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2ND Sunday of the Year - A 15th January, 2023

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

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: Is 49: 3.5-6
Responsorial Psalm: **Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**
Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3
Gospel: Jn 1: 29-34

Weekly Collection

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

Last Week's Collection - £836.86

Justice & Peace - £496.17

Crib - £46.65

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity

500 Club Winners

1st Prize - No.88 S Docherty
2nd Prize - No. 67 L Ferguson
3rd Prize- No. 224 J Gallagher

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, Linda Webb, Ann Smith, Helen Smith, Margaret Gallagher, Alice Kilmurry, Danny Dick, Peter Alexander, Ann McAlinden, Stephen Henry

RIP: Ellen O'Neil (Requiem Mass Wednesday 18/01 at 10am), Canon Joseph Clements (Requiem Mass Friday 20/01 at 12 noon in St Aidan's Church Wishaw) Anne Mary Quinn (Requiem Mass Monday 23/01) Thomas Tiernan, John Reilly, Andrew(Andy) Dick

Month's Mind: Norman MacLean, Agnus, Peter & Frankie Waitkins, Vincent, Etta, Elizabeth MacKeown, Eddie McGonigal, Frank & Agnes Wilson, Thomas & Rose Tiernan, Denis Tiernan, Denis Leonard

Anniversaries: Justin Waitkins, Frank Burns, John & Bridie Docherty, Tommy Reynolds, Rosemary (Tiernan) O'Neill, John Mulholland, Rose McAleese

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

Xaverian Centre

Calder Avenue, Coatbridge ML5 4JU

Warm Hub

Open every Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 4pm

Free hot soup, free sandwiches, free tea & coffee.

Everyone is welcome.

Reflection – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - A Jesus the lamb of God

John the Baptist, the Precursor points to Jesus of Nazareth as the long-awaited Messiah and invites us all to renew and deepen our faith in him.

It is Jesus our Redeemer! His saving mission, solemnly proclaimed at the moment of his Baptism in the Jordan, culminates in the paschal mystery, when on the Cross he, the true Lamb sacrificed for us, frees and redeems man, every man, from evil and death.

The great message of the Baptist is proclaimed again in the Eucharistic liturgy. Before Communion, the celebrant presents the consecrated host for the adoration of the faithful, saying: “This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper”. In a short while we who are taking part in the Eucharistic Banquet will also receive the true paschal Lamb, sacrificed for the salvation of all humanity.

To accomplish the demanding missionary work that the Lord asks of you, you must be aware of the personal vocation to holiness of all the baptised. The Apostle Paul, at the beginning of his Letter to the Corinthians, recalls that, *sanctified in Christ Jesus, we are “called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord”* (1 Cor 1:2). We are called to live the Gospel with total fidelity. Only in this way will we truly share the same faith in Christ, the same sacraments and the universal vocation to love with the other communities throughout the world.

St Paul greets the Christians of Corinth with these words: “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor 1:3). “*Grace to you and peace from God our Father*“. May the heavenly Father protect you; may he help you with his grace and grant you peaceful days.

Saints of the week

Tuesday 17th January St Anthony – The Abbot is known as the “Father of Christian Monasticism”. As a teenager he gave up all his possessions when his parents died and went to live as a hermit in the Egyptian desert. However, he gave public support to the local church in times of difficulty, particularly helping St Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, in opposing the Arian heresy.

Saturday 21st January – St Agnes – Is one of the young virgin martyrs whose names have a permanent place in the first Eucharistic Prayer. She refused several approaches from young men, one of who denounced her to the authorities as a Christian. She was put to death in the year 303, aged thirteen.

RESPONSE FROM THE DIOCESE OF MOTHERWELL

TO THE HOLY SEE’S DOCUMENT FOR THE CONTINENTAL STAGE

The meeting took place in St Bride’s Hall Motherwell on Saturday 7th January from 12-2pm. Over 40 people were present including a number of clergy.

In our reflections, we followed the structure to which we had become accustomed – Lectio Divina followed by a Spiritual Conversation. The text chosen for our lectio was Ephesians 1.3-8, 17-19.

The words chosen from the passage by the participants as meaningful to them indicate to a great extent the tenor and “feel” of the meeting:

Enlightenment, Power, Freedom, Purpose, Truth, Seal, Chosenness, Gift, Forgiveness, Faultless, Love, Wisdom, Holy People, Hope.

There was general agreement that the topics discussed in the DCS reflected well those we had discussed in the diocesan stage, most especially the importance of **listening, welcoming, inclusivity**. (q.1 DCS) A real sense of identification with the global Church was evident.

There was a recognition, too, of the need for change, most especially in the relationship between the ordained and the laity. This means that synodality must be embraced by the whole Church. That there would be a **tension between a hierarchical and synodal Church** was accepted but it was hoped that this would be positive rather than negative. It was also noted that this would take time. A certain apprehension was evident that what would emerge would be a fine document but no action – deeds rather than just words must emerge (q.2 DCS)

Another tension noted was the **relationship between the Church and the world**. (q.2 DCS) The Church needs to take its rightful place in the public square with humility but also conviction. A new confidence is required which will allow the Church to dialogue fruitfully with secular society. This will happen in diverse ways according to the situation of the local Church but in such a way as to preserve the unity with the universal Church.

Priorities which emerged (q.3 DCS) were: the centrality of the Word of God and Christ as our foundation; the recognition of the Holy Spirit’s presence as we listen to others; confidence in evangelising, witnessing, and mission.

We agree with the DCS that the method of **Spiritual Conversation** was very useful and created a very fruitful environment for prayer, listening and discerning.