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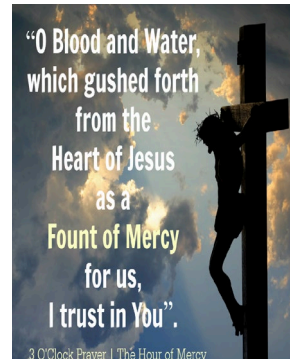
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11th Sunday – Year A. 18th June 2023

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

Change of Mass Time

Mass on **Tuesday 20th June** will be at **9.30am** and this will be our St Monica's Primary School Leavers Mass.

Mass Liturgy - Year A

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- First Reading: Ex 19: 2-6
- Responsorial Psalm: **We are his people, the sheep of his flock**
- Second Reading: Rom 5:6-11
- Gospel: Mt 9: 36-10:8

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: £800.19

Building Fund: £1057.76

This weekend there is a second collection for Day for Life

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

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: James Docherty (Requiem Mass Thursday 22nd June at 10am), Eileen Larkin (Reception of her body into the church Thursday 22nd June at 6pm Requiem Mass Friday 23rd June at 10am) Alec Frame, Jim Cairns

Month's Mind: William Pyott, Elizabeth Pyott, Patrick & Ellen McShane, Mathew McShane, Lily, Liam & Brian Loney, John & Ann Loney, Jim Kane, Beth & Matthew Miller, Caroline & James McKinley, Elizabeth, Mary, James (Jnr), Robert & William McKinley, Betty Allison, Peter Grant, Teresa Docherty, Sarah Marie McShane, Joseph McShane

Anniversary: David Pyott, Margaret Gould, John Gould, Francis, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret, Rose & Anne McGeehan, Catherine & James McDonald, Sheila Kennedy, Charlotte Costello, Lila Williamson, Ann Sood, John Gribben, Neil & Bessie Lannigan, Natasha Lannigan, Danny Donnachie

Father's Day Remembrance: Bernard Loney, James Prunty, James Smith

Birthday Remembrance: Bessie Lannigan

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

Prayer of the Married Couple

We thank you, Lord, and we praise you for bringing us together.

You have given us to each other. Now, together, we give ourselves to you.

We ask you, Lord: make us one in our love; keep us one in your peace.

Protect our marriage. Bless our home. Make us gentle. Keep us faithful.

And when life is over unite us again where parting is no more in the kingdom of your love.

There we will praise you in the happiness and peace of our eternal home. Amen.



Reflection:

Questions regarding catholic marriage life

Does the Catholic Church recognise a civil marriage?

An unconsummated marriage can be dissolved by the Pope, as Vicar of Christ. Accordingly, “the Catholic Church does not recognise or endorse civil divorce of a natural marriage, as of a sacramental marriage “.

Can a civil marriage be blessed in church?

Blessings are an integral part of many civil ceremonies. For example, as Catholics are not allowed to re- marry in church , divorcees often opt for a civil ceremony in a register office, followed by a blessing in church afterwards too.

What makes a marriage invalid in the Catholic Church?

Canon Law lists the following impediments:” the simple vows of: virginity, perfect chastity, not marrying, entering Sacred Orders, or embracing the Religious state.

What is the difference between civil marriage and Catholic marriage?

The main difference between marrying in a religious or civil ceremony is that a religious ceremony is about

being wed in the eyes of God (or whichever deity you believe in), while a civil ceremony is about being wed in the eyes of the law.

Does God recognise civil marriage?

Marriage is a divine institution that can never be broken, even if the husband or wife legally divorce in the civil courts; as long as they are both alive, the Church considers them bound together by God. Holy Matrimony is another name for sacramental marriage.

Is Convalidation a marriage?

The priest or deacon who presides uses **The Rite of Celebrating Matrimony** to lead the couple in taking the original vows and renewing them in the context of a Catholic ceremony, thus making it a valid marriage in the eyes of the Church.

What is a sacramental marriage?

The Sacrament of Marriage is a lasting commitment of a man and a woman to a lifelong partnership, established for the good of each other and the procreation of their children. The man and woman confer the Sacrament of Marriage upon each other when they express their consent to marry before God and the Church.

Does the Catholic Church allow divorce for adultery?

Eph. 5:22, 23). We deplore the evils of divorce and remarriage. We regard adultery as the only scripturally justifiable grounds for divorce ; and the party guilty of adultery has by his or her act forfeited membership in the church .

Is divorce a sin in the Catholic Church?

Catholics who receive a civil divorce are not excommunicated, and the church recognises that the divorce procedure is necessary to settle civil matters, including custody of children. But divorced Catholics are not allowed to remarry until their earlier marriage has been nullified.



Charismatic retreat Saturday 24th from 11.30am

Please, join us for Adoration, Songs of worship, Reflection in St John the Baptist, healing service and Holy Mass at 4pm. For more details, please see the poster in the church porch.

Restoration of all Pre-Covid Liturgical Practices:

Bishop Joe Toal advises that in the Motherwell Diocese all Pre-Covid Liturgical practices should now be restored. This includes the hand-shake as an appropriate sign of peace, the reception of Holy Communion on the tongue, and the opportunity for the lay faithful to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice, where this custom previously existed or is now deemed desirable.

All celebrations of the Eucharist in Scotland should be conducted in accord with the **General Instruction of the Roman Missal** with its Scottish adaptations. The text of the General Instruction is at the beginning of the Edition of the Roman Missal approved for use in Scotland.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Day for Life 2023

Today is Fathers' Day and a good opportunity for us to thank GOD for our fathers, whether still with us or gone to the LORD, and to ask His blessing on them and their vocation to be good witness to their children as they guide and protect their families through these unsettled times.

Each year on this day, our Churches in Scotland, England and Wales and Ireland celebrate the Day for Life, a day in our Church's year which is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition *from the womb to the tomb*.

This year's theme, ***Listen to Her***, tells *Jane's Story* of the healing a woman found through the Church and the Sacraments and a *Rachel's Vineyard* retreat following the tragic circumstances of her abortion, and of her long journey back to peace and light. At the end of her journey, she found the consolation and joy of accepting herself and her motherhood in the grace of GOD. This year's theme focuses on the all too often silent voices of women like Jane, on their regret, their lifelong struggle with post-abortion trauma and their hope of eventual healing and new life.

The scene of our First Reading is a wilderness, a place seemingly without life or hope. Yet it is precisely here that the LORD comes to His People with a message of fresh promise. He is a GOD powerful enough to defeat all that enslaves them and, at the same time, gentle enough to carry them with eagles' wings to a new beginning. Through Moses He encourages His People that He loves them with a unique Father's love, more than anyone else in all the world.

In the Second Reading, Saint Paul reassures us that GOD saves us not because we are good but because He is good; because He is our Father, and we are His children. Because of GOD's infinite personal love for us we can joyfully count on being saved if only we trust in His love, proved in the sacrifice of His Only Son, Our LORD Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel, amid the dejection and sorrow Jesus finds all around Him, He sees only hope of a rich harvest. He has the authority to cast out every darkness and power to heal any sadness that has engulfed His Father's children who have lost their way in life. He can even raise those who are dead in heart and soul. All He needs are generous workers who will proclaim the Good News of His Kingdom of mercy and grace to His broken People.

Today we find many souls lost in the wilderness of these present times, living anxious and disconsolate lives. The Good News is that these are the ones closest to Our Father's heart, Who has the means to free them for new life and dreams out of His loving goodness.

We pray that He finds in our Church generous workers who will spread His message of life and transform the wilderness of our times into abundant harvests of hope and joy.

In his Message for **Day for Life 2023**, Pope Francis imparts his apostolic blessings on all those in Scotland, England and Wales, and Ireland who participate in this Day and I add my own prayers to his.

With every good wish and blessing,

John Keenan

Bishop President for Marriage, Families and Life



Mass Intentions

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

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



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 weekday and weekend masses. Please speak to me after any of the masses if you would like to help.

Mass for the sick

Saturday 15th July at 1pm – Mass for the Sick and Housebound. If you can help, please speak to me after mass.

Church Grounds

If anyone can spare some time to come along and help with the maintenance of the church grounds please speak to me after mass.

Building Fund Fundraising

If anyone has any ideas to help with our building fund and is willing to organise any events, please speak to me after any of the masses.



Please collect a smartie box from the back of the church and once you've enjoyed the sweets inside, please fill the tube with 20p or £1 coins and once filled please return it to the church. Thank you!



Saints of the Week

Monday 19th June - St Romuald was born at Ravenna into an aristocratic family where he took part in the pleasure-seeking and violent lifestyle of the times. However, he embraced the life of a hermit, living simply and strictly, and encouraging monks of the time to do the same, not always with great success and with considerable opposition. "Empty yourself completely and sit waiting" for God in prayer, was his advice to the monks of the Camaldolese branch of the Benedictine Order which he founded.

Wednesday 21st June St Aloysius Gonzaga – was born of a noble family in Lombardy, the oldest of seven children. At 17 years of age he won a four-year battle with his father to give up his inheritance to become a Jesuit. When a plague broke out in Rome in 1591, the Jesuits opened a hospital to care for the sick. Aloysius, who had never enjoyed good health, was infected and died, aged 23. He is one of the patrons of young people.

Thursday 22 June – St Paulinus of Nola was born in Bordeaux, the son of the Roman Prefect of Gaul. He married Teresa in 384 and was himself baptised. Ten years later he was ordained a priest and he and his wife moved to Italy. After his wife died, he was chosen as Bishop of Nola. He was a renowned religious poet, and a prolific letter-writer to Saints Jerome, Augustine, Martin of Tours and Ambrose.

St John Fisher was Bishop of Rochester in Kent and was recognised as a man of prayer who showed great pastoral care for his diocese. **St Thomas More** was a man of prayer, married with four children he rose through the legal profession to be Lord Chancellor of England, gaining a reputation for honesty and integrity. He was a friend of King Henry VIII but both saints incurred the anger of the king when they opposed his plan to divorce Queen Katherine of Aragon. Judged guilty of treason, John was beheaded on this date and Thomas on 6 July

Saturday 24th June The Birth of John the Baptist was accompanied before and after by such exceptional events that the local people wondered "what will this child turn out to be?" his vocation was to "prepare a way for the Lord" and to be the witness that Jesus was "the chosen One of God" He baptised Jesus reluctantly because he considered himself unworthy "to undo the strap of his sandals" He knew the nature of his mission " he must grow greater: I must grow smaller"



500 Club Winners!
1st Prize: 142 D McManus
2nd Prize: 508 B McLean
3rd Prize: 59 E McNeill

***Wishing you all A
HAPPY SUNDAY***