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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - C 30th October, 2022

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

Mon – Fri: - 10am

Saturday: - 10am, 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: - 10am 12 Noon & 5pm

Children's Liturgy 12 Noon Mass

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

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First Reading: Wis 11:22

Responsorial Psalm: *I will bless your name for ever, O God my King*

Second Reading: Th 1: 11-22

Gospel: Lk 19: 1-10

Weekly Collection

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

Last Week's Collection - £801.08

Thank you for your generosity

500 Club Winners

1st Prize No. 360 E McDonald

2nd Prize No. 66 D Longmuir

3rd Prize No. 78 M McCall

Charismatic Mass

Everyone is invited to join us at our Charismatic Mass on **12th November, 2022** at **1pm**. There will be tea and coffee served in the Church Hall afterwards

Baptism: We welcome Darcey Alison Doherty and implore God's blessing upon her and her family as we welcome her in our parish community.

Recently Dead: Stephen McCusker

Sick: 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, Elizebeth McKenna, Alex Cooper, Sr Kathleen Owens, Isabella Sharpe, Linda Webb, Ann Smith

Month's Mind: Catherine, Jim Michael, Teresa & Tommy McAlinden, Kay & Jim McKenna, John, Catherine, John & Pat Rennie, Sadie Slowey, May & Jimmy McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Tilly & Marie Clarke, Mattie, Thomas & Tommy Collins, Jim Boyle, Margaret, John, James & Anne Marie Deigan, Mr & Mrs Deigan Snr & Jnr, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, Mr & Mrs Fagan Mr & Mrs Tommy Deigan, Mr & Mrs Prost, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Ryan Brown, Jack Gill,

Anniversaries John McAlinden, Patsy Robertson, Elizabeth McNeil, Philip Nealy, Michael Duffy, Thomas Docherty

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

Annual Service in Old Monkland Cemetery

Please join us at this year's annual Remembrance Service in Old Monkland Cemetery on Sunday **13th November at 2.00pm** to pray for the souls of our loved ones whose bodies are buried there.

Sacrament of confirmation

Children due to receive the Sacraments Confirmation next year, P7, are invited to attend the relevant meeting with their parents on Wednesday 9th November at 6pm in the church.

Church Stall

Come and have a browse at the church stall. We have a nice selection of boxes of cards, Christmas Mass Bouquet cards, calendars, children's books and gifts. All at a good price!

All Saints Day, November, the 1st

The day before All Saints is called Halloween in the secular world. Halloween means the Eve of All Hallows (All Hallows Even), the Eve of All Saints, but that is the only Christian element in it. All the rest that accompanies Halloween is of pagan origin so it goes back to the time before Christianity. It was a pagan Celtic feast. They believed that after sunset on Samhain, which is now called Halloween, the spirits of the dead and evil spirits roamed the skies seeking to harm humans, especially if the dead had been harmed by them. To protect themselves people disguised themselves by dressing up in costumes and carried lights inside turnips. In order to turn a pagan feast into a Christian feast, the Church placed the feast of All Saints on November 1st, to coincide with the pagan celebration. Children have fun on Halloween now but it would be a pity if children did not know the Christian feast at this time, the feast of All Saints. So, if your children are celebrating Halloween and know nothing about All Saints, please explain All Saints to them. We are Christians now, so let us not celebrate as pagans. The Church has tried to turn a pagan celebration into a Christian celebration. Let us celebrate All Saints.

The saints in heaven have been faithful to Jesus despite all the difficulties of living the Christian life and being a follower of Jesus. That is why they are now given white robes in this vision of John, showing that they have remained faithful to Jesus in all the trials that came upon them. It is not just the saints themselves who achieved this victory over trials and temptations during life. It was the grace of God working in them. "With so many witnesses in a great cloud all around us, we too, then should throw off everything that weighs us down and the sin that clings so closely and with perseverance keep running in the race which lies ahead of us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which lay ahead of him, he endured the cross disregarding the shame of it and has taken his seat at the right of God's throne." (Heb 12:1-2)

A question I am asked is "Why do we pray to the saints sometimes, why not just pray directly to God?" We pray to the saints because they can help us on our journey to Jesus. They are now gathered around the throne of God and they can intercede for us and help us. So, praying to the saints is powerful. They are our brothers and sisters from every country and from every generation and they can help us on our path to God.

Missio Scotland

Thank you for responding to Missio Scotland's World Mission Sunday Appeal last weekend. Together as a parish we raised **£696.42** Your donations and prayers will go towards supporting the work of our missionaries worldwide. Furthermore, your example, like that of our missionaries all over the world, will serve as an inspiration to others to live out their Baptismal mission and play their part in the universal Church. Thanks to your generosity, Missio Scotland has been able to send much-needed funds totalling millions down throughout the years to support a great number of projects across the five continents. Thank you!

Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who has been looking after the garden. Your help is very much appreciated.

Inter-religious meeting in the Xavier Centre at Carfin Grotto

The first inter religious dialogue is on the 31st of October at 7pm. The second meeting is for inter Christian dialogue on the 7th of November at 7pm in the Xavier Centre at Carfin Grotto. The meetings are for anyone in the diocese who are interested in these subjects.

YOUNG ADULTS' ADVENT RETREAT EVENING

23rd November 2022

16-35 yr old

St Brides Hall Motherwell

Inspirational Talks, Prayer, Social & Pizza!

FREE ENTRY!

Contact: mishal@rcdom.org.uk or see poster for more details

31st Week of the Year - C		
Monday October Devotions All Saints Vigil Mass	10am 6pm 7pm	Holy Mass Rosary Holy Mass
Tuesday All Saints - Solemnity	8am 10am	Holy Mass Holy Mass
Wednesday Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	10am 7pm	Holy Mass
Thursday	10am	Holy Mass
Friday St Charles Borromeo - Memorial	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday	10am 4pm	Holy Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday 32nd Sunday of the Year - C	10am, 12 Noon & 5pm	Holy Mass