

St Monica's Parish

Diocese of Motherwell

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SUNDAY MASSES: Vigils at 4pm & 5.30pm, 10 am, 12Noon & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon – Sat 10am

CONFESSIONS: Please contact Fr Ghislain to make an appointment.

Baptisms: Speak to Fr Ghislain.

Marriages: Please speak to Fr Ghislain. Please note 6 months' notice is required.

Hall Bookings: 07835583041

Sunday 13th September: 24th Sunday, Year A

Vocations Awareness Week

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28.7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102. *The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

2nd Reading: Rm 14:7-9

Gospel. Mt 18:21-35

Last Sunday's collection –£881.30

Building Fund collection: £1.199.36

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Contactless Payment Machine

A Contactless Payment Machine has been installed in our church, this allows parishioners, if they wish, to make their weekly offering by using their debit cards or mobile phones. The machine is set to a default amount of £5. This allows for a more hygienic and safe way to make your donations in the current climate. Parishioners can still continue to make their donations using envelopes or by cash if they wish to do so.



1st Prize: No.194. M O'Neill

2nd Prize: No 3. J Docherty

3rd Prize: No 97. A McAuley

AUGUST 11th 2019 – LOCKDOWN MARCH 2020 – monies received = £5233. AUGUST 2020 –MONIES RECEIVED = £601: TOTAL = £5834

Since return from lockdown the number of people contributing has seriously diminished resulting in the fact that prize monies have had to be reduced. The decision was

taken therefore to half the monies received with 50% going to the building fund and 50% to prize monies. In this way there is now more money being given out than what is being banked.

Perhaps you have forgotten your numbers, in which case your name and telephone on the envelope would suffice. However, as from next weekend there will be a file placed on the small table at the back of the church containing all numbers in alphabetical order. Due to Data Protection Act addresses are not recorded. There are some cases where names are identical, but addresses are different. In this case if you are uncertain about your number please contact Isabella on 07967112568.

It has been unfortunate that some people have withdrawn from the 500 club because they have used the wrong number. When that number has been allocated a prize and given to the correct person these people have then withdrawn. To reassure you, all numbers are checked, and the draw takes place by the end of the 12 o'clock Mass on a Sunday. The draw is witnessed and checked by 3 /4 different people to ensure that all is fair and above board. Thank you to all those who continue to contribute to this way of fundraising towards the refurbishment of the Church. Should you wish to join or ask any questions please do not hesitate to speak to one of the team.

First Communion: Saturday 3rd October at 12noon & 2pm.

Sunday 4th October at 2pm

As part of preparation for First Communions we encourage children and communicants to attend mass at the weekend. All First Communion children must wear masks in church.

SVDP

We are sorry to inform you that two of our collection boxes went missing from the windowsill in the Church last weekend. We still have one box in the porch and one at Our Lady's Altar.

Thank you for your kind support.

SVDP



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	10am 6pm	Mass. The exaltation of the Holy Cross. Feast. Adoration
Tuesday	10am	Our Lady of Sorrow. Memorial
Wednesday	9am 10am	Mass for parishioners. St Ninian. Feast Funeral mass: Martha Collins
Thursday	10am	Mass
Friday	10am	Mass
Saturday	10am 4pm 5.30pm	Morning Mass Vigil Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	10am 12noon 5pm	Masses. 25 th Sunday A

Bishop J. Toal's reminder letter, Re-Collection for Diocese

The special collections for the rest of 2020 are as follows:

September - for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund of Motherwell Diocese (for those preparing for priesthood and diaconate).

October - for Missio Scotland (The Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Church's Mission in the World).

November – for Catholic Education (to support the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service)

December – for St Andrew's Hospice/Other local hospices.

Gift Aid

Is a government scheme which allows our parish to reclaim tax paid on donations.

We can claim from HMRC, the basic rate of tax on any donations which have been paid. Gift Aid increases the value of donations by 25%, so it means even more money goes to our church – and it won't cost you extra!

Last financial year we received back £7551.99 from HMRC in relation to Gift Aid contributions.

If you are interested in joining the scheme, please collect a form from the Church porch and return it today.

Please remember in your prayers:

Sick: Leigh McKennan, John Clenaghan, Jean Graham

Recently Dead: Martha Collins (Requiem mass on Wednesday 16th sept, 10am), Mary Brown, Brian Mooney

Months Mind: Robert & Anthony Clarke, James John, Elizabeth & Isabella Docherty, Alice Rea, Brian Lowe, Danny Watson, Joseph Marley

Anniversaries: James Clarke, Jaqueline McMahon, Sarah Marley

Church Stall - Open after all masses

If you need cards or any religious gifts for friends or family, please visit our stall in the rear of the church in the former cry chapel. September's edition of Bible Alive can be purchased from the church stall for £3.00

Funerals

There have been some instances where coffins are being carried into churches by mourners and also coffins being wheeled in on a trolley by mourners. **PLEASE NOTE** that this is not permitted as it breaks the 2-metres distance rule.

The only exception to this is if the mourners are from the same household!

Covid19. What If a parishioner tests Positive?

If a parishioner in our particular church tests positive for Coronavirus, please note the following: "Under the test and protect system if someone tests positive then they must remain in isolation for ten days from symptom onset, or longer if certain symptoms persist. Following a positive test an individual will be put in touch with the NHS contact tracing team in order to identify 'close contacts'." It is very important that anyone who tests positive and has been in church recently should share that information with the contact tracing team who will contact the parish in question to obtain the 'contact detail lists' of all who have attended that church during the last 30 days.

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate

We look forward to the diaconal ordination of George Frame which will take place in St Patrick's Church in Coatbridge on **Tuesday 15th September at 7.00 pm.**

Visit of Pope Benedict to Scotland

On Wednesday, 16th September, the Feast of St Ninian, we mark the tenth anniversary of Pope Benedict's visit to Scotland. On that day, especially, let us pray for Pope Benedict as he becomes frailer.



Please also remember the souls who have no one to pray for them