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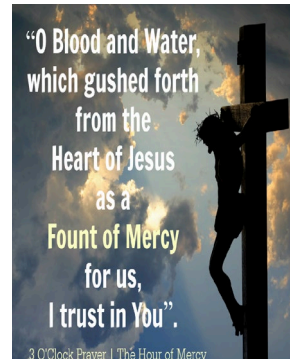
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### 21st Sunday, Year A. 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

#### 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

#### Parish Mass Book, Page 66

- First Reading: IS 22: 19-23
- Responsorial Psalm: **Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands**
- Second Reading: Rom 11: 33-36
- Gospel: Mt 16:13-20

#### 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 : £920.54

**There is a second collection this weekend for our Building Fund**

Thank you for your generosity.

#### 500 Club Winners!

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 78 M McCall

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 236 A Starrs

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 360 E McDonald



#### Baptism

We welcome Theo John Hill who is to be Baptised this weekend. We implore God's blessing upon him and his family as we welcome him into our parish community.

#### 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, Kay McDonagh, Daniel McAuley, Mary Glasgow, John Slevin, Cathie Wilson, Angela Quigley, Mathew Miller, Carrie Miller, Dorothy Burns

**RIP:** Ave Gibson Russell (Australia), Marcus Dick, Christina McCluskey

**Month's Mind:** Bernard McGraw, Lawrence, William & Mary Brankin, William & Annie Brankin, John, Anna & Kevin McGrath, Joseph, Agnes, Eddie & Joe Mina, Brian, Patricia & Brian Jnr Sharkey, David Hayton, Mary McSwiggan, Tom Sharp, Agnes & Thomas McCusker, O'Hear Family, McCusker Family, Gerry Gallagher, Eamonn Gallagher, Sadie Slowey, Patsy Robertson, May McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Mattie, Tommy & Thomas Collins, Tilly & Marie Clarke, Jim Boyle, Arthur, Sadie & Ann Craig, Fr Frank Kelly, Anne Holmes, Margaret, James, & John Deigan, Mr & Mrs Deigan Snr & Jnr, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, Anne Marie Deigan, Mr & Mrs Fagan, Mr & Mrs Prost, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Mr & Mrs Tommy Deigan, Ryan Brown, Jack Gill, Margaret McAvoy, Anthony & Isabella Clarke, James, John, Elizabeth & Isabella Docherty, Alice Rea

**Anniversary:** Margaret McCarron, Michael McAuley, Kathleen Smith, Ellen Brankin, Mary, William & Sophia McCusker, Ryan Gallagher, Jimmy McLaughlin, Robert Clarke

**Birthday Bouquet** Caroline Miller

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

#### Do you need a dentist?

Kirkshaws Dental Practice offers a very good service

Tel: 01236 443 664

Address: 3 Scarhill Street, Coatbridge, ML5 5BD

## Reflection 21st Sunday A.

There are two kinds of faith. The first is the faith of those who believe because they follow the traditions of their ancestors. This is called an inherited faith. The second is the faith of those who gained it through reason and philosophical thinking. This is called a personal faith.

The possessors of an inherited faith have the advantage that they are not easily tempted. Even when confronted with philosophical argument that might contradict their faith, that faith remains strong because of the traditions they have inherited from their ancestors. Besides this, they never depended on philosophical speculation, but they also have a disadvantage. Their faith is usually not well reasoned, and frequently is a faith of habit and routine.

The possessors of a personal faith also have an advantage. They have discovered God with their reasoning, and for that reason are very strong in their faith, but they too have a disadvantage. They can be persuaded by logic, and if confronted with strong contrary arguments, they can be tempted to abandon their faith. In order to be able to withstand challenges, faith must be grounded in something that goes beyond one's own personal experience. The people who gain their faith in both of these ways have the best and most perfect faith. No longer is it enough to be born into the faith. An inherited faith is a second-hand faith and can be very empty. The faith of those who go to mass once a year. It is not enough to say, 'My parents were believers. Every generation has to be converted anew.

The question Jesus asked the apostles is the most important question in the gospel. It concerns the identity of Jesus. 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.' This is the core faith on which the church was founded. It is important for us to come up with our own answers; to make the faith our own for it to be alive and influential in our lives. Our parents' faith is not ours until we walk the journey ourselves. We must believe out of personal conviction. The more of such people we have in the church, the more it is founded on rock.



### **Glasgow Churches Together**

Eco Congregation Scotland  
Season of Creation  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm  
St Andrew's West  
260 Bath Street  
G2 4JP

St Mungo Singers and member of City Churches  
Everyone is welcome to attend



### *Saints of the Week*

Monday 28th August, St Augustine  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August The Passion of John The Baptist  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August St Aidan

## RCIA: Would you like to join the Catholic Church

If you're curious about the Catholic church, want to learn more about it or are even ready to convert, what can you do? Join your local Catholic church's RCIA program.

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and it is the formal program that allows individuals to become members of the Catholic church. RCIA programs tend to start in the Autumn, so this is a great time to begin considering joining the program before they start up again-.

Joining RCIA, however, does NOT mean you HAVE to join the church. You're always welcome to just come and learn, and if you decide it's not for you – or maybe you just aren't ready yet because you have more questions – you can opt out or continue on again next year.

RCIA programs generally go from September through Easter, when individuals are officially brought in as members of the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass, which is the mass held the evening before Easter.

It is a beautiful mass and ceremony where you are baptised (only if you have not been baptised by a Christian church in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit), confirmed and receive the Eucharist (which Catholics maintain is the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ) in First Communion.

### Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2023**. Parents of children making this Sacrament are invited to an important meeting on **Wednesday 30 August at 6pm** in the church. Parents and children should both attend.

### First Communion

Children will receive the Sacrament of First Communion on Sunday **19<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 at 12 Noon**. Parents and children are invited to the enrolment mass on Sunday **19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 12 Noon**

### First Reconciliation

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday **7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6pm**. Parents and children are invited to the enrolment mass on Sunday **19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 12 Noon**.

There will be meeting in the church for children making the **Sacrament of First Communion and Reconciliation** on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm**. All parents and children are invited to attend this meeting.

All children are encouraged to attend mass in preparation of receiving their Sacraments.

*Wishing you all a  
HAPPY SUNDAY*