



# *St Monica's Parish*

## *Bulletin*

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SUNDAY MASSES: Vigils at 4pm & 5.30pm  
10am (livestream) 12 Noon & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday – Saturday 10am

CONFESSIONS: 30min before the mass in the sacristy

BAPTISMS: Please speak to Fr Ghislain

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

## **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year- B**

**First Reading: Jb 3: 1.8.-11**

**Responsorial Psalm:** O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

**Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:14-17**

**Gospel: Mk 4: 35-41**

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In the Bible the sea, the wind and the storm are seen as forces of evil and chaos which only God can control. But the storm can also stand for the trials and tribulations which the righteous suffer, and from which only the power of God can save them.

As Jesus and his apostles were crossing the lake a storm blew up. For a while, the apostles were managing. They were in control- if only barely. It is a good feeling to be in control. We are running the show. Things are within our power. The outcome is in our own hands. In such circumstances it is easy to convince ourselves that we have faith, even great faith. But we could be on an ego trip. The ego is happiest when in control of a familiar and predictable world. We are setting the agenda. We are creating our own goals. Sometimes it can mean controlling the lives of others too. We don't really need God, except maybe to give us a pat on the back at the end of it all.

But that evening, when the storm arose, and the boat seemed to be on the verge of sinking, the apostles suddenly discovered that things were out of their control. Things were beyond their powers. The outcome was out of their hands. To be out of control is not a pleasant experience. We experience small samples of this when we get caught in a traffic jam. It can be annoying and frustrating. But we can experience more serious cases of it in times of grave illness and tragedy. At such times everything seems to be falling apart. We feel confused and powerless. The ego is profoundly threatened by the approach of danger, and especially death, which it sees as utter chaos and the ultimate unknown. To find oneself in such a situation is both humbling and terrifying. But it is precisely in times like this that we discover whether or not we have faith. Our first reaction is to think that God no longer cares about us and has abandoned us.

When things got out of control for the apostles it seems they too felt like this. They looked towards Jesus only to discover that he was asleep. Incidentally, the ability to sleep peacefully in the midst of storm was a sign of perfect trust in God. The faith of Jesus contrasts with the 'little faith' of the apostles. Jesus chided them for their lack of trust, and then calmed the storm. For the early Christians, this miracle was a very relevant one. The boat represented the Church, and the persecutions unleashed on it by civil powers that wanted to wreck it. They were filled with fear. To them it must have seemed that Jesus was asleep. But then their faith rose to the challenge. It was enough for them to awaken him with their prayers, and to have trust and faith in his presence, for the storm of their fear to be stilled.

Even though Jesus was with the apostles in that boat, the storm still struck. So, just because a storm strikes doesn't mean that God has abandoned us. If we have faith, we will not doubt that he is with us, and we will turn to him in prayer, and know his help. The story challenges us to trust in God's power especially when the storms assail us. When you have faith, you give up the need to be in control.

### Collections

Offertory Collection: £610.10

Building Fund: £141.02

**The SVDP will be at the church doors  
collecting the offertory.**

### 500 Club Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: A McAlinden

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: J McCann

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: S Docherty

### 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. 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**

### Annual Motherwell Diocesan Lourdes *Hospitalité* Day at Carfin

*Will take place on Sunday 20th June at 3 pm. Holy Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated by Bishop Toal.*



Thank you to all the parishioners who came along this week to help work  
in the Church grounds.

Your help as always is greatly appreciated.

The Divine Mercy Group will meet in the church every Monday from 2pm to 3pm. Please come and join us in prayer.

**Please remember in your prayers**



**Recently Dead:** Ann Green, Stephen Kelly, Agnes Woods, Mark McCann, John Hamill, Annie McCann

**Sick:** Niamh Cassidy, Anne & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Annie Carr, Michael McAdams, Nicolas Hardy, Mary & Joseph Cope, Isobel Reilly, Gerald McDonald

**Months Mind:** Lily, Liam John & Brian Loney

**Anniversaries:** Agnes Welsh, Agnes Phillips, Jean & Joe McMahan, Margaret & John Gould, George & Margaret Currie, John Gribben, Natasha Lannigan, Bessie Lannigan, Neil Lannigan, Danny Donnachie, Frank & Sadie McConnell

**Father's Day Remembrance:** Bernard Loney

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

<b>Services this week</b>		
Monday <b>Memorial – St Aloysius Gonzaga</b>	10am	Holy Mass
Tuesday	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday	10am	Holy Mass
Thursday <b>Solemnity- The Nativity of St John The Baptist</b>	10am	Holy Mass
Friday	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday	10am	10am Holy Mass
Sunday	4pm & 5.30pm 10am, 12 Noon & 5pm	Vigil Mass 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – B Holy Mass