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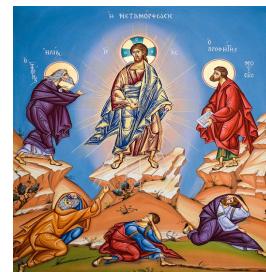
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**The Transfiguration of the Lord, A
6th August 2023**



All Saints

Monday	7.30 p.m.	Mass/Novena
Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	Mass (funeral)
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
Wednesday	No Mass (this week only).	
Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Sunday	12.15 p.m.	Mass

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 8th:	St. Dominic
Wednesday 9th	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Thursday 10th	St. Lawrence
Friday 11th	St. Clare
Saturday 12th	St. Jane Frances de Chantal

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall. According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experience, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel. Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6.

THE POOR CLARES As a diocese we are privileged to have a community of contemplative nuns following the rule of St. Clare. The sisters have been in the Diocese for about 60 years and we remember them in our thoughts and in our prayers.



WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON, 29th July —7th August

Bishop Toal, Fr O'Donnell, and other youth leaders led a group of young people from Motherwell Diocese to World Youth Day in Lisbon. The group travelled on Saturday July 29th and spent a few days at the Royal Scots College in Salamanca, and then moved to Lisbon for the events with Pope Francis and the young people from across the world. The group will return tomorrow Monday August 7th.

**RESTORATION OF ALL PRE-COVID
LITURGICAL PRACTICES**

The Bishop has informed us that from The Solemnity of Corpus Christi in the Motherwell Diocese all Pre-Covid Liturgical practices should now be restored. This includes the hand-shake as an appropriate sign of peace, the reception of Holy Communion on the tongue, and the opportunity for the lay faithful to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice, where this custom previously existed or is now deemed desirable.

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:

16th September 2023, 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. Please book only one, one day course. For more information contact Fr. Michael Kane from the Marriage and Family Life Agency: info@marriagefamilylife.org.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, NEXT Tuesday 15th August 2023. is a holy day of obligation..

**WHEN YOU HEAR
GOD'S VOICE TODAY,
HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART!**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS

MASS in the Cathedral

Motherwell on Monday

31st August at 7.00 p.m.

All welcome.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN to pray for Peace in the world and especially in Ukraine, will take place on Sunday 3rd September. The Mass will be celebrated at 3.00 p.m. and the main celebrant will be Bishop Hugh Gilbert., President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland The Homilist will be Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family in the UK