



# *St Monica's Parish*

## *Bulletin*

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**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) - 22 August 2021**

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday-Saturday: 9am-9.55am  
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

For parents requesting the christening of their children, their attendance at mass in the church with the congregation on the weekend is a very important part of the preparation.

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

**First Reading:** Jos 24:1-2,15-18  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see that the Lord is good  
**Second Reading:** Eph 5:21-32  
**Gospel:** Jn 6:60-69

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### **21st Sunday B.**

**“Will you also leave me?”** Today’s readings are about faithfulness. Joshua, the successor of Moses, invites the Jews to renew their fidelity to their covenant with their God. “We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods.

St Paul stresses the faithfulness in the marriage. Wives and husbands find in Christ a model for unselfish love. Faithfulness is at the same time a free choice and a sign of our responsibility and growth.

John’s Gospel tells us of the fidelity of the twelve with Jesus: “Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of the eternal life”. The disciples of Jesus are faced with a vital decision- to stay with Jesus or to leave him. Many people who had listened to his discourse of the bread of life deserted him. Even though Jesus was sad to see those people leaving him, he let them go. It wasn’t great crowds that excited him. What mattered to him was the authenticity and sincerity of those who stayed. “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the holy one of God.” This is one of the greatest professions of faith in the Gospel. In fact, Jesus was not just a teacher or healer or prophet. He was the Holy One of God. Though he healed and fed the bodies of people, his main concern was to nourish their minds and hearts with the words of eternal life. His words truly brought life to people: These are some words: “Go in peace, your sins are forgiven, don’t sin anymore”.

**“Will you also leave me?”** These words are now addressed to us. It is not the Lord who leaves us, but we who may leave him when we don’t stick on our baptismal promises. Many still do so! We need to make our own Peter’s profession of faith: LORD, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” We have done so. Our presence here is a sign of that. But we need to reaffirm our commitment. Every Sunday we get a chance to do this. We need the Lord to strengthen our faith. We also need to confirm our faithfulness and loyalty to one another and to our parish community.

In our time when there is so much infidelity, so many broken marriages, so many disturbed relationships, so many children who are angry with their parents, so many people who have not been faithful to their promise to love each other, Christians are called to give a loud example of tenderness and fidelity.

#### **Safeguarding: IN GOD’S IMAGE version 2**

The revised version of the Safeguarding instruction manual for all parishes in Scotland has now been published on the BCOS website where it can be read online: <https://www.bcos.org.uk/InGodsImageV2>. The bishops have decreed that version 2 will come into effect on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Copies of some printed resources for display in parishes will be posted in the coming weeks.

**SAFEGUARDING WEBINAR: “Growing our Culture of Care” – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 11am to 1pm.** This webinar will provide an introduction to In God's Image v2 for clergy, religious, Church employees and volunteers. Registration is now open if you use this link: <https://bit.ly/3gQRdPu>



Offertory Collection: £889.77

Building Fund: £67.77

**Special Collection weekend 4/5 September  
for our Church refurbishment.**

**Presently we have reached half the  
amount we need to raise.**

**Please continue to support this project  
and many thanks to those who do  
contribute.**

**The journey is still long to go.**

### 500 Club Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: No. 456 M Cope

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: No. 56 B Currie

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: No. 647 A Elder

### Altar Servers

Are you looking to become an altar server?

Please speak to Father Ghislain

### 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**

### Vigil Mass

When the clocks change at the end of October the vigil mass will be reduced to one mass at **4pm**. This will begin on Saturday **6 November, 2021**.

### Ministers of the Eucharist

The last meeting was called in order to give training to Eucharistic Ministers on how they should distribute Holy Communion during the current COVID 19 situation. If you missed that meeting please speak to Father Ghislain before serving at mass to ensure that everyone is clear on what they should be doing to avoid spreading the virus.



### Children's Liturgy

The children's liturgy will resume on the first Sunday of September. Those planning to have their first reconciliation, first communion and confirmation are encouraged to attend weekend mass and if possible, the children's liturgy.

Anyone wishing to help at the Children's Liturgy please speak to  
Father Ghislain

**Please remember in your prayers**



**Recently Dead:** Shari McDonald

**Sick:** Niamh Cassidy, Anne & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Michael McAdams, Nicolas Hardy, Mary & Joseph Cope, Isobel Reilly, Gerald McDonald, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Janey Mullen, Ann Craig, Ben McGovern, John Clenaghan

**Months Mind:** John & Bridie Docherty, Eddie McGonigal, William, Margaret, Patrick, Agnes & Helen Docherty, Joseph, Elizabeth, James & Peter Silvestro, David Thain, Anna & Joseph Pearson, Jenny Wright, Margaret & Andrew McKinlay, Anna, Brian & Joseph Tierney, Agnes & William McAuley, Rab Bannan

**Anniversaries:** Anne O'Rourke Frank McMahan, Frankie McMahan, Annie Mulholland, John Mulholland, Eddie Coyle, Francis, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret, Rose & Anne McGeehan, Catherine & James McDonald, Cecilia, Frank & Paul Lennon, Sheila Kennedy, Charlotte Costello, Moira Skillin, Marian Irving, Ann Sood, Alex Thain

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

<b>Services this week</b>		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>St Bartholomew - Feast</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>St Monica - Memorial</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>St Augustine - Memorial</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>4pm &amp; 5.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>12 Noon &amp; 5pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b> <b>22nd Sunday of the Year B</b>