

**St Monica's Parish**  
**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 31st January 2021 4th Sunday Year B**

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

**Responsorial Psalm:** *O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts*

**Second Reading** 1Corinthians 7: 32-35

**Gospel:** Mark 1: 21-28

**Reflection 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday B. Mk 1:21-28.**

As Jesus was preaching in the synagogue at Capernaum, a poor demented man created a scene. He cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? In effect what the man was saying was, "Leave me alone! I'm good. I'm evil. I'm not worthy to love or care. It is a cry we hear more than once in secular society: God get out of my life, out of schools, out of my home, out of society "Don't meddle, interfere with us. Leave us alone. Don't try to change us". We recognised that change is painful. They are so many sick, broken, isolated, unloved people, who had no dignity and whose self-worth is nil but don't give God chance to restore them to health and dignity of his children.

People find it hard to admit that they can't manage their problems. Pride tells them: I should be able to handle my own problems. Recognition that there is a problem is the first step towards rehabilitation. The acknowledgement of our weakness is the beginning of healing and recovery. Sometimes people don't really want to be cured. Why is this? Because a cure can be painful. It involves a process which requires a lot of change, and all change is painful. We all seek to hide what is strange and painful, and to act as if things are normal. This urges to hide is very powerful, and can be more harmful than what it tries to conceal. It is by showing our wounds, by allowing ourselves to touch and be touched that we are healed. Let's give God chance to heal us.

## **2nd February - Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord - World Day of Consecrated Life**

We remember especially all the Religious in Diocese of Motherwell and assure them of our appreciation for their ministries and their lives of service and prayer on our behalf. Let us pray for them, especially at Mass, on this day.

## **11th February - World Day of Prayer for the Sick**

The celebration of the 29th World Day of the Sick takes place on Thursday 11th February, the liturgical feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pope Francis has prepared a message on his thoughts on this day for our reflection. Message and themes for reflection can be found at the undernoted links.

[World Day of the Sick](#)

[World Day of the Sick Themes for Reflection](#)

## **17th February - Ash Wednesday**

Bishops received instructions from the Congregation for Divine Worship on the Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday in the Time of Pandemic.

We don't know if churches will be re-opened for Ash Wednesday. The ashes are a sacramental, indicating our interior desire to repent and believe in the gospel and our intention to follow this faith through Lent in order to celebrate the Lord's Paschal Mystery, renewed in faith and more closely united in our love of the Lord and of each other.

## **19th February - Friday after Ash Wednesday - Day of Prayer for Those who have Suffered**

### **Abuse**

As in recent years we will keep this as a special day of prayer here in the Church in Scotland for all who have suffered abuse of whatever kind. The National Liturgy Commission will again prepare reflections and prayers for our use on that day.

## **Apostolic Letter from Pope Francis – Spiritus Domini**

Pope Francis has issued an Apostolic Letter, Spiritus Domini, regarding access of women to the ministries of Lector and Acolyte, ministries which, until now, have been restricted to men. The text of the Letter can be found at the undernoted link:

[Spiritus Domini](#)

## **A Post- Covid Church**

The Diocese is hosting a series of three Zoom meetings to share our experience of and hopes for the Church in light of the present health emergency. Please see the attached poster for further details.

[A Post Covid Church](#)

## Mary Queen of Scots: An Afterlife

The Scottish Catholic Historical Association and the Scottish Catholic Heritage Collections Trust are hosting Mary Queen of Scots: An Afterlife on 10th February 2021 at 5.00 pm via Zoom. The presenter is Dr Steven J. Reid from the University of Glasgow. Information on how to reserve a place can be found on the attached poster.

### [Mary Queen of Scots Lecture](#)



Monday	12noon 6pm	Funeral: John Graham Adoration & Rosary
Tuesday	10am	The Presentation of the Lord - Feast Funeral: John Neilson
Wednesday	10am	Holy Mass
Thursday	10am	Holy Mass
Friday	10am	St Agatha - Memorial Holy Mass
Saturday	10am	St Paul Miki & Companions - Memorial Holy Mass
Sunday	10am	5 <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 You Tube 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 Neilson, Alice Dillon, John Docherty



**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:** Sadie Slowey, Patsy Robertson, Sadie & Arthur Craig, Fr Frank Kelly, Lawrence, William & Mary Brankin, William & Ellen Brankin, Joseph, Agnes, Eddie & Joe Mina, John & Kevin McGrath, David Hayton, Kathleen Smith, Brian Sharkey Jnr, John Trower

**Anniversaries:** John McNab, Patricia Sharkey, Annie Brankin

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