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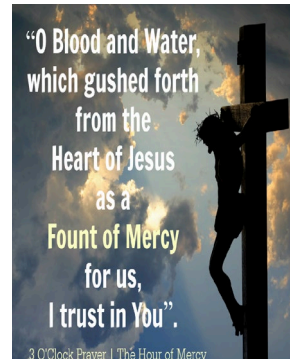
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## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Year A. 9th July, 2023

### Holy Mass & Services

Mon - Fri: 10am

Saturday: 10am, 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 10am, 12 Noon & 5pm

Children's Liturgy 12 Noon Mass

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

### Mass Liturgy - Year A

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- First Reading: Zech 9:9-10
- Responsorial Psalm: **I will bless your name for ever, O God my King**
- Second Reading: Rom 8: 9,11-13
- Gospel: Mt 11: 25-30

### Weekly Collection

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

#### Last week's collection

First Collection: £829.77

Peter's Pence: 376.39

**There will be a second collection next weekend for our Building Fund**

Thank you for your generosity.

### 500 Club Winners!

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** 8 M Callaghan

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** 69 B Docherty

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** 423 E McAdams

### Saints of the week

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July St Benedict

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July St Drostan

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July St Camillus de Lellis

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June St Bonaventure

### Please keep in your prayers

**Sick:** 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, Elizabeth McKenna, Alex Cooper, Sr Kathleen Owens, Ann Smith, Helen Smith, Margaret Gallagher, Alice Kilmurry, Danny Dick, Peter Alexander, Ann McAlinden, Mary Cunningham, Patricia McGhee, Margaret Wallace, Irene Leckie, Jenny Divine, Kay McDonagh, Daniel McAuley, Mary Glasgow, Jamie McCormack.

**RIP:** Isabella Clarke, John Moore, Anne Smith, Josephine Fisher (Reception of her body Wednesday 12th July at 6pm & Requiem Mass Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July)

**Month's Mind:** Michael Mitchell, Margaret & Jim McAuley, Bill Paul, Lawrence Molloy, Ben & Agnes Ferrie, Patsy McMurray, Margaret, Patrick, Agnes, Helen & Teresa Docherty, Joseph, Elizabeth, James & Peter Silvestro, Alex & David Thain, Anna & Joseph Pearson, Jenny Wright, Margaret & Andrew McKinlay, Anna, Brian & Joseph Tierney, Agnes & William McAuley, Rab Bannan, Rev Xavier Cornelius O'Leary, Mary & Edward Drummond, John, Ellen, Katherina & Jonathan Laughran

**Anniversary:** Mary Mitchell, Francis McDonagh, Bridget McDonagh, Betty O'Hagan, Ellen Laughran, William Docherty,

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

### Mass for the Sick

Mass for the Sick and Housebound will take place on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm**. Please assist those who need help to attend this mass.



## Reflection 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday A.



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Rt Rev. Joseph Toal STB KC\*HS  
Bishop of Motherwell

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday A, Jesus reveals the Father.** It gives us joy to know an important person. To really know means to have a relationship with the person, a relationship based on trust and love.

Some people see God as distant and remote, not really concerned about us and our suffering. Worse still, others see God as judge or a spy ready to pounce and punish. Jesus knows the Father and is known by the Father. This fills him with joy. Because Jesus knows the Father, he is able to reveal him to others, especially to those who, like children, are open and receptive. Jesus revealed God as a loving, compassionate, forgiving Father; a God who is passionately interested in us. A God whose concern is not to judge and condemn, but to heal and to save. Many of the so-called wise people rejected Jesus, but the simple people accepted him. The intellectuals had little use for him. But the humble accepted him. Intellectual pride is a dangerous thing.

Jesus said, 'I bless you, Father, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children.' Jesus is not condemning intellectual power, but intellectual pride. It is not cleverness that shuts God out; it is pride. It is not stupidity that enables God to come in; it is humility. When faith is a matter of the head alone, it becomes a cold, intellectual thing. The result is that God remains outside us, a distant, aloof figure. But faith is not just a matter of the head. It is more a matter of the heart. When Faith is rooted in the heart, God is seen as close and loving. Then faith becomes a warm relationship with God. To know God in this way, and to have a close and loving relationship with him, should be the cause of great joy to us. God is like a spring within us which we can drink and refresh ourselves.



### Motherwell Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Motherwell Diocese will go on Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 14th to 21st July. This will be the first Diocesan Pilgrimage since 2018, and the Bishop along with the 150 pilgrims are very much looking forward to visiting Lourdes again, starting afresh this great Diocesan tradition. The Motherwell Hospitality will care for pilgrims who need extra assistance, assisted by the Alma Group of Young People led by Fr Mark O'Donnell.



### World Youth Day in Lisbon

Having returned from Lourdes, Bishop Toal, Fr O'Donnell, and other youth leaders will lead a group of young people from Motherwell Diocese to World Youth Day in Lisbon. The group will leave on Saturday July 29th and will travel first to the Royal Scots College in Salamanca, and after four days there, will move to Lisbon for the events with Pope Francis and the young people from across the world. The group will return on Monday August 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Statement on Diocesan Pro-life Mission

Dear brothers and sisters,

As you know, the Church in Scotland recently marked the annual Day for Life. This came as a timely opportunity for us all to rededicate ourselves to the Gospel of Life and to reflect on our own commitment to this vital cause. Soon after the Day for Life, I convened a meeting in the diocesan centre to begin discussions around re-energising our own pro-life mission here in the diocese. I listened to those who contributed to a fruitful discussion about the provision of more spiritual and catechetical opportunities and more practical support to those who need our help, especially in the area of crisis pregnancy.

The Marriage and Family Life office is currently co-ordinating the next meeting of this Working Group which will take place on Thursday 10th August at 7pm in the Diocesan Centre. This meeting is open to everyone and anyone. The plan is to formalise a pro-life mission for our diocese and to build upon the key priorities which the group identified. Broadly speaking, these are:

1. To setup parish pro-life cells with a prayer and practical focus.
  2. Establish a Monthly Diocesan Mass for Life which could be hosted in different parishes
  3. Develop more school engagement, with learning and catechetical opportunities for young people around life issues
  4. Increase opportunities for ongoing adult formation and catechesis through a series of talks or seminars on current pro-life issues
  5. Roll-out a diocesan-wide free baby-bank service for mothers & families
  6. Promote our pro-life mission and priorities online and through our other diocesan communications channels
- As a diocesan community, we rely on the generosity of others in sharing their time and talents if we are to move forward in this important project. Please pray for the success of this renewed mission, and please consider coming along to the next meeting to offer your own valuable contribution.

Yours in Christ

*Joseph Toal*

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### SVDP Boxes

The SVDP have removed their boxes from the Church. For further information please speak to any member of the SVDP.



*Wishing you all a  
HAPPY SUNDAY*