

St Monica's Parish

Diocese of Motherwell

Charity No. SC011041

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 27th February 2022

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Church Services

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.

Parish Hall: Contact Kelly McColl on 07464254377
or email stmonicashall@outlook.com

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First Reading: Ecc 27: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: **It is good to give you thanks, O Lord**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15: 54-58

Gospel: Lk 6: 39-45

The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelising mission of the Church

of the Congregation for the Clergy, 20.07.2020

The Parish has a long history and from the outset, it has played a fundamental role in the life of Christians and in the development and pastoral work of the Church. We can see this in the writings of Saint Paul. Several of the Pauline texts show us the formation of small communities as domestic churches, which the Apostle simply calls a “house” (cf., for example, Rm 16:3-5; 1 Co 16:19-20; Phil 4:22). With these “houses”, we get a foretaste of the birth of the first “Parishes”.

Since its inception, the Parish is envisioned as a response to a precise pastoral need, namely that of bringing the Gospel to the People through the proclamation of the faith and the celebration of the Sacraments. The etymology of the word makes clear the meaning of the institution: the Parish is a house among houses and is a response to the logic of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, alive and active among the community. It is visibly characterised then, as a place of worship, a sign of the permanent presence of the Risen Lord in the midst of his People.

The territorial configuration of the Parish, however, must confront a peculiar characteristic of our contemporary world, whereby increased mobility and the digital culture have expanded the confines of existence. On the one hand, people are less associated today with a definite and immutable geographical context, living instead in “a global and pluralist village”; on the other hand, the digital culture has inevitably altered the concept of space, together with people’s language and behaviour, especially in younger generations.

Moreover, it is quite easy to hypothesise about how the continuous development of technology will ultimately change our way of thinking, together with the understanding of self and of social living. The speed of change, successive cultural models, the ease of movement and the speed of communication are transforming the perception of space and time.

As a living community of believers, the Parish finds itself in a context whereby the territorial affiliation is increasingly less evident, where places of association are multiplied and where interpersonal relationships risk being dissolved into a virtual world without any commitment or responsibility towards one’s neighbour.

It is noteworthy how such cultural changes and the evolving territorial ties are fostering within the Church, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, a new discernment around community, “which consists in seeing reality with the eyes of God, with a view to unity and communion”. The whole People of God must urgently embrace the Holy Spirit’s invitation to begin the process of “renewing” the face of the Church.



Offertory Collection: £705.60

Building Fund Collection: £686.60

Many thanks for your great generosity and support

**There will be a special collection next week
5/6 March for our church building fund**

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

Ministers of the Eucharist

Are encouraged again to visit the sick and take Holy Communion to them.

Please ensure you follow Covid safety measures.

Ash Wednesday 2nd March

Holy Mass with distribution of ashes will take place at **8am, 10am and 7pm** on **Wednesday, 2 March 2022.**

Please come along to one of these Masses as we begin our Lenten journey.

Day to Day Readings

Booklets containing daily readings during lent are available in the church stall for £1.00 only

The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart

"Short Term Pledge for Lent"

We would like to encourage as many people as possible to consider taking the 'Short Term Pledge for Lent'.

Prayer cards can be found at the back of the 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 who 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.

**500 CLUB
WINNERS
£££**

1st Prize No.653 E Maxwell

2nd Prize No. 554 B Kennedy

3rd Prize No. 224 J Gallagher

Altar Servies Meeting 8 March

There will be a meeting for our altar servers on Tuesday 8 March at 6pm.

Anyone interested in becoming an altar server is welcome to come along

Parish Synod Meeting

Our next Parish Synod meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd March at 6.30pm in the Church.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

SCI AF

The SCI AF Wee Box is available at the back of the church. Your donations this lent will help to tackle the Climate Emergency and the devastating hunger this causes for families in the world's poorest places.

Please remember in your prayers

Recently Dead: Bernadette Ballantyne, Anthony Charnley, John McGuire

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: Peter Grant, Betty Allison, Sadie Slowey, Patsy Robertson, John, Albert & Sallie Fulton, Fred, Anna & Betty Scott, Albert & Christina Fulton, Fred & Sarah Scott, May & Jimmy McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Tilly & Marie Clarke, Mattie, Tommy & Thomas Collins, Jim Boyle, John Deigan, Margaret Deigan, James Deigan, Anne Marie Deigan, Mr & Mrs Prost, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, Mr & Mrs Deigan Snr & Jnr, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Mr & Mrs John Fagan, Mr & Mrs Tommy Deigan, Mr Jack Gill, Tommy McMullen, Paul McMullen, James & Cathie McCracken, John & Bessie McMullen, John & Betty McMullen, Mary, Jack & Brian Mairs, Agnes, Eddie & John McFadyen, John Reid, Frank & Agnes Wilson, Arthur, Sadie & Ann Craig, Anne Holmes, Fr Frank Kelly

Anniversaries: May McMullen, Margaret Wilson, Ray Dinardo, Margaret McStay

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

Services this week		
Monday	10am	Holy Mass
Tuesday	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday Ash Wednesday	8am 10am 7pm	Holy Mass
Thursday	8am 10am	Holy Mass
Friday Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday	10am 4pm	Holy Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday 1st Sunday of Lent – C	10am 12 Noon & 5pm	Holy Mass