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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

4th September, 2022

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

Mon - Fri: - 10am

Saturday: - 10am, 4pm (Vigil)

**Sunday: - 9am 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: 71

First Reading: Wis 9:13-18

**Responsorial Psalm: *O Lord, you have been
our refuge from one generation to the next***

Second Reading: Phm 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Lk 14: 25-33

Morning Prayers

Starting on Monday 5th September we will be saying the morning prayer of the church before the Holy Mass at 9.40am.

This week's prayers can be found in the Christian Prayers Book starting on page 208. Please collect a book as you enter the church.

BCTV Livestream

Our 12 Noon Mass on 4th September is being streamed live on Being Catholic Television (BCTV). Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Thank you, Miriam's Music Group, for coming along to sing for us and to everyone who prepared our church.

Recently Deceased: Mary Lannigan

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

Month's Mind: James, Elizabeth & Sadie Prunty, Frank & Agnes Wilson, Peter Burns, Daniel, Catherine, John, James, John Anthony & Stacy Duggan, Betty O'Hagan, Bill Paul, Lawrence Molloy, Ben & Agnes Ferrie

Anniversaries: Linda Ann Irvine

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

National Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto

Sunday 25th September 2022

SVDP will be running a free bus to Carfin Grotto on Sunday 25th September for mass at 3pm. The bus will leave from the Church at 1pm to enable people to see the relic. Contact any member of the SVDP by Monday 12th September if you wish to attend.

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First reading: Wis 9:13-18:

Without the gift of divine wisdom, we would be utterly unable to fathom the mysteries of the universe, the meaning of history, and the mind of God.

Second reading: Philemon 9-10.12-17

Paul urges Philemon to take Onesimus his former slave back as a brother,

Gospel: Lk 14:25-33.

Being a disciple of Christ involves self-renunciation- we must be prepared to accept the cost. We measure people's commitment to a cause by the sacrifices they are prepared to make for it. We cannot hope to be genuine followers of Christ without making sacrifices. What does it mean for me to be Christian? How does it affect my life? What does it cost me? Jesus teaches us that we will need commitment and dedication if we are to follow him. God has created us free. It is only when committed and dedicated to him that we will discover the true freedom for which he made us. We are not allowed worldly things and possessions to distract us, fear and selfishness to weaken our commitment to him.

Scottish Catholic Magazine

The Scottish Catholic Magazine can be purchased from the back of the church at a cost of £2. This magazine replaces the Scottish Catholic Observer.

500 Club Winners

1st Prize No. 142 D McManus

2nd Prize No. 21 K Hannah

3rd Prize No. 97 A McAuley

Weekly Collection

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

Last Week's Collection - £789.48

Building Fund - £694.35

There will be a second collection next weekend The Ecclesiastical Students Fund

Last Man Standing

Thank you to the parishioners who are participating in this competition to support our Church Building Fund.

Names of the all the entrants and their selected teams can be found on the notice board in the porch.

If you get through to the next round, please pick up the teams' selection form for next week's games from the church porch..

Good luck to all participants!

European Day of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

The Bishops of Scotland are one with the Ukrainian people in their suffering. Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski who joined us at our meeting in March at the beginning of the invasion of his country, has written a message for the people of Scotland to thank them for their support. He also asks for our prayers and has written a prayer for all of us to pray on the European Day of Prayer for Peace, *Tuesday 14th Sept*, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. May the Ukrainian people who share in the sufferings of our Lord, know that he bears the cross of their suffering with them and that the power of His Cross can turn hatred to love, and death to life. We invite all Catholics in Scotland, members of other Churches and other Faiths, and all people of good will to participate in this Day of Prayer in our parishes.

Bishop Hugh Gilbert
President of BCOS

St Monica's Sacrament of Confirmation

The date for our children making the Sacrament of Confirmation is *25th May 2023 at 7pm*.

I would encourage all our children to attend our Children's Liturgy at 12 noon Mass especially those who are due to make their Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation in 2023.

If you intend to present your child for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation and they are not already baptised, now would be a good time to speak to your parish priest about celebrating this Sacrament. Baptism is the first Sacrament and, after being baptised, children have the privilege of being able to receive the other great Sacraments of the Church.