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Diocese of Motherwell**

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SUNDAY MASSES: Vigils at 4pm & 5.30pm, 10 am, 12Noon & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon – Sat 10am

CONFESSIONS: 30 min before the mass in the Sacristy

Baptisms: Speak to Fr Ghislain.

Marriages: Please speak to Fr Ghislain. Please note 6 months' notice is required.

Sunday 20th December 4th Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading: 2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14-16

Responsorial Psalm: *I will sing for ever of your love
O Lord*

Second Reading: Rom 16: 25-27

Gospel Reading: Lk 1: 26-38

4th Sunday B, Advent. Mary's Yes to become the mother of the

Redeemer

Mary didn't just say her Yes once. She had to confirm that original Yes many times during her life. All of us have said Yes when we have undertaken commitments and responsibilities. When we said our original Yes, we took a leap in the dark, for we didn't know the full implications of what we were undertaking. This is gradually revealed to us as we go along. Hence, we too have to confirm our original Yes, not once but many times, and ask God to help us to remain faithful.

Today many seek fulfilment and happiness through 'doing their own thing'. It is what I want that matters. They believe that happiness lies in having no commitments, no one to answer to. No one whose needs or problems will ever tie us down. It is, of course, good and necessary to find and do that which deep down we feel we are called to do. There can be a lot of selfishness in the 'do your own thing' approach. It often means taking the easiest path in the belief that this is where freedom and happiness lie. But this approach is more likely to lead to slavery and unhappiness.

Here is an important truth: freedom, happiness, and fulfilment are more likely to be found in the acceptance of duty. However, for this to happen, a grim acceptance of duty is not good enough. It has to be a loving acceptance of duty. The more difficult the task to which we devote ourselves out of love, the

more it will exalt us. In this Mary gives us a great example. Life imposes a lot of duties on us. Besides duties to ourselves, there are duties to others, and duties to God. Where would the world be if everyone just thought of themselves, and insisted on doing their own thing, seeking their own freedom, happiness, and fulfilment independent of others and of God?

Last Sunday's Collection – £795.40

Thank you for your generosity and support



To everybody who contributed, helped, and bought tickets for our raffle. We made £500 for the Church Building Fund.

A big sincere thank you.

God bless
Liz McAdams



1st Prize: 360 L McDonald

2nd Prize: 108 S Longyear

3rd Prize: 20 P Wedlock

Parish Gift Tree

This is the last weekend for placing your gift under the tree. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this appeal.

***If you know of someone that could benefit from a gift, please give their details to
Father Ghislain***

 Mass Schedule		
Monday	8am	Mass
	10am	
	6pm	Holy Rosary
Tuesday	8am	Mass
	10am	
Wednesday	8am	Mass
	10am	
Thursday	10am	Mass
		Christmas Season
	4pm	Vigil Mass
	6pm	Vigil Mass
	9pm	Vigil Mass
Friday		The Nativity of the Lord
	8am	Mass
	10am	Mass
	12noon	Mass
Saturday	10am	Mass
	4pm	Vigil Mass
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday	10am	Mass
	12noon	Mass
	5pm	Mass



Welcome to any of our Advent and Christmas Services

During Advent and Octave of Nativity Morning Masses will be at 8am Monday – Wednesday & 10am Monday to Saturday

4th Sunday of Advent: 20th December

Thursday 24th December:

Morning Mass at 10am,

Christmas Eve: 4pm, 6pm, 9pm

Carol Service will start 30 minutes before each Mass above.

Friday 25th December. The Nativity of the Lord. Holiday of Obligation.

Masses at 8am, 10am & 12 noon

The feast of the Holy Family will be transferred to Tuesday 29th December

Masses at 10am & 12 noon

New Year's Eve Mass 7pm

Friday: 1st January 2021, New Year's Day: Mary Mother of God. Solemnity. Mass at 10am & 12noon

Fr Ghislain wishes you all Christmas Joy and Peace and a Very Happy New Year 2021, may Emmanuel, God with us, protect us and keep us safe.

Confession 30min before mass.

The Western Catholic Calendar 2021

Can now be purchased from the Church Stall for £3.20.

Pease remember in your prayers:

Sick: Leigh McKennan, John Clenaghan, Jean Graham, James Carr, Linda Webb, James McLaughlan, Isabelle Marshall

Recently Dead: Ciera Wallace

Months Mind: Norman MacLean, Justin, Agnes, Peter, Frankie Waitkins, May, Paul & Jim Conway, Danny Watson, Hamilton, Annie, Jim, John & Steven Pettigrew, Isabel & Charles O'Hagan, John McGregor, Brian Lowe, James Delaney

Anniversaries: Maureen McMahon, Margaret McMahon, Anne McMahon, Joe Slevin, Catherine Mounneey, Luke Molloy, Alison Cope, Patrick Sludden



Please also remember the souls who have no one to pray for them