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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 7th February 5th Sunday Year B**

**First Reading:** Job 7:1-4,6-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

**Gospel:** Mark 1: 29-39

**Reflection 5th Sunday B.**

In the middle of his hectic scene, Jesus got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place to pray. Jesus prayed not only out of sense of duty but also out of a sense of need. What did the lonely place do for him? It enabled him to recover lost energy. It helped him to keep focussed and above all to foster his relationship with the father. Here lies the secret of his successful ministry. The most important way to love God is simply to be in his presence. A lot of people tend to equate love of God with social action. Of course prayer can become a selfish thing. It can be a cop-out and an escape. But so too can work. Work can be a cop-out- from prayer, from seeking God. And without prayer it can easily become totally self-directed, self-propelled rather than inspired by God. We can lose ourselves in work. But we can also find ourselves in work. We need a balance. We need to learn from the example of Jesus, how to combine action and contemplation. There is a time to give and a time to receive. For a healthy life we need to take care of both.

### **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](#)

### **16 February -SPRED Weekly Novena**

Beginning on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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**

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.

### **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**



Monday	10am 6pm	Holy Mass Adoration & Rosary
Tuesday	10am	Requiem Mass Alice Dillon
Wednesday	10am	St Scholastica - Memorial Holy Mass
Thursday	10am 12 Noon	Requiem Mass Helen White (This mass will not be streamed) Holy Mass for the sick
Friday	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday	10am	Holy Mass
Sunday	10am	6 <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

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Recently Dead:** John Graham, John Neilson, Margaret O'Donnell, Alice Dillon, Moira Donnochie, James Reilly, Nicole Howieson, John Allan, Margaret Cannon, Siobhan O'Neill, Mick McCahil, Mr O'Hanlon, Helen White (Requiem Mass Thursday 11/02/21)



**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:** Bernard, Lily, Liam, John & Brian Loney, Bill Paul, Lawrence Molloy, Frank & Agnes Wilson, James, Elizabeth & Sadie Prunty

**Anniversaries:** Brian Lowe, Mary Boyle, Francis Boyle, Agnes Ferrie

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