said in the world can help another soul that is being purified after death. This is why the church invites us today to pray for our beloved deceased and to pause at their tombs in the cemeteries.. Pope Benedict

**November Lists** are available at the back of the church; please write down the names of your departed relatives and friends and they will be remembered in a special way during our November Masses; donations placed inside the envelopes will be shared between Mary’s Meals and Friends of the Holy Land.

**I offer here the Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:**

**Monday October 28th: Mass at 10am**

*Rosary at 9.40am; Novena at 7pm*

**Tuesday October 29th: Requiem Mass for Mr. Michael Hoblyn at 10.30 am**

*Reception on Monday at 6.15pm*

**Wednesday October 30th: Mass at 10am**

*Rosary at 9.40am*

**Solemnity of All Saints: HolyDay of Obligation**

**Thursday October 31st: Vigil Mass at 7pm**

**Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>: Mass at 10am and 12noon**

**Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Souls Day, Mass at 11am**

**Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**

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**Being Catholic Television** was set up by Fr. Michael Kane and his parishioners in St. Augustine's Coatbridge; its aim is to bring high quality, engaging and faithful Catholic content straight to our homes. A full daily schedule is broadcast each day that includes Daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Novenas and daily Rosary. The Motherwell Diocesan Communications Commission has been working closely with Being Catholic TV to live stream many of the major Diocesan liturgies and events.

Being Catholic TV can be accessed by logging on to [www.beingcatholic.org](http://www.beingcatholic.org) or via the Diocesan website at [www.rcdom.org.uk](http://www.rcdom.org.uk); it can also be accessed via all the usual social media channels.

**Coffee Morning and Christmas Card Sale Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November:** the parish stall and Fairtrade are holding a joint coffee morning after the morning Masses; Christmas Cards, Nativity Sets, Advent Calendars including Fairtrade Chocolate Calendars, Christmas Ornaments etc., will be on sale; Holy Cross High School will also be selling Christmas Cards; a small selection of Fairtrade food and crafts will also be available; toast and home baking will be served; proceeds to the Hamilton Foodbank

**Motherwell Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, July 14<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>, 2025:** departure is from Prestwick Airport with Joe Walsh Tours; pilgrims will stay in the adjoining hotels, Alba and Mediterranean, 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 Maguinness on [frmaguinness@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frmaguinness@rcdom.org.uk). Bookings will be available soon online at [www.joewalshstours.co.uk](http://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.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Michael (Mike) Hoblyn, David Rankin, Agnes Larkins, Betty Jack, Paul Mulvey, Hugh Wynn, Patrick Wynn, Frank McLaughlin,

**Special Remembrance:** Paul McGowan, Anne Connolly, Tommy O'Donnell, Stephanie and Janet Higgins, Michael McCafferty, deceased members of the Dalton and McKenna families.