

St Monica's Parish

Bulletin

1st Sunday of Advent (Year C)

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday-Saturday: 9am-9.55am
SUNDAY MASSES: Vigil at 4pm
10am (livestream) 12 Noon & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday – Saturday 10am
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: Monday 2pm
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: Jr 33: 14-16
Responsorial Psalm: *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul*
Second Reading: 1Th 3:12-4:2
Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Reflection

The chief function of the season of Advent is to prepare us for Christmas. However, to understand Christmas we have to start at the beginning- with the history of salvation. God's plan of salvation is centred in Christ and realised through. Advent looks back at the promise of his first coming, when that plan was announced, and it looks forwards to his second coming, when that plan will reach its complete fulfilment. And, of course it celebrates his actual coming in time. The first readings of the Advent Sundays, (from Isaiah) are concerned with the Messiah and the messianic times. Isaiah kept the hopes of people alive in very dark times. In today's reading we have the theme of universal peace and salvation. The gospel and the second reading deal with the Lord coming, which the first Christians believed was imminent. Both readings convey a sense of urgency through the phrases such as 'wake up, stay awake, stand ready'...



Offertory Collection: £968.88

Building Fund: £103.00

Many thanks for your great generosity and support

500 Club Winners

1st Prize: No. 471 W Hay

2nd Prize: No. 142 A McManus

3rd Prize: No. 8 M Callahan

Memorial Service

Annual Memorial Service will take place in
**Coltswood Cemetery today 28 November
2021 at 2pm**

All are welcome to attend.

Weekly Offering

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

Synod 2021-2023: Thank you.

Many thanks to those who attended our first Parish synod gathering on Tuesday. As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. Pope Francis has asked of us – that we discern the presence of the Holy Spirit among us by **praying, listening, and discerning** together, and through that come to an understanding of how we can grow and progress as the People of God in today's Church and World. Trusting in God and one another is important for us all, and I think that it will be good to take that to heart – that we trust in the Holy Spirit's presence and through our praying and listening together we can discern the Spirit's prompting and the will of God for us in our own time and place.

Can you spare some time to help your
Parish?



In preparation for Christmas, we are looking
for volunteers to help clean the Church
after the 10am mass on Saturday 11th
December.

All age groups are welcome!



The Parish Christmas Fayre will take place
on Sunday 12 December after the 10am
mass with special guests at 1pm. We are
now full for Christmas stalls, and you are
all in for a treat.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

VACANCY! VACANCY!! VACANCY!!!

There is a vacancy for an experienced housekeeper/cleaner to work at the Spiritan House (Holy Ghost Fathers) in Carfin. This is a part-time, permanent post of 16 hours per week, to be worked over 3 days (Monday, Thursday and Saturday). The work pattern is negotiable.

If you would like to apply for this position, or for further information, please contact Fr. Jude on 07438 774799 as soon as possible.

Letter from Bishop Toal

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Along with my Brother Bishops in Scotland I have issued a pastoral letter this week to encourage the faithful in Motherwell Diocese to participate in the liturgical life and communal worship of the Church, most particularly through your willing presence at Sunday Mass. To this end, the Sunday Obligation to attend Holy Mass is to be re-instated at the beginning of 2022.

Some clergy and faithful have contacted me, or expressed their opinions elsewhere, to raise concerns about the decision to re-instate the Sunday Mass Obligation. They rightly tell me that some of the Faithful have a fear of coming to public gatherings, however meticulous the precautions put in place, and don't wish to feel pressured into returning to Sunday Mass before they are ready to do so. Earlier in the pandemic I wrote that the "tenderness" of individuals' consciences in another liturgical matter should be respected, and I apply the same thinking here. If you are afraid to come back to Sunday Mass at present, take your time in deciding when to do so and do not feel it as a weight on your conscience if you are not fulfilling the obligation. By following your conscience in your own particular mitigating circumstances, it should not be considered a serious sin to make this decision. Indeed, we are being told today that further problems may lie ahead with possible repercussions for us all.

With my prayers and good wishes as we are about to begin the Season of Advent.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Joseph Toal'.

+ Joseph Toal

Please remember in your prayers

Recently Dead: John O'Rourke, Margaret McAuley, Ellen McDade

Sick: Niamh Cassidy, Ann & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Michael McAdams, Nicolas Hardy, Isobel Reilly, Gerald McDonald, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Janey Mullen, Ben McGovern, Anne Marie Snodden, Catherine Donnelly, James Donnelly, Jim Gallacher, Alice Lindsay, Patricia McGhee, Frances Hynes, John O'Rourke

Months Mind: Annie & Tommy Docherty, Sadie Slowey, Patsy Robertson, May & Jimmy McLaughlin, Tilly & Marie Clarke, Mattie, Thomas & Tommy Collins, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Jim Boyle, Arthur, Sadie & Ann Craig, Fr Frank Kelly, William Gordon, Joseph Gordon, Alice Brown, John, Patrick, Donnie, Paul, Janet, Isobel & Ronnie Daisley, Lynne Margaret Thomson, James Callaghan, Margaret Callaghan

Anniversaries: Thomas Docherty Jnr, Agnes Gordon, Joan Keirnan, John Gribben, Bessie Lannigan

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

Services this week		
Monday	10am	Holy Mass
Tuesday St Andrew -Solemnity	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday	10am	Holy Mass
Thursday	10am	Holy Mass
Friday St Francis Xavier - Memorial	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday	10am 4pm	Holy Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday 2nd Sunday of Advent - C	10am 12 Noon & 5pm	Holy Mass