

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

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4th Sunday of Easter

21st April 2024



All Saints			St. Stephen's		
Monday	7.30 p.m.	Mass/Nov	Tuesday	No Mass	
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	Mass (funeral)	Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	Mass	Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
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:

Tuesday 23rd St. George

Thursday 25th St. Mark

**TODAY IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR VOCATIONS : also know as
Good Shepherd Sunday**

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, make me a better person
more considerate towards others,
more honest with myself,
more faithful to you.

Help me find my true vocation in life
and grant that through it I
may find happiness myself and bring
happiness to others

Grant, Lord that those whom you
call to enter the priesthood or the religious life
may have the generosity to answer your call,
so that those who need your help
may always find it.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

WELLSPRING PROJECT UPDATE: Our second Wellspring meeting took place on Tuesday evening. There was a good mix of parishioners from St Stephen's and All Saints' and a wide-ranging and thoughtful discussion on some of the areas outlined in the Wellspring Project, which the Bishop has invited us to consider. Constraints of time meant that it was necessary to restrict ourselves to three of the five given areas of parochial life: Liturgy, Adult Education and Addressing Poverty Relief/Social Justice. The other topics of Education and Youth Formation we will look at later date, when the diocese offers us more material and information. In the meantime, we are setting up three groups to look at the topics we covered. If you would like to join our Liturgy, Adult Education or Poverty/Social Justice Groups there will be a chance to do so at our next Wellspring meeting. Thanks to everyone who managed along on Tuesday.

SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND

FIRST COMMUNION We remember in our prayers the children who will shortly receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion and thank the staff of the schools for their assistance in preparing them.

***EXCERPT FROM THE MESSAGE OF
HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE
61st WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:***

"Our pilgrimage on this earth is far from a pointless journey or aimless wandering; on the contrary, each day, by responding to God's call, we try to take every step needed to advance towards a new world where people can live in peace, justice and love. We are pilgrims of hope because we are pressing forward towards a better future, committed at every step to bringing it about.

This is, in the end, the goal of every vocation: to become men and women of hope. As individuals and as communities, amid the variety of charisms and ministries, all of us are called to embody and communicate the Gospel message of hope in a world marked by epochal challenges. These include the baneful spectre of a third world war fought piecemeal; the flood of migrants fleeing their homelands in search of a better future; the burgeoning numbers of the poor; the threat of irreversibly compromising the health of our planet. To say nothing of all the difficulties we encounter each day, which at times risk plunging us into resignation or defeatism.

In our day, then, it is decisive that we Christians cultivate a gaze full of hope and work fruitfully in response to the vocation we have received, in service to God's kingdom of love, justice and peace."

**VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD OR
PERMANENT DIACONATE**

Any man who is considering a calling/vocation to the Priesthood or the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Motherwell should make himself known in the first instance to his Parish Priest. His contact details will then be forwarded to the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Charles O'Farrell, for those considering Priesthood, or to Deacon Bill McMillan, for those considering the Diaconate. If anyone wishes to receive information or encouragement about discerning their vocation, contact can be made Rev Charles O'Farrell, Our Lady & St Anne's Church Jack Street, Hamilton, ML3 7QP Telephone: 01698 423044 or Email: frofarrell@rcdom.org.uk

THE COMBONI SISTERS will be making an appeal in the Parish on the weekend of 4th/5th May. "as '**women of the gospel**' our aim is to go out to meet people, to build bridges between people with special attention, to the vulnerable and marginalized."