

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

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Parish of the Most Blessed Trinity
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All Saints			St. Stephen's		
Monday	7.30 p.m.	Mass/Novena	Tuesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	No Mass		Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass (funeral)
Friday	9.30 a.m.	Mass	Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	4.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Mass	Sunday	12.15 p.m.	Mass
Sunday	5.30 p.m.	Mass			

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 21st	The Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary.
Wednesday 22nd	St. Cecilia
Friday 24th	St. Andrew Dung Lac and Companions
Sunday 26th	Solemnity of Christ the King.

NOVEMBER is the month of the Holy Souls.

Praying for the Dead

The idea of a place between death and heaven, as well as the practice of praying for the dead, dates back to the earliest days of the church. Words of hope and comfort appear on many early Christian monuments, especially in the catacombs. Believers gathered there on the anniversaries of the dead to ask for mercy for the departed souls. There is, for all practical purposes, no biblical basis for the doctrine of purgatory. This is not to say that there is no basis at all for the doctrine, but only that there is no clear biblical basis for it. In 2 Timothy 1:18, St Paul does offer prayers for Onesiphorus, who has died. The earliest mention of prayers for the dead in public Christian worship is by the writer Tertullian in 211 A.D.

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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK PRAYER

Jesus our Teacher, in your love for us, help us to develop our own talents so that we may become like you and lead lives of goodness. Bless all learners and all teachers. May our Catholic schools continue to serve our families, our communities and our country. Help us, through our learning, to believe in you and to celebrate the life of your Church. Help us to grow in holiness as we grow in friendship with you and try to become saints. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen

The Special Collection to support the work of SCES, the Scottish Education Service, will be taken up this Weekend.

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

SCOTLAND'S CATHOLIC BISHOPS have written to the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak and the Leader of the Opposition, Sir Keir Starmer urging them to support Pope Francis' call for a Middle East ceasefire. To see the full text of the letter go to <https://scmo.org/news-releases/perma/1699870800/article/bishops-urge-party-leaders-to-back-peace-calls.html>.

My **DAY BY DAY** booklets are on sale at the back of the church. These little booklets give the reading and the Gospel for each day of the month. The Advent and January booklets are available at £1 each.

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 WELLSRING is a new initiative from the Bishop and we look forward to supporting this important initiative for the future of the Diocese. Watch this space.

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 email spredmotherwell@rcdom.org.uk. I look forward to seeing you on 21st! Lorraine Cunningham, Director, SPRED Motherwell. "

Prisoners' Week 2023 is from 19th—25th November. The theme is *Strength for the Journey*. For further information, please use the following link:

Prisoners Week Scotland

SCIAF's Annual Remembrance Mass will be Celebrated by Bishop McGee, Bishop President of SCIAF and held at St Andrew's Cathedral, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY on Thursday 23rd November at 1pm. There will be light refreshments served in the Eyre Hall after the Mass. Please join us to remember those who have shown so much support for SCIAF throughout their lives and pray for our sisters and brothers around the world in need of our help at this time. If you would like a loved one remembered at the Mass, even if you are unable to attend, please contact us on 0141 354 5555 or email getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk

The Annual Mass for the Deceased Clergy of Motherwell Diocese will take place on Wednesday 6th December in St James', Coatbridge, at 7.00p.m.

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

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. For more information contact Fr. Michael Kane from the Marriage and Family Life Agency: info@marriagefamilylife.org