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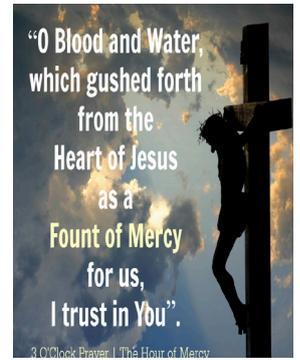
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The Most Holy Trinity– Year A. 4th June 2023

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: EX 34: 4-6,8-9
- Responsorial Psalm: **To you glory & praise for evermore**
- Second Reading: 2 Cor 13: 11-13
- Gospel: Jn 3: 16-18
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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: £784.51

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.

Month's Mind: Annie & Peter McGeough, MaryJane & Hugh Starrs, Bill Paul, Lawrence Molloy, Ben & Agnes Ferrie, Patsy McMurray, James, Elizabeth & Sadie Prunty

Anniversary: Daniel Starrs, Mr & Mrs Fagan, Jean McMahan, Joe McMahan, Agnes Philips, Agnes Welsh

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

Reflection

Trinity Sunday A. The trinity is the revelation of one God-substance, in three persons.

God alone reveals the Trinity since it is the mystery of his very being. Human reason can know that there is a God; but we cannot know God as he knows himself except from what God has revealed.

Jesus Christ reveals the relationship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as distinct divine persons. The Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father. Each divine person can properly say 'I', as when Jesus says: 'I and the Father are one. Nevertheless, the relations within the Trinity differ from those among human persons. Our relationships are changeable, and are established from person to person over time. By contrast, the relations of the divine persons are the very being or 'substance' of God. They are eternal and unchanging. This unity of substance and distinction of persons is expressed in the Trinitarian formula of St Gregory Nazianzus.

This mystery of trinity has an impact on human beings, as God's creatures. None of us likes to be left out. For instance, a wedding is coming up to which we expect to be invited. However, when the invitations are sent out, we don't receive one. We are hurt, we feel excluded. We feel we are not wanted. Of course, we have to look at ourselves and see how generous we are when it comes to inviting other people in. From time-to-time people come to our door. Some we dismiss immediately, barely exchanging a word with them. Others we have a polite but brief chat with at the door, without bringing them into the house. Others we bring into the parlour where we talk about our business, and when that business is concluded we show them to the door. But there are a select few whom we welcome, invite in immediately, and offer

them food and drink. God invites us to share in the life of the Trinity. God doesn't exclude us. He doesn't talk to us at the door steps. He invites us to come in and sit at the table. He wants to share his life with us.

God is a family of three. Three persons in communion one related to the other. From all this we see that God is a God of love, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' Our response can only be one of trust in God and love towards one another. What St Paul said to the Corinthians is meant also for us. 'Help one another. Be united, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Communions will be taking place on Saturday **10th of June 2023** in St. Monica's Church. The service starts at **12 noon**. There will be a photographer available 1 hour before Mass. Please refrain from taking photographs during the service. If you choose not to have a photo, the children should be seated in the Church no later than 10 minutes before Mass begins. **There will be a special collection at this service for our church building fund.**

Communicants are encouraged to attend weekend mass.

All communicants and their families are invited to attend the procession and Adoration of Corpus Christi on **Sunday 11 June at 12 Noon**. Children are welcome to wear their communion attire for the procession.



*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.

It would be wonderful to have all our children who make their Sacrament of First Communion next weekend to attend this procession and the children and welcome to wear their communion attire for the procession.

Tea and coffee will be available in the hall afterwards



In preparation for our Corpus Christi Procession, we are looking for volunteers to come and help tidy up the church grounds.

If you can spare some time, please come along any time you are free and help with some weeding, cutting the grass and general grounds maintenance.

We will also be looking for volunteers to help prepare the grounds for the procession on Sunday. If you can help, please come along after the 10am mass.



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.



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.



Fund raising for Fr Bernard

Fr Bernard will be here in Coatbridge until the 26th June.

A fund- raiser night will be held for Fr Bernard to assist with some of his Zambia projects.

“PALAIS NIGHT”

In aid of Fr Bernard – Zambia projects

VENUE: BANKS SOCIAL CLUB

DATE: MONDAY 19th JUNE 7PM – LATE

TICKETS: £10.00 (Incl. Pie and Peas)

ON SALE at the back of Church from this weekend

Or Available from Isabella/Alex

01236 428493/07967112568



Thank you!

Many thanks to Father Bernard for covering our services this week while I have been away.

Your help is a greatly appreciated.

St Boniface became a monk at Exeter and in 1719 went as a missionary to present-day Germany. With papal support, he re-organised the Church there after a prolonged period of civil unrest and is greatly venerated still today as “the Apostle of the Germans”. His work is considered to have had a consolidating and pacifying effect on the Europe of his day. On a mission to Friesland, he and his fifty-two fellow missionaries were surprised by robbers who put them to death, after St Boniface urged no resistance but to “overcome evil with good”

Tuesday 6th June St Norbert – Memorial

St Norbert was brought up in a well-to-do family in Rhineland. He lived a comfortable, self indulgent lifestyle until he was thrown from his horse in a thunderstorm. He converted to a severely ascetic way of life and was ordained a priest in 1115. Pope Gelasius II gave him permission to be an itinerant preacher, This led to France where, in 1120, he established his White Canons at Premontre, also known as Norbertines or Premonstratensians, intended to help with the reform of the clergy who he had found on his journey to be of poor morale. In 1126 he was appointed Archbishop of Madgeburg. He was hugely unpopular with priests and people because of his reforming zeal, but persevered until he died in 1134, aged 54.

Friday 9th June St Columba - Feast

St Columba, Abbot, was born of royal blood in Gartan, County Donegal. In the year 563 he left Iona where he founded a monastery from which the Faith was preached in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. He died in 597 and was buried in Iona



Wishing you all A HAPPY SUNDAY

Saints of the Week

Monday 5th June St Boniface – Memorial