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**Diocese of Motherwell**

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**SUNDAY MASSES:** Livestream 10am

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Livestream Mon – Sat 10am

Adoration: Livestream Mon 6pm

**CONFESSIONS:** Please contact Fr Ghislain

**Baptisms:** Speak to Fr Ghislain

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

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**Sunday 24th January 2021 3rd Sunday Year B**

**First Reading:** Jonah 3: 1-5,10

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Lord, make me know your ways*

**Second Reading** Corinthians 7: 29-31

**Gospel:** Mark 1: 14-20

**Reflection on 3rd Sunday of Liturgical B**

Repent and believe the Good News. Repentance is one of the main themes of the readings. The first reading relates how the preaching of Jonah met with an immediate response in the pagan city of Nineveh. The heathen city repents and turns to God. God bestows mercy and forgiveness to his people. If the Ninevites responded so fully to the preaching of Jonah, how much should we respond to the preaching of Jesus? The Gospel shows the prompt and generous response of the first disciples to his call to follow him. They left everything.

Repentance is often presented as a harsh, negative, and sad thing, as if it merely consisted in feeling guilty about one's sins and doing penance for them. Repentance is a very positive thing. To repent is to admit that all is not well with oneself, namely, that one has potentialities which one didn't know one had. It means acquiring a new vision, taking a new direction, setting oneself more worthwhile goals, living by better values. In a word, it opens the way to a new life. Understood like this, repentance is exciting, and always leads to joy. To repent means to be converted. Conversion is the starting point of every spiritual journey and is a prerequisite for entry into the Kingdom of God. The Christian life is a continuous process of conversion. A change from a life that is completely selfish to a more loving and caring life.



Monday	10am 6pm	The Conversion of St Paul - Feast Holy Mass Adoration & Rosary
Tuesday	10am	St Timothy & St Titus - Memorial Holy Mass
Wednesday	10am	Requiem Mass for Margaret O'Donnell
Thursday	10am	St Thomas Aquinas – Memorial Holy Mass
Friday	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday	10am	Holy Mass
Sunday	10am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B Holy Mass



During the lockdown you will still be able to join us daily by following the mass live via Facebook and YouTube at 10am

**Weekly Offering**

Your financial support of the Parish in recent months has been appreciated and I would ask you to please continue to show your support during this latest lockdown.

If you wish to donate your weekly offering to the parish online, below are the parish bank details.

**Account Name: RCDM St Monica's**  
**Sort Code: 83 17 13**  
**Account Number: 00163062**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Recently Dead:** Margaret O'Donnell, John Graham, John Nelson

**Sick:** Leigh McKennan, John Clenaghan, Jean Graham, James Carr, Linda Webb, James McLaughlin, Isabelle Marshall, Mrs Cecelia Greig, Mrs Ann & Mr John McShane, Mrs Elizabeth McKenna, Mr Jim Docherty, Mary Forsyth, Mary & Joseph Cope

**Months Mind:** Margaret Fallon, May & Jimmy McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Tilly & Marie Clarke, Mattie, Tommy & Thomas Collins



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