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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C 11th September, 2022

Holy Mass (Services marked in red
will be live Streamed)

Mon - Fri: - 10am

Saturday: - 10am, 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: - 10am 12 Noon (Children's Liturgy)
& 5pm

Eucharistic Adoration: - Mon - Sat 9am - 9.55am

Divine Mercy Novena: Mon 2pm

Confessions: Mon - Sun 9.30am - 9.55am

Baptisms & Marriage: - To arrange a baptism or marriage please contact Father Ghislain

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First Reading: Ex 32:7-11,13-14

Responsorial Psalm: *I will leave this place and go to my father*

Second Reading: Tim 1:12-17

Gospel: Lk 15: 1-32

European Day of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

The Bishops of Scotland are one with the Ukrainian people in their suffering. Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski who joined us at our meeting in March at the beginning of the invasion of his country, has written a message for the people of Scotland to thank them for their support. He also asks for our prayers and has written a prayer for all of us to pray on the European Day of Prayer for Peace, Tuesday 14th Sept, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. May the Ukrainian people who share in the sufferings of our Lord, know that he bears the cross of their suffering with them and that the power of His Cross can turn hatred to love, and death to life. We invite all Catholics in Scotland, members of other Churches and other Faiths, and all people of good will to participate in this Day of Prayer in our parishes.

Bishop Hugh Gilbert
President of BCOS

On **Wednesday** we will have Adoration and Prayer in our church at **6pm** for Prayer and Peace in Ukraine.

Recently Deceased: Mary Bradley (Requiem Mass 19/09/22 at 10am) Isobel Grey

Sick: Niamh Cassidy, Ann & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Isobel Reilly, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Anne Marie Snodden, James Donnelly, Patricia McGhee, Bernadette Homer, Kelly Noble, Michael McGarrity, Sadie McBride, Mary Torbett, Sharon, Elizebeth McKenna, Alex Cooper, Mary Toal (Bishop Toal's mother) Sr Kathleen Owens

Month's Mind: Francis, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret, Rose & Anne McGeehan, Catherine & James McDonald, Sheila Kennedy, Charlotte Costello, Lila Williamson, Ann Sood

Anniversaries: Sarah Marley, P McGovern, Margaret Kane Rowney, Owen Kane, Owen & Margaret Morgan, Dennis Morgan, Margaret Tulloch, Sandra & David Moore, James Cameron, Jackie McMahan, Peter Kelly, Annie Mulholland, Mary Mulholland

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

RCIA

Our first RCIA meeting will take place here in the Church on Thursday 15th September at 7pm

Death of Queen Elizabeth II

On hearing of Queen Elizabeth's death, the Scottish Bishops, meeting at present in the Royal Scots College, Salamanca, Spain, prayed Evening Prayer for the Dead, asking that her hope in the Lord's Resurrection be now fulfilled and that her family and nation be comforted in our sorrow.

Bishop Toal invites the people of the Diocese of Motherwell to pray also for Queen Elizabeth's eternal rest and for God's Blessing on King Charles III.

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This Sunday we begin our celebration of Vocations Awareness Week in Scotland – a time when we are encouraged to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

As we begin this period of prayer for vocations, this weekend's Gospel provides us with the perfect template of priestly ministry – the Good Shepherd who searches for the lost sheep.

Now, I've never met a shepherd. I have no idea of how you become a shepherd. I don't know what shepherds do when they retire and I have only a very sketchy notion of what a shepherd might even look like! But when I hear the word 'shepherd', I immediately imagine a caring father figure, someone who is committed, someone who is dedicated and someone who never gives up. There is something deep in our psyche that finds the figure of the shepherd comforting and consoling. Jesus the physician, Jesus the psychologist, and Jesus the family therapist understood this well!

While I have never met a shepherd I certainly have been lost! My earliest childhood memory is getting lost in a supermarket and panicking when I couldn't find my mum! Getting lost or becoming lost can be truly terrifying. At one time or another, we have all been there... lost in airports, or in train stations, or on the way home from a night out. We all have panicked when we've realised, we've taken the wrong turn or that the sat-nav isn't working, or that our surroundings aren't familiar. But being lost isn't just about being in the wrong place. Indeed, the true terror of being lost is finding that we are now distant and disconnected from our family, from our friends and from those with whom we desire to share life's journey. Jesus understands us well. He knows our fear of being lost, our fear of being disconnected, forgotten and even abandoned. He knows too our hopes – he knows the comfort we derive from knowing that somewhere there is a shepherd who will not rest until we are brought home.

In our parishes, schools and communities, the priest is our shepherd. Through the preaching of the Word and the celebration of the Sacraments, he saves what is 'lost' through sin and restores what is 'lost' amidst the cares and concerns of the world. As sheep need a shepherd, we need our priests.

This week **pray** for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. **Encourage** all those who are engaged in ministry in your community and finally, **discern** whether you could be called to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life.

500 Club Winners

1st Prize No. 69 B Docherty
2nd Prize No. 179 M Slevin
3rd Prize No. 95 K Michelson

Weekly Collection

Please support your parish through the weekly collection, our income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners

Last Week's Collection - £783.09

Building Fund - £322.00

**There will be a second collection this weekend for
The Ecclesiastical Students Fund**

Have you just returned from holiday?

We are collecting foreign currency from anyone who has been lucky enough to return home from their summer holiday with leftover cash. All money donated will be exchanged for British currency and donated to our church building fund. **We regret that we cannot accept coins.** Anyone wishing to donate please place your currency in the box at the back of the church.

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Monday	10am	Holy Mass
Tuesday St John Chrysostom - Memorial	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast	10am 6pm	Holy Mass Adoration and Prayer for Peace in Ukraine
Thursday Our Lady of Sorrows - Memorial	10am	Holy Mass
Friday St Ninian - Feast	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday	10am 4pm	Holy Mass
Sunday 25 th Sunday of the Year - C	10am, 12 Noon & 5pm	Holy Mass