

**PARISH OF THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY  
CHURCHES OF ST. STEPHEN AND  
ALL SAINTS**

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25th Sunday of the Year. A

24th September 2023

**All Saints**

Monday	7.30 p.m.	Mass/Novena
Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.30 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	4.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Mass
Sunday	5.30 p.m.	Mass

**St. Stephen's**

Tuesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
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Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Sunday	12.15 p.m.	Mass

**FEAST DAYS**

Wednesday 27th

St. Vincent de Paul

Friday 29th

Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Saturday 30th

St. Jerome



**THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC**

If you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church and the possibility of becoming a Catholic, we will soon be starting RCIA, (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) our programme of instruction in the Christian faith. Please feel free to contact Father Doyle or speak to him after Mass for more information. Meetings in All Saints Hall, Monday evening 6.00—7.00 p.m.

**ALL SAINTS parish volunteers who have or may require a PVG are asked to collect a form, complete it and return as soon as possible to the Sacristy. The diocese are renewing PVG every 5 years in accordance with the national guidelines.**

**ARRANGING MARRIAGES:** A gentle reminder that at least 6 month's notice is required when booking a marriage in order for the appropriate preparation and paperwork to be carried out.

**DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE GROUP**

Following two meetings of the Working Group regarding the setting up of a Pro Life Cell in each parish, the next meeting will take place on Thursday 28th September 2023. 7.00 pm in St Augustine's Parish Centre Coatbridge

**SCIAF APPEAL**

Many thanks for the donations we received for the appeal in Morocco and Libya for humanitarian need. Any further donations can be handed in clearly marked for SCIAF or you may wish to give online.

**SYNOD**

"We now ask the Lord to bestow upon us the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we might discern from the Synthesis how best to continue the Lord's Mission here in Motherwell Diocese in the challenging times ahead. May the Holy Spirit lead us in our search and may Mary's example and intercession keep us in communion with the Lord and with one another in his Body, the Church." **Bishop Joseph Toal.** Please take one of the Prayer Booklets and Prayer Cards and use these to pray for the Synod and for its success, that the Holy Spirit might lead all of us.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES**

Online booking is now available for couples preparing for marriage within the Catholic Church. Courses take place from 10.30 a.m. till 3.00 p.m. in St. Augustine's Parish Centre, Coatbridge, ML5 1DQ.

**DATES OF COURSES FOR 2023/2024 ARE:**

**28th October 2023, 20th January 2024,**

**17th February 2024, 16th March 2024,**

**20th April 2024, and 15th June 2024.** Courses cost £50 and includes all course materials. Book your course today at [www.marriagefamilylife.org](http://www.marriagefamilylife.org). Please book only one, one day course. For more information contact Fr. Michael Kane from the Marriage and Family Life Agency: [info@marriagefamilylife.org](mailto:info@marriagefamilylife.org).

**FREE 2 PRAY**

A proposed law will soon be put before the Scottish Parliament which seeks to criminalise praying in certain public spaces and which is punishable by up to 2 years in prison. It is vital that Catholics and all concerned for free speech and freedom of assembly, speak out.

A Green Party MSP, supported by the Scottish Government, is proposing a Bill to ban peaceful prayers and offers of help near abortion clinics in Scotland. The Bill proposes a jail sentence of up to 2 years for anyone who even silently prays near an abortion clinic. Catholics in England have already been arrested under similar laws there. If the Government is allowed to decide when and where people can pray this is a serious threat to religious freedom. If the principle is established in this Bill, it could easily be applied to Corpus Christi processions or other forms of Catholic social justice work if politicians decide they don't agree with what is happening.

It is vital that as many Catholics, and all concerned for freedom of speech and assembly, make a response to this dangerous Bill.

**REGISTER** for this session to find out how to respond.

Please sign up via this link: [bit.ly/free2pray](https://bit.ly/free2pray), or go to

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/Say-NO-To-Buffer-Zones/Scotland-Dont-criminalise-compassion>

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL** Please contact your MSPs today to inform them about the dangers of assisted suicide. We should be improving palliative care in Scotland and caring for vulnerable people, not killing them. Please visit [rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide/](http://rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide/) for more information including a guide to contacting your MSPs, or email [office@rcpolitics.org](mailto:office@rcpolitics.org).

**BINGO:** every Thursday night in the Parish Hall, begins at 7.00 p.m.

