

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

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Parish of the Most Blessed Trinity  
**32nd Sunday of the Year. A**  
**12th November 2023**

All Saints			St. Stephen's		
Monday	7.30 p.m.	Mass/Novena	Tuesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	Mass	Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	Mass (funeral)	Thursday	No Mass today	
Friday	9.30 a.m.	Mass	Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Saturday	4.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Sunday	12.15 p.m.	Mass
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Mass			
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**FEAST DAYS**

*Wednesday 15th St. Albert the Great*  
*Thursday 16th St. Margaret of Scotland*  
*Friday 17th St. Elizabeth of Hungary*  
*Saturday 18th The Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul*

**NOVEMBER** is the month of the Holy Souls. During this month we pray especially for our departed friends and loved ones who are making their journey towards the eternal light of God. As Catholics we believe that although those who have died are separated from us physically, they remain connected to us as members of the Church. Jesus has conquered death, and so those of us who are part of the Body of Christ here on earth remain a living part of that body even after our earthly life comes to a close. We know this to be true because when Jesus is challenged by the Pharisees who say there is no life after death Jesus replies 'Have you not read what was said to you by God, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?" He is God not of the dead, but of the living.' (Matt 22:31-32) Thus he implied that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are not dead, but alive with God. Scripture teaches that it is 'a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins' (2 Macc 12:46). We also get our first example of Christian prayer for the dead from the bible, St Paul prays for his departed friend Onesiphorus saying 'May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day (the day of judgement).' (2 Tim 1:18)



**NOVEMBER LISTS** "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead". **November Lists are available at each entrance of the Church.** Mass will be offered during November for all those whose names are contained in the November Lists. Any donations enclosed will be used for the offering of November Masses.

**MASS FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED**

**DURING THE YEAR** will be tomorrow

Monday 13th November 2023 at 7.30p.m. in All Saint's Church. All are welcome to come and pray for the faithful departed.

**CEMETERY SERVICE: Coltswood Cemetery** at 2.00 p.m. on 26th November.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND GAZA**

Sovereign God, I pray for peace in Israel and Gaza – for an end to hostilities and for peacemakers on both sides. Comfort all who mourn and all who are waiting to hear news of missing loved ones. Give boldness and compassion to Christians on both sides to shine the light of Christ in their communities, and equip national and international leaders with wisdom. May Your will be done, and may Your loving kindness be evident to all. Amen

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE: 18th November 2023.**

Doors open 10 a.m. All donations greatly appreciated. Santa arrives at 12 noon.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS, CANDLES etc.** are now on sale in the shop situated at the Sacred Heart side of the church



**COLD WEATHER:** As with last year, a wee reminder to wrap up warm as the colder months approach. Although there has been a small reduction in the tariff we pay for gas it is hugely inflated in comparison to the # previous rates we were paying. This will mean that we must remain prudent with the heating of all our buildings.

**PROJECT WELLSPRING** "I am pleased to announce that we have very recently launched a new renewal project entitled Wellspring which seeks to equip the Diocese of Motherwell for growth over the next 10 years. The primary focus of this new project will be to renew and re-energise our missions by setting-out a simple Gospel-centered vision and a fresh, new pastoral plan. It will also include a strategy for property and finance management. We are already engaged in the early stages of planning with the clergy, supported by a small team of unpaid lay professionals who will manage the process with us. The discussion phases will very soon engage parishes and laity so that we can all contribute to the important work of preparing for the future. I expect to engage the entire diocesan community, young and old, as we move into 2024.

I am excited at the prospect of setting a new course as we look ahead with confidence to the next 10 years of mission in our diocese. Please pray that Wellspring will indeed be a great gift that renews and strengthens our bonds with the Lord and His Church. Pray, too, that it inspires our sisters and brothers who have distanced themselves to re-engage with the regular practice of our Catholic Faith. May Our Lady of Good Aid, our patroness and Mother, crown our work with her grace. " + Bishop Toal  
**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK** Our Annual Motherwell Diocesan Education Mass will take place in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral on Thursday November 16th, the Feast of St Margaret, at 7.00 pm. All are invited to the Mass, especially those involved in Education. The Special Collection to support the work of SCES, the Scottish Education Service, will be taken up on the weekend of 18th/19th November.

**INTERESTED IN PRIMARY TEACHING?**

Recruitment Evening on Wednesday 29th November at 7.00 pm in St John Paul II Primary  
1 Laburnum Road Uddingston G71 5DG

**"SPRED offers** faith sharing through friendship for people within our parishes who have a learning difficulty. We follow a very simple beautiful programme to help our friends deepen and enhance their faith.

I would like to invite people with a learning difficulty, their parents, carers and anyone who thinks they might like to volunteer to help in SPRED to an information evening in the Iona Suite of St Patricks Church hall, Coatbridge on 21 November 2023 at 7.00 pm. Even if you just want to know more about what we do, please come along.. If you would like more information, you can contact me by text, Whatsapp or phone on 07891 297716 or

e mail [spredmotherwell@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:spredmotherwell@rcdom.org.uk).

I look forward to seeing you on 21st!

Lorraine Cunningham, Director, SPRED Motherwell. "

**3INTER-FAITH WEEK** This week of prayer takes place between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November.