

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH MOSSEND

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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

The day of the Resurrection - This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it

Today's Mass - Seeking out the Lost

Scripture Readings

- Exodus** God relents in response to pleas for leniency.
- Psalms:** We ask for God's mercy, as prodigals turning to our loving Father.
- Timothy** Paul insists that Jesus came into the world to save sinners, people like Paul himself.
- Luke** A series of stories that show God stretching out a hand to sinners



I don't agree with the big way of doing things - love starts with an individual.
I never look at the masses as my responsibility. I look at the individual.
I can only love one person at a time.
I can feed only one person at a time.
I know that my work is only a drop in the ocean, but if I didn't put that drop in, the ocean would be one drop less.

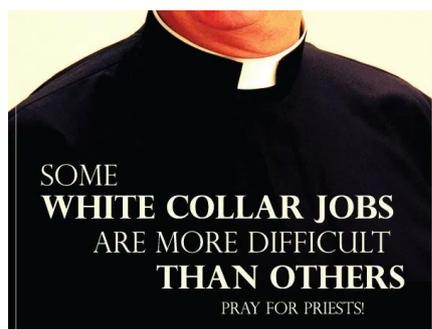
Mother Teresa

VOCATIONS AWARENESS

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.

STUDENTS COLLECTION

"Each Diocese needs to educate and prepare its future priests and permanent deacons. **THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION TAKEN UP ON 17TH SEPTEMBER** to help towards the costs of this essential need. We are blessed with a good number of seminarians in at present but it is expensive to prepare them for priesthood. Please be generous.



MASS OF ST. PATRICK



By popular request and with the support and encouragement of Fr. Eamonn Sweeney, the Diocesan Choir will perform the 'Mass of St. Patrick' again in St. Patrick's, Coatbridge on Sunday 11th September at 7.30pm. The Choir performed this Mass a few years ago to great acclaim.

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE



- Mon** Evening Prayer 6.50am
Holy Mass at 7.00pm
- Tue** Holy Rosary at 11.40am
Holy Mass at 12.00noon
- Wed** Holy Mass at 7.00am
- Thu** Morning Prayer 9.20am
Holy Mass at 9.30am
- Fri** Morning Prayer 9.20am
Holy Mass at 9.30am
- Sat** Marian Prayer 9.20am
Holy Mass at 9.30am
Vigil Mass at 6.00pm
- Sun** Holy Mass at 10.00am
Holy Mass at 12.00noon

Confessions on Thursday evening
7.00 - 8.00pm

St. Augustine's, Coatbridge

Fr. Michael Kane Parish Priest of St Augustine's invites you to a concert - 'Vivaldi's Gloria' - which will take place in St. Augustine's Church on Sunday 18th September 2016 at 7.30pm. St. Augustine's choir will be joined by an orchestra and so it should be a great concert!

It's free and no tickets are required. People can give a donation as they leave if they wish. Also, there will be light refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards.

NIGHT FOR STUDENTS STARTING HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday the 11th 7 – 9pm

Holy Family Pastoral Centre

Our young people entering high school are so vulnerable during this time of transition. To support them and their families the Gonzaga Project will host a highly interactive and social night called EDGE for all 1st years. You can be friends from outside their parish or former primary school. There will be fun food and fantastic input to help good friendships blossom that will add to not take away from your child's high school experience. This will be a safe environment to help your child get off to the best possible start in High school.

Please confirm your child's attendance by contacting Emmet (07833286370 emmetgonzagaproject@gmail.com).

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE are holding a residential weekend for those who find themselves alone again through divorce, separation or widowhood. It will take place from 30 September to 2 October at the Conforti Institute, Coatbridge. Contact Ros on 1031 669 0003/ e-mail rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk

SITUATION VACANT

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING ADVISER

The Diocese of Motherwell is seeking to appoint a new Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser. This is a part time post located within the Diocesan Office in Motherwell but it will be necessary to attend diocesan and national meetings elsewhere. The post requires a high degree of flexibility to respond to allegations and concerns of risk. It is anticipated that the post holder will work 14 hours per week. Being 'on call' and able to work evenings and at weekends is essential. Professional background experience in Safeguarding would be preferred.

The salary will be £15000 per annum. The closing date for applications is 30th September 2016. For an application form and job description, please contact: The Chancellor, Diocese of Motherwell, Diocesan Centre, Coursington Road, Motherwell ML1 1PP Tel: 01698 269114 Email: vicechancellor@rcdom.org.uk

200 Club Winners

1st £50 93 Margaret Clifford
2nd £25 59 Rita O'Neill

Pope Francis has asked Catholics throughout the world to pray for peace on 20th September, the very day of the Assisi Inter-religious gathering presided over by Pope Francis.

WELCOME

To Fr. Donatus Rodriguez, An Indian priest from Goa who will celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness on Thursday of this week, 7.00 - 8.00pm.

Gonzaga Project - Note from Fr. Grant

The Gonzaga project, begun in 2014 was established as a two year experimental project. As far as we were aware, this was a pioneer venture between three parishes, employing a fulltime Youth Officer to work with our young people of teenage years and up to around 25 yrs. of age. Some time ago. Emmet and the parish priests involved sat down together to evaluate the success of the venture and decided to bring this experimental venture to a close. The reasons for doing so were probably different for each parish involved. I decided to end Emmet's contract, not for any failure on his part - for his enthusiasm for the project was limitless - but due to a disappointing lack of support from this parish. Even though Emmet held fortnightly meetings in the Holy Family parish, such meetings failed to attract any Holy Family parishioners. Bothwell and Uddingston young people were much more supportive. Even World Youth Day had only three Mossend participants out of the total of 34 made up from other parishes. For whatever reason what Emmet and the Gonzaga project were offering, it did not appeal to the young people of Holy Family. I had to make the decision that whether my financial input into this venture was justifiable considering this lamentable lack of support. It was an easy decision to make. I shared my thoughts and decision with Emmet well over six months ago and he agreed with me. However, I am disappointed and find myself completely at a loss as to how to reach out to our young people and 'keep them in the Church' during the challenging years of adolescence into adulthood and maturity.

MASS FOR REFUGEES

This coming Thursday, 15th September at 7.00pm, Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Bishop Toal will offer Mass in the Cathedral, Motherwell for all refugees.

NEXT SUNDAY - XXV SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

	Vigil	10.00am	12.00noon
Ministers of the WORD	Aidan Shaw Ellen Cochrane Connor Taylor	Des Timmons Lesley Christie Pauline Timmons	Olivia Grant Olivia Hoolaghan Kenzie Shaw
Ministers of the EUCHARIST	Ann Marie Collins Eileen Mallaghan	Louise Shearer Bernard Cannon	Marie Lennon Kathy Agnew
Ministers at the ALTAR	Antony, Carmen, Aidan G, Liam G, Stefan, Aidan S	Danny, Cameron, Matthew, Marjie, Joecele, Dominic	Megan, Cahal, Zac, Aaron, Aidan B