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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.

Sunday 14th February 6th Sunday Year B

First Reading: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46

Responsorial Psalm: *You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation*

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10: 31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

Reflection 7th Sunday B. Cure of the Leper.

During the time of Jesus, lepers were treated as outcast for fear of contamination. Leprosy made the victim an outcast not only socially, but also in the religious sphere. Moved with compassion on seeing the plight of the leper, Jesus allowed the leper to approach him. Then he did the unthinkable. He reached out and touched him. In this way he welcomed him, he repaired his sense of being dirty and unworthy, his sense of being nothing but human scrap. Before healing his broken body, he healed his broken self-image.

Jesus accepted the leper just as he was. Acceptance is the answer to rejection. It is one of the loveliest things that can happen to us. When people accept us they give a feeling that we are worthwhile. Each of us longs to be accepted for what we are. It is the love and acceptance of others that makes us the unique persons that we are. When we are accepted only for work we do, then we are not unique, because others can do the same work perhaps even better than we can. But when we are accepted as we are, then we become unique and irreplaceable, and are able to realise our full potential.

This is how Jesus accepted the leper, and how he accepts us. And how in our turn we could rekindle hope in someone, especially the victims of COVID 19, the leprosy of our time.

14 February - Weekly Ecumenical Call to Prayer at 7pm

Below is the link to the weekly Ecumenical Call to Prayer

[Ecumenical Call to Prayer](#)

16 February -SPRED Weekly Novena

Beginning on Tuesday 16th February at 7pm SPRED are running a weekly Novena for 9 consecutive weeks. These will be streamed live to the SPRED Motherwell Facebook page and will last 20 – 30 minutes.

17th February - Ash Wednesday

The materials for Ash Wednesday service are available and can be collected at the door of the presbytery. In addition to the 10am mass, we will hold a service at 6pm.

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. A service will be held at 6pm

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

Church Renovations

Despite COVID 19 the aim is to still keep the Church refurbishments on track, and I am appealing to you to continue to financially support this project.

Your financial support over the last 11 months despite COVID 19 for our Building Fund has been greatly appreciated and I am asking you again to support our Church renovations in any way you can.

Donations to the Building Fund can be made by handing in an envelope to the presbytery, by setting up a standing order or making a one-off donation.

If you know or work for a local company who would be willing to make a donation, please get in touch.



Monday	10am 6pm	Holy Mass Adoration & Rosary
Tuesday	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday	10am 6pm	Ash Wednesday - Holy Mass (A day of fast and abstinence) Prayer Service
Thursday	10am	St Colman Holy Mass
Friday	10am 6pm	Day of Prayer for Those who have Suffered Abuse Holy Mass Prayer Service
Saturday	10am	Holy Mass
Sunday	10am	1 st Sunday of Lent 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

Please remember in your prayers:



Recently Dead Alice Dillon, Helen White, Frank & Margaret Bronsky

Sick: John Clenaghan, Jean Graham, James Carr, Linda Webb, James McLaughlin, Mrs Cecelia Greig, Ann & John McShane, Elizabeth McKenna, Jim Docherty, Mary Forsyth

Months Mind: Robert & Anthony Clarke, James, Elizabeth, John & Isabella Docherty, Alice Rea, John Graham, Francis, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret Rose & Anne McGeehan, Catherine & James McDonald, Cecilia, Frank & Paul Lennon, Moira Skillin, Charlotte Costello, Sheila Kennedy, Ann Sood, Marian Irving John & Bridie Docherty, William, Margaret, Patrick, Agnes & Helen Docherty, Joseph, Elizabeth, James & Peter Silvestro, Alex & David Thain, Anna & Joseph Pearson, Jenny Wright, Margaret & Andrew McKinlay, Anna, Brian & Joseph Tierney, Agnes & William McAuley, Rab Bannen

Anniversaries: James Mullen, Catherine Smith

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

Prayer to Saint Joseph

(Will be said every Monday after Adoration & Rosary)

To you, O blessed Joseph,
do we come in our tribulation,
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
and through the paternal love
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;

O most loving father, ward off from us
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;

O our most mighty protector, be kind to us
and from heaven assist us in our struggle
with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,
so now protect God's Holy Church
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,
so that, supported by your example and your aid,
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.