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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

28th August 2022

Holy Mass (Services marked in red will be live streamed)

Mon - Fri: - 10am

Saturday: - 10am, 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: - 10am, 12 Noon (Children's Liturgy) & 5pm

Eucharistic Adoration: -Mon - Sat 9am - 9.55am

Divine Mercy Novena: Mon 2pm

Confessions: Mon - Sun 9.30am - 9.55am

Baptisms & Marriage: - To arrange a baptism or marriage please contact Father Ghislain

Mass Liturgy - Year C

Parish Mass Book Page: 69

First Reading: Ecc 3:17-20,28-29

Responsorial Psalm: In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor

Second Reading: Heb: 12:18-19,22-24

Gospel: Lk 14:1, 7-14

BCTV 4th September 2022

Please note that the mass times next Sunday are **9am, 12 Noon and 5pm.**

The 12 Noon Mass will be streamed live and we have the pleasure in welcoming Mary Doogan and her group to celebrate this mass with us. I would encourage anyone who can attend this mass to come along and join us.

Weekly Collection

Please support your parish through the weekly collection, our income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners

Last Week's Collection - £795.26

Building Fund - £199.59

There will be a second collection this weekend for our Building Fund

Recently Deceased: Francis Lafferty(America), Anne Loney, Michael Brady

Sick: Niamh Cassidy, Ann & John

McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Isobel Reilly, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Janey Mullen, Anne Marie Snodden, James Donnelly, Patricia McGhee, Bernadette Homer, Kelly Noble, Michael McGarrity, Sadie McBride, Mary Torbett, Sharon, Elizebeth McKenna, Alex Cooper, Mary Toal (Bishop Toal's mother) Sr Kathleen Owens

Month's Mind: Sadie Slowey, Patsy Robertson, Lawrence, William & Mary Brankin, William & Annie Brankin, Joseph, Agnes, Eddie & Joe Mina, Brian, Patricia & Brian Sharkey, John, Anna & Kevin McGrath, David Hayton, Mary McSwiggan, Tom Sharp, Mr & Mrs P McKeown, Mary McKeown, James & Caroline McKinley, Elizabeth, Mary, James (Jnr), Robert & William McKinley, Matthew & Beth Miller, Betty Allison, Peter Grant, May McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Tommy & Thomas Collins, Tilly & Marie Clarke, Jim Boyle, Margaret, John, James & Anne Marie Deigan, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, Mr & Mrs Deigan Snr & Jnr, Mr & Mrs Tommy Deigan, Mr & Mrs Prost, Mr & Mrs John Fagan, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Jack Gill, Ryan Brown, Gerry Gallagher, Eamonn Gallagher, Agnes & Thomas McCusker, The McCusker Family, The O'Hear Family, Willie Reilly, Colette Kelly, Patrick, Mary & Father John McMurray, The McMurray Family, Kathleen Wallace, Jimmy Docherty, Margaret & James Smith

Anniversaries: Michael McGovern, Kathleen Smith, Ellen Brankin, Morag McKeown, Robert Clarke, Jimmy McLaughlin, Mattie Collins, George Black, Ryan Gallagher, Mary, William & Sophia McCusker, Michael McMurray, Margaret Reilly, Michael McAuley, Jenny Docherty

Birthday Remembrance: Mrs Carrie Miller

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

Happy feast of St Monica

Today (Saturday) is the feast of Saint Monica, the mother of Saint Augustine. Saint Monica never gave up on her child. By the world's standards most people would have given up, but not this mother.

St Monica gives encouragement to all mothers and fathers who are weary and discouraged by their offspring on their choices in life which impact their eternal salvation. Morals, drugs, alcohol and relationships to varying degrees have waged a toll on every one of their lives.

Monica is the patron saint of mothers: consider her feast a special **Mother's Day**. Do something nice for your mum. If she is in heaven, offer prayers and sacrifices on her behalf.

Through the persistent prayer of his mother, St. Augustine converted and became one of the most influential thinkers of the Church. Pray in a special way for the conversion of sinners on these feasts. Remember to pray especially for family and friends that have fallen away from the church.

. [500 Club Winners](#)
1st Prize 363 H Kelly
2nd Prize 102 K McNab
3rd Prize 51 J McKeigans

Readers Rota

Copies of the rota for September/October can be found at the back of the church. If you would like to read at any of the masses, please speak to Father Ghislain.

Last Man Standing Competition

£100 Prize

Our 'Last Man Standing' football competition starts next weekend of 3rd/4th September. The **entry fee is £10**. Entry forms can be collected from the back of the church and all entrants are asked to hand back their form along with their entry fee **before Friday 2nd September**. All proceeds will go to our Church Building fund.

Sacrament Preparation

It's tempting to rely on your child's educators to teach them the importance of receiving the sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation) especially when you have so much to do. However, the truth of the matter is that your child's preparation for these Sacraments begins and ends with you, the parent. You are the most influential person in your child's life, and the reverence you model for the sacraments is the reverence they will learn to imitate. Going to weekend mass is the best ways to prepare them for the sacraments

Our program this year will provides at-home materials along with in-Church opportunities for growth and knowledge. Families as a whole are welcome and encouraged to participate in the sessions every second Sunday of the month after 12 Noon Mass for 20 minutes.

What is sacramental preparation?

Sacramental Preparation. Preparing to receive the sacraments is a unique and spiritually enriching time in a child's life. Full of meaningful moments, the experience creates special opportunities for the entire family to affirm and celebrate their faith.

What are the readiness requirements for the sacrament of penance?

The readiness required for the Sacrament of Penance consists in the capacity to discern between right and wrong, together with an understanding, appropriate to the child's age, of what sin is. The readiness required for First Communion is not dissimilar: the ability to recognize the difference between the Eucharist and ordinary bread (and wine).

What is the sacrament of penance and reconciliation?

Reconciliation with God is part of the plan of salvation. Through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation – also called the sacrament of conversion and confession – the penitent obtains pardon for sins committed after Baptism through God's mercy.

Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation

This sacrament is open to all who are baptized into the Catholic Church, have received First Eucharist. When you were baptized, you and your family began a journey of faith in God. You began to learn how God shows His great love for you, and how you can respond in return. God wants complete joy for you, and He can show you the way to it if you continue to follow Him.

Confirmation is the Sacrament that completes your initiation into the Catholic Church and strengthens you through the power of the Holy Spirit. This strength will help you to be a disciple in the world and to become a more active member of the Church.

Our parish takes seriously the task of preparing candidates to receive the Sacraments. **In preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, are you ready to do the following:**

- Approach these sacrament journey with an open mind and heart.
- Attend and fully participate in all sacramental classes and activities.
- Attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before The First Communion and Confirmation Mass.
- Accept more responsibility in my family, parish, and community.
- Commit to daily prayer, especially for growth in faith, hope and love.
- For Confirmation, select a Sponsor who is a Confirmed Catholic, who has been Confirmed for at least 2 years and is age 18 or older.

Altar Servers Meeting

There will be an altar servers meeting this Monday 29th August, 2022 at 6pm. Anyone wishing to become an altar server is welcome to come along.