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## MASSES:

Saturday 6.30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 10.00 am, 12.00 Noon and 5.30pm

## WEEKDAYS

Mon — Sat 10.00am

Mon, Tues & Fri 7.00pm

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Daily After 10.00am Mass

Saturday After 10.00am Mass,

5.15 to 6.15pm and other times

by arrangement

## ROSARY:

Mon-Sat After 10.00am Mass - unless there is a funeral

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## Second Collection

Next week second collection is for Assisted Parishes.

**Visit of Archbishop Nolan** It is the recently appointed Archbishop's desire to get to know the diocese and its people more personally. He has therefore initiated a series of visits to parishes throughout the Diocese. He will be visiting St Patrick's on the week-end of the 28th/29th of May and will celebrate the Masses that week-end.

## Unveiling a statue of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, Patron Saint of Unborn Children

"As to the past, let us entrust it to God's mercy, the future to divine Providence. Our task is to live holy the present moment."

Join the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children as we ask for Saint Gianna's intercession for the pro-life movement in the UK. Saint Gianna was a 20th century wife, mother, and doctor, most often remembered for her sacrificial love for her unborn daughter. She is a patron for mothers, physicians, and unborn children. To commemorate her holy life, and ask for her intercession, a new statue will be unveiled at Carfin Grotto, Scotland's National Shrine.

### Thursday 28 April 2022

19:00 Unveiling the statue of Saint Gianna

19:30 Mass

Followed by refreshments in the Little Flower Hall

Carfin Grotto, 100 Newarthill Road, Motherwell

If you are unable to join us in person, the event will be live streamed on the Carfin Grotto Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/carfingrotto/>

## Today's Gospel: Why Peter went first

The other disciple, running faster than Peter reached the tomb first, he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground ... but did not go in.

It is possible—and wise theologians have done it—to read into this passage a typological statement about Peter, as founder of the Church, and indeed there is nothing wrong in this. But at the more literal and more human level there is also material for reflection.

We all see the events from Good Friday to Easter Sunday morning in a distorted perspective. We can't not, because we know what happened at Easter. Imbued with the story of Jesus rising on the third day, we inevitably think in terms of his being dead and buried for three days. That is an anachronistic viewpoint. Viewed through the eyes of anyone who lived through those days, Jesus was dead and buried for ever, until something new and unimaginable happened.

The situation on Holy Saturday, as far as the disciples knew, was not that Jesus going to rise tomorrow but that he was dead and would never rise again. This Gospel moment on Easter Sunday has to be understood in the same sense. What was in John's mind as he ran? He knew that the most perfect and Godlike man had been humiliated and destroyed in the worst way imaginable, because he had seen it happen. Now he was embarking on the journey of mourning by enacting his grief and paying his respects. And as he approached the tomb, he saw that something had happened.

Stop there for a moment, remembering to forget the Resurrection, and think what that 'something' could have been. What could possibly have happened, except something bad? Primitive societies show extreme respect for their enemies' dead. If their enemies cannot retrieve those bodies then they bury them themselves, according to their own rites or according to as close an approximation to the enemy's rite as they can manage. But the Jews and the Romans were not primitive but civilised. They had no superstitious taboos about death. So if the tomb was disturbed, it could only be that Jesus executioners had decided that death was not enough for him—that the one they had humiliated and spat on in life had to be desecrated in death also.

That is what John ran towards, and then stopped because he could not bear to see it. It was Peter, the impulsive, the unthinking, who went on and, looking in, found the world turned upside down.

John 20:1-9 Taken from Universalis

## Happy Easter

Fr Conroy wishes everyone a BLESSED and  
HOLY EASTER

