

St Monica's Parish

Bulletin

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 16 January 2022

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Parish Priest: Fr. Ghislain B. Mulumanzi.
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
MARRIAGES: Please speak to Fr Ghislain.
Please note 6 months' notice is required.

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First Reading: Is 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: *Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples*

Second Reading: Cor 12:4-11

Gospel: Jn 2: 1-11

Reflection
2nd Sunday, Year C. Wedding at Cana

I hear quite often people saying: What God has to do in my marriage? I don't need God to get married. I just need a husband or a wife. Nothing more. A fewer than a quarter of all marriage ceremonies are held in places of worship, new figures reveal. Religious weddings have hit a record low as the institution has become "more social and less sacred". If you can't invite God inside our marriage life, you are lost. Sometimes we get lost trying to navigate our way through life. This is part of the human condition and a symptom of our separation or dislocation from God as creator and father.

Knowing God as creator means we get to understand where we have come from. Knowing him as father means we understand who we belong to and that gives us the road map for the future. As we make our way along the road of life, we come across junctions and crossroads, where we pause and look for fresh direction. You've probably met individuals in those moments who offer advice. But often these are not helpful. And so, the fog of confusion gets thicker, and we wonder where on earth we are and which way to turn.

Marriage was created by God. If you want to know how marriage works, you have to begin by examining what God has to say on the subject. Approaching it in any other way, you'll end up empty and confused; that means you are starting at the wrong place. you're building upon a shaky foundation—if any foundation at all. That's why so much of the marriage advice from secular advisers is contradictory. You might meet five advisors; you get five different answers to your problem! No wonder so many married couples struggle and are frustrated and confused and unable to improve their relationships.

God teaches us about the sanctity and covenant of marriage. God created marriage. He has a plan for both husbands and wives as individuals, but also as a couple. Your marriage has a purpose, and without God's presence in the middle of your relationship you are bound to struggle. If you want a healthy marriage, you won't find it apart from God. Invite Him in. Place Him at the centre. Surrender your marriage to the One who created it.



500 Club Winners

1st Prize: No.207 M Slavin

2nd Prize: No. 51 M McKeegans

3rd Prize No. 133 A Kane



Offertory Collection: £839.80

Many thanks for your great generosity
and support

Church refurbishment

The engineer who inspected the roof in December 2019 advised that the roof will need replacing within the next 5 years. This will be a major job involving a lot of money. Therefore, starting from February on every **first** and **third** Sunday of the month we will have a special collection for our church refurbishment. We need to come together and focus on the roof of our church.



Gift Aid is a government scheme which allows our parish to reclaim tax paid on weekly offertory donations.

We would encourage anyone in our parish that pays tax to join this scheme as it means our parish will receive an extra 25p for every £1 donated through your offertory donation.

If you are interested in joining the scheme, please collect a form from the back of the church and return it as soon as possible

Synod Parish Meetings

Communion, Participation and Mission

Our next Parish Synod meeting will take place on Thursday **27 January 2022 at 6.30pm**. Each meeting involves discussions around themes for us to reflect upon and I would encourage you to participate in these meetings.

Welcome!

To the Seminarian Colum Martin who has been sent to St Monica's for placement before returning to Scots College. Colum is in his last year of preparation to the priesthood. Please support him with your prayers.

St Monica's Primary School 2021/22 Enrolment

Reminder for parents & carers that the closing date for enrolment applications is Friday 22 January. Applications should be completed online. Full details can be found on the following website. <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/primary-school-registration-p1>

Please remember in your prayers

Recently Dead: Elizabeth Renwick, John Meechan, Agnes Croly

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, Alice Lindsay, Patricia McGhee, Bernadette Homer, Betty McKenna

Month's Mind: Robert & Anthony Clarke, James, John, Elizabeth & Isabella Docherty, Alice Rea, Eddie McGonigal, Thomas & Rose Tiernan, Denis Leonard

Anniversaries: John Moran, Jim Moran, Willie Reilly, Archie Shaw, Brian Thompson, John & Bridie Docherty, John Graham, Tommy Reynolds, Rosemary O'Neill

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

Services this week		
Monday St Anthony - Memorial	10am	Holy Mass
Tuesday	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday	10am	Holy Mass
Thursday	10am	Holy Mass
Friday St Agnes - Memorial	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday	10am	Holy Mass
	4pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 3rd Sunday of the Year - C	10am 12 Noon & 5pm	Holy Mass