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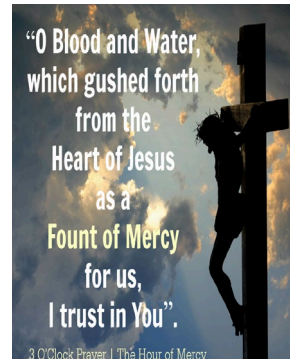
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The Corpus Christi– Year A. 11th June 2023

Holy Mass & Services

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 A

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- First Reading: Dt 8: 2-3.14-16
- Responsorial Psalm: ***O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!***
- Second Reading: 1 Cor 10: 16-17
- Gospel: Jn 6: 51-58

Weekly Collection

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

Last Week's Collection

First Collection:£846.86

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

There will be a second collection for Day for Life next weekend 17th/18th June

Thank you for your generosity.

Please keep in your prayers

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, Elizabeth McKenna, Alex Cooper, Sr Kathleen Owens, Ann Smith, Helen Smith, Margaret Gallagher, Alice Kilmurry, Danny Dick, Peter Alexander, Ann McAlinden, Mary Cunningham, Patricia McGhee, Margaret Wallace, Irene Leckie, Jenny Divine, Kay McDonagh, Daniel McAuley, Mary Glasgow, Jamie McCormack.

RIP: Cecilia Gallagher (Reception of her body Monday 12th June at 6pm and Requiem Mass Tuesday 13th June at 10am), David McKenzie

Month's Mind: Stephen Henry, John & Bridie Docherty, Frank & Agnes Wilson, James, John, Elizabeth & Isabella Docherty, Alice Rea, Betty O'Hagan, Thomas McCusker, McCusker Family, O'Hear Family, Rev Cornelius Xavier O'Leary, Helen, Margaret & Agnes Docherty, William & Patrick Docherty, Anna & Joseph Pearson, Mary & Edward Drummond, Alex Thain

Anniversary: Anthony Clarke, Agnes McCusker, Bernard McCormack, Margaret McDonagh

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

500 Club Winners!

1st Prize: 678 J Docherty

2nd Prize: 10 A McKenzie

3rd Prize: 555 S Kennedy

Reflection: SUNDAY MASS.

Welcome to our Sunday Mass. "Mass is boring." "I don't get anything out of Mass — why should I go?" "Why can't I just pray alone?" These are common feelings, especially among young people but among many adults as well. How should we respond? "If you don't get anything out of Mass, it's because you don't bring the right expectations to it." The Mass is not entertainment. **"My House shall be called a house of prayer", Mt 21,13.** The Mass is worship of the God who made us and saves us. It is an opportunity to praise God and thank Him for all that He has done for us. *"If you really thought about who you are, who God is, and how much thanks you owe Him, you would want to go to Mass. The Mass would become the source and centre of your spiritual life."* If we have a correct understanding of Mass, it will become more meaningful for us. We will *want* to go to Mass. We will understand why the Mass is God's precious gift to us, and we wouldn't think of refusing that gift. Here are eight reasons to go to Mass:

1. **The Command of God.** *"Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day"*
2. **The Command of Christ.** The Mass was instituted at the Last Supper by Jesus before his Crucifixion. The Last Supper was the first Mass. When we celebrate the Mass, we repeat the Last Supper, as Jesus commanded us to do. In doing this, we remember and re-present his great act of love for us on the Cross — taking our sins upon himself so that we, if we follow his commandments, can live with him forever in heaven.
3. **The Command of the Church.** The Church teaches that we must fulfil the command of Jesus ("Do this in memory of me") by attending Sunday Mass (or the Vigil Mass the night before). Mass attendance on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is the first of the six Commandments of the Church. These Commandments of the Church also require receiving Communion at least once a year during the Easter season, confessing any mortal sin as a preparation for Communion, and observing the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence. These Commandments spell out the minimal responsibilities of a Catholic. To fail to fulfil them through our own fault, the Church teaches, is a

serious sin. Why should we obey these teachings of the Church? Where does the Church get its authority? From Jesus. (In Matthew 16:18-19,) Jesus made Peter the head of his Church — the first Pope. He gave Peter and the Church "the keys to the kingdom of heaven":

4. **What we do at Mass.** The Mass is first of all a **sacrifice** — the perfect sacrifice, created by Jesus. Through the priest we offer Jesus, Body and Blood, to the Father, just as Jesus offered Himself to the Father on the Cross. We repeat — make present — Christ's death and Resurrection. Through this memorial of Jesus, we offer God our praise, sorrow for our sins, and deepest thanks. The Mass is also a **meal**. At the Consecration, the bread and wine, through the power of the Holy Spirit, become the Body and Blood of Christ. Not a mere symbol, but Jesus's real flesh and real blood, under the appearance of bread and wine. When we receive Holy Communion, we receive Jesus Himself. He is real food for our soul. *My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. (John 6:55-56).*
5. **What are the benefits of Holy Communion?** It strengthens our union with Jesus; He lives within us in a special way. It cleanses us from venial sins. (Mortal sins require forgiveness in Confession.) It gives us grace to avoid sin in the future. It increases our love of God and neighbour.
6. **Why do we have to worship with other people?** God made us social beings. He wants us to come together in community to worship Him. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I" (Matthew 18:20).
7. **What are the consequences for others if we stop going to Mass?** Our ancestors risked persecution, even death, to be able to take part in Mass. When you have children someday, they will need the graces and strength that come from the Mass. If you fail to pass it on because of your own indifference, you will do the gravest injustice to them and to God. You have the power to snuff out, in one generation, the faith that has sustained your family for generations. This is an enormous responsibility. You will have to answer to God for it.

8. **The benefits of Mass:** If we give God a chance, He will help us experience the tremendous benefits of the Mass and the Eucharist. Be patient. Bring an attitude of prayer and thanksgiving to Mass, and you will reap great spiritual riches: consolation, confidence, peace, deep happiness, and spiritual strength for the challenges of life. If we love the Mass we will live in Jesus and he in us, and will we never be afraid. He will give us the peace the world cannot give us.



Congratulations First Communicants

Congratulations to all our children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend.

We hope you continue to attend mass with your family.



Altar Servers Needed

Any young people or adults within our parish who would like to become an altar server, please, come to the training meeting on Friday 23 June at 6pm

We are in great need of volunteers.



Readers Needed

We are in need of readers to help at the following masses next weekend

Saturday 17th June at 4pm – Mass for couples who have been married in St Monica's in the last 10 years.

Sunday 18th June at 12 Noon - Mass for children who have been baptised in St Monica's in the last 5 years.

Saturday 15th July at 1pm – Mass for the Sick and Housebound

If you can help, please speak to me after mass.



Annual Diocesan Lourdes Day

The Annual Diocesan Lourdes Day at Carfin will take place on Sunday 25th June at 3.00 pm. This could be a suitable way to prepare for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage in July.



Corpus Christi Procession



St Monica's Corpus Christi Procession
Sunday 11th June, 2023
12 Noon Mass

This is a very important public adoration to the Most Holy Sacrament and everyone is encouraged to attend this Procession.

All communicants and confirmandis and their families are invited to attend. First Communicants are welcome to wear their communion attire for the procession.

Tea and coffee will be available in the hall afterwards



Procession of the Corpus Christi: The Body and Blood of Christ

This Feast of the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Feast of Corpus Christi is one time when our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed not just to faithful Catholics but to all the world. This is a time when Catholics can show their love for Christ in the Real Presence by honouring Him in a very public way. It is also a wonderful way in which we can show our love for our neighbours by bringing Our Lord and Saviour closer to them. So many conversions are a result of Eucharistic Adoration experienced from inside the Church. How many more there would be if we could reach those who only drive by the church in worldly pursuits.

When Mary, after the Annunciation of the Archangel Gabriel, sets off to visit her cousin Elizabeth, she brings Jesus still within her. In the same way, the Church's central mission, through all its commitments, is to bring Jesus to the world. With our mission to bring Jesus to the world of our time as in Mary's example, I eagerly invite you to the great celebration of Corpus Christi at 12noon. We will gather to celebrate Holy Mass followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish grounds. We will be praying that we may encounter, as Mary did, the world and its people in a spirit of service and with Jesus' presence.

May Mary be the model of the Catholic faith that by her prayer and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will become ever more involved in a missionary shift to bring to our society, the Joy of the Gospel that arises from the Eucharist, source and summit of the life of the Church.

May Jesus Christ always be the centre of our life and of our commitment. May He bless you and keep you faithful to the Mass and to the Adoration.



National Schools Singing Programme

There will be Mass of Thanksgiving to mark the end of the Diocese of Motherwell Singing Schools Programme's first academic year. This will be the first time the young people from all four choirs will have sung together. This takes place on **15th June in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell at 7pm**. All are very welcome.



FR. BERNARD FUND RAISER – ZAMBIA PROJECTS

VENUE: BANKS SOCIAL CLUB
DATE: MONDAY 19th JUNE 7pm-LATE
TICKETS: £10 (Incl. Pie & Peas)
AVAILABLE FROM ISABELLA/ALEX
01236428493/07967112568
On sale after each Mass at the weekend



MOTHER TERESA - NO GREATER LOVE

A very interesting documentary film about Mother Teresa and the proceeds of this film will help the work of Father Montesi in Sierra Leone.

www.eventbrite.co.uk.

It will be screened in the VUE Cinema in Hamilton on 27th June at 7.00pm

Father Eugenio Montesi is an Xaverian Missionary based in Glasgow and he recently celebrated 60 years of priesthood. His mission has seen him spend 30 years in Sierra Leone, 20 in Scotland, seven in the USA and some short spells in other African countries too. Funds from this film will purchase a communion bread making machine for Sierra Leone where he worked for over 30 years. It is a wonderful cause. The funds will also be used to send young people to World Youth Day in Lisbon this August. Twenty-five years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th century. Filmed on 5 continents and featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This is far more than a documentary film. It is at once a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times.

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*Wishing you all A
HAPPY SUNDAY*