St Monica's Parish

Diocese of Motherwell

Charity No. SC011041

# 3rd Sunday of Lent (Year C) 20th March 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 STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Monday at 6pm CONFESSIONS: 30min before the Mass in the sacristy

> BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES. Please speak to Fr Ghislain

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

Parish Mass Book Year C – Page 77 First Reading: Ex 3:1-8.13-15 Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love Second Reading: 1Cor 10:1-6.10-12 Gospel: Lk 13:1-9

# 3rd Sunday of lent. C. God's concerned for his people

God has heard their cry in slavery and sent Moses to liberate them. What did God see in Moses that made him the right man to lead his people from slavery into freedom? There are three episodes in his life prior to the revelation in the burning bush. One day he saw an Egyptian attacking an Israelite, and he intervened. Another day he saw an Israelite attacking an Israelite, and he intervened. Later again he saw Midianite shepherds preventing Jethro's daughters from watering their flocks, and he intervened. Moses was the kind of man who couldn't stand idly by when he saw an injustice or a crime happening. Private experiences of God can make people selfish. But this didn't happen in the case of Moses. His experience of God launched him on a mission to save his people. There are Christians whose life is completely self-centred. They say their prayers, they attend their Sunday mass, but they are blind and deaf to any sufferings of their neighbours.



Offertory Collection: £750.56 Special Collection for Ukraine:£1802.17 Many thanks for your great generosity and support There will be a second collection next weekend 26/27 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



1<sup>st</sup> Prize No.19 W Gibbons 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize No. 167 G Slevin 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize No. 43 N O'Neill There will a reflection on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** in the church at **6.30pm** for the young adult, between from 15 and 40 years old. The theme is Eucharist.

#### First Communion & Confirmation

Children who are due to celebrate these sacraments are encouraged to attend weekend masses (Saturday or Sunday). Please remember to get your card signed by Father Ghislain

### **Stations of the Cross**

There will be Stations of the Cross every Monday at 6pm during Lent.

#### Fr Ghislain Holiday

From 21st March to Friday 1st April there will be **no 8am Mass**.

I would like to thank Fr Gerry Maguinness and Fr Damien Gilhooley for their help looking after the parish during this time.

## <u>Gift Aid</u>

Envelopes are now available for collection at the back of the church. Please ensure you check the name on the box. Anyone wishing to join the scheme please hand your completed form in before 31 March.



During Lent season, the altar is stripped of all adornment. If you would like to contribute to flowers for easter, we would appreciate any donation of flowers/plants.

## Covid 19 Update

The Catholic Parliamentary Office at the Bishops' Conference has issued the following information regarding Covid restrictions.

As more Covid restrictions are lifted in Scotland on 21st March, parishes are asked to continue to observe the legal requirement to wear face coverings (except where existing exemptions apply).

In addition, parishes are asked to observe the following principles:

- Please respect the space of fellow parishioners where possible
- Hands should be sanitised on entering and exiting the Church
- Continue to ensure good ventilation

The Bishops thank all parishes, priests and volunteers for all their efforts during the past 2 years and encourage all Catholics to return with confidence to our celebration of Holy Mass and the Sacraments, the source and summit of our faith.

## FAQs

- What about cleaning? Should parishes maintain the rigorous cleaning regimes adopted during the pandemic to date?
  - $_{\circ}$   $\,$  Cleaning regimes may revert to pre-pandemic levels of cleaning.
- What about the sign of peace?
  - The sign of peace may be re-introduced but some people may not be willing to have physical contact at this time. In which case a bow would be appropriate.
- Can we use confessionals again?
  - $_{\circ}$   $\,$  This is not advised given the lack of ventilation.
- Can feet be washed during the Mass of the Lord's Supper?
  - Yes.

### Please remember in your prayers

Recently Dead: Janet McAleer, Petronela Sobota, William Mead, John Doyle

<u>Sick:</u> 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, Kelly Noble, Michael McGarrity

Month's Mind: John & Bridie Docherty, Eddie McGonigal

Anniversaries: Mary Morgan, Robert McNeil

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

Services this week		
Monday	10am	Holy Mass
	6pm	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday	10am	Holy Mass
Thursday	10am	Requiem Mass for William Mead
Friday The Annunciation of our Lord - Solemnity	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday	10am 4pm	Holy Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday 4th Sunday of Lent – C	10am 12 Noon & 5pm	Holy Mass