

St Monica's Parish

Bulletin

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 30 January 2022

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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

MARRIAGES: Please speak to Fr Ghislain.

Please note 6 months' notice is required.

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First Reading: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm: **My lips will tell of your help**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12: 31-13:13

Gospel: LK 4: 21-30

4th Sunday, Year C. Reflection

Rejecting a prophet. When Jesus went back to his home place, Nazareth, they invited him to preach in the synagogue. Their first reaction to him was extremely favorable. They were astonished at the gracious words he spoke. However, their admiration soon turned into doubt, then into hostility.

What went wrong? They still saw him as just the son of Joseph and they felt that if he had anything to offer, then they, the people of his own town, should be the first to benefit from it. There is no room in the Kingdom of God for privilege. On hearing that the benefits they had rejected (through lack faith in Jesus) would be offered to the gentiles, the people were outraged. As Jews, they were the people of God. Those others were outsiders and sinners. How dare he suggest that the gentiles would be preferred to them? In a burst of nationalist fervor, they turned on him. They took him from the synagogue and tried to do away with him. Why did they turn on him so angrily? It was because he showed up the ugly things that lay hidden in them. If you stir up a stagnant pond a lot of mud will rise to the surface.

Regrettably, religion sometimes brings out the worst in people. It makes them narrower, more bigoted, and more apt to hate and kill. We see an ugly example of this in the citizens of Nazareth. But this kind of thing still happens. Religion can get distorted and turn into something repulsive such as fanaticism and bigotry. Religion becomes synonymous with narrow-mindedness, small heartedness, and intolerance. But religion can also bring out the best in people. It makes them more tolerant and more loving. True religion liberates the heart and mind and fosters harmonious relationship with others. Religion is beautiful when it is like this.



500 Club Winners

1st Prize: No. 218 P Curran

2nd Prize: No. 182 K Mitchelson

3rd Prize No. 360 E McDonald



Offertory Collection: £981.15

Many thanks for your great generosity
and support

**There will be a special collection next
weekend 5/6 February for our Church
Building Fund**

Diocesan Priesthood

Thinking about diocesan priesthood in 2022? The Catholic Church is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary.

For more information speak to Father Ghislain or contact Fr Charles O'Farrell, email: frofarrell@rcdom.org.uk."

Relics of St Bernadette

The relics of St Bernadette will visit England, Scotland and Wales later this year. It has been agreed by the Scottish Bishops that, for the visit to Scotland, the relics will remain in the National Shrine in Carfin, from 24th September to 1st October, which will be the time of celebration for the 100th anniversary of Carfin Grotto.

The Bishops also agreed to the designation of the shrine as National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Please keep in your prayers all the children celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation

for the first time on Tuesday 1 February at 7pm.

First Communion: 7 and 8 May 2022

Sacrament of Confirmation: 23 May at 7pm

Baptism

We welcome Jessica Hay; we implore God's blessing upon her and her family as we welcome her in our parish community.

Donations being left at the Old Church Hall

Please note that Alice Lindsay is no longer collecting donations at the old church hall so please refrain from leaving items there.

Please remember in your prayers

Recently Dead: Peter Grant, Neil Muldoon, Agnes O’Hare, Frank Burns, Agnes Lewis

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, Bernadette Homer, Kelly Noble

Month’s Mind: Gerry Gallagher, Ryan Gallagher, Lawrence, William & Mary Brankin, William & Ellen Brankin, Joseph, Agnes, Eddie & Joe Mina, Kathleen Smith, Brian Sharkey Jnr, John & Kevin McGrath, David Hayton, Mary McSwiggan, Catherine, John, James, John Anthony & Stacey Duggan, Peter Burns , Linda Ann Irvine , William Hay, May & Jimmy McLaughin, Tilly & Marie Clarke, Kathleen & Peter Dolan , Mattie , Thomas & Tommy Collins, Jim Boyle, Sadie Slowey & Patsy Robertson, Arthur, Sadie & Ann Craig, Anne Holmes, Fr Frank Kelly, John Meechan

Anniversaries: Johnny Keenan, Eamonn Gallagher, Patricia Sharkey, Annie Brankin, Daniel Duggan, Robert Hay, Bridget Caughey, John McNab

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

Services this week		
Monday St John Bosco – Memorial	10am	Holy Mass
Tuesday	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday The Presentation of the Lord – Feast	10am	Holy Mass
Thursday	10am	Holy Mass
Friday	10am 11am	Holy Mass Requiem Mass for Agnes O’Hare
Saturday St Agatha – Memorial	10am 4pm	Holy Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday 5th Sunday of the Year – C	10am 12 Noon & 5pm	Holy Mass