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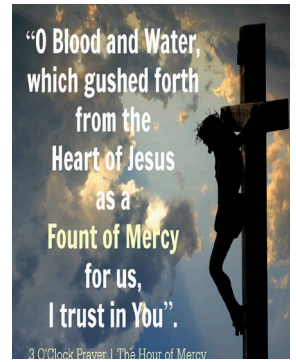
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23rd Sunday, Year A. 10th September, 2023

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

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- First Reading: Ez 33: 7-9
- Responsorial Psalm: **O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**
- Second Reading: Rom 13: 8-10
- Gospel: Mt 18:15-20

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 : £797.98

There is a second collection this weekend for Ecclesiastical Students

Thank you for your generosity.

500 Club Winners!

1st Prize: 195 K McNab

2nd Prize: 2 E Gillick

3rd Prize: 50 B Burns



Saints of the Week

Wednesday 13th St John Chrysostom

Thursday 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Friday 15th Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday 16th St Ninian

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, Matthew Miller, Carrie Miller, Dorothy Burns, Sam McGovern

RIP: Bernadette Homer

Month's Mind: Bill Paul, Lawrence Molloy, Ben & Agnes Ferrie, Patsy McMurray, Betty O'Hagan, Matthew Miller & Family, James McKinley & Family

Anniversary: Pearl McGovern

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

SAINT MONICA'S SOCIAL NIGHT



"PALAIS NIGHT"



60'S, 70'S 80'S MUSIC BY BOBBY DEAN

VENUE: - ST MONICA'S HALL

DATE: - FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER - 7.30-11.30PM

TICKETS: - £5.00 (incl. Pie & peas)

ON SALE AFTER EACH MASS.

DONATIONS FOR RAFFLES WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Vocations Awareness Week
Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year
Pastoral Letter

Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday, we begin our celebration of *Vocations Awareness Week* in Scotland. It is a time when we are encouraged to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life.

Our Gospel this Sunday tackles the difficult issue of how a Christian community should deal with internal problems and disputes. At first, the answer seems a bit obtuse and legalistic, at least to our modern ears. A bit of reflection on the LORD's advice to the community, however, opens up a horizon of love and compassion.

At the heart of the LORD's instruction is a reminder that we need to be a caring community; a community that cares for any person in difficulty and that cares for the truth that alone can set them free.

A community that cares about the person and cares about the truth. Might I suggest that this simple maxim, drawn from our Gospel, is a concise yet powerful description of a life of service in the Church.

Our priests, your priests, are called and chosen to **care for each and every person**, to respond to every human need wherever and however they encountered it. Following the example of Jesus Himself, our priests seek out the lost, offer guidance to the young, forgive sinners and offer comfort to the sick, the dying and the bereaved. From the beginning to the end of our lives they offer us direction, meaning and compassion.

Our Priests are also called and chosen to **care for the truth**. In a time of uncertainty, confusion and anxiety, they are witnesses of GOD's presence and His promise in our world. Faithful to a life of prayer, their priestly ministry reminds the world that GOD's Word lasts forever, is always faithful and is ever inspiring of new ways of hope.

Our *Vocations Awareness Week* is a precious opportunity for recalling the wonder of GOD's call to serve His People, and of gratitude for all of those who

said Yes down the years. This week I hope you and your parish communities will *pray* for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious life, and *encourage* all those engaged in ministry in your community, and finally that our young people may be given time and space to *discern* if they are called to these special vocations in the life of the Church.

May the prayer that Pope Saint Paul VI composed for the first *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* accompany us on our journey: "O Jesus, Divine Shepherd of souls, You called the Apostles and made them fishers of men.

Continue to draw to Yourself ardent and generous souls from among the young, in order to make them Your followers and Your ministers. Give them a share in Your thirst for the redemption of all... Open before them the horizons of the entire world. By responding to Your call, may they prolong Your mission here on earth, build up your Mystical Body, which is the Church, and be 'the salt of the earth' and 'the light of the world'".

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and the Lady of Paisley watch over you and protect you.

With the assurance of my prayers and blessings,

John Keenan

Bishop John Keenan
Diocese of Paisley



The children's liturgy will resume on **Sunday 24th September** at the **12noon** mass. All children who are due to make their Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation are encouraged to attend.



Fr Vincent Lockhart

We pass on our congratulations to Fr Vincent Lockhart, Parish Priest of Corpus Christi, Calderbank, who will be celebrating his 40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination, on Thursday 14th September. The Anniversary Mass will be at 7pm in Corpus Christi. We offer Fr Vincent our best wishes and the support of our prayers.



Feast of St Pio
Mass with the Relics
St Augustine

's RC Church, Coatbridge
Saturday 23rd September 2023

12 Noon – Talk on St Pio by Fr Hayden Williams
OFM (Cap)
12.30pm – Mass for the feast of St Pio
1.30pm – Blessing with the glove of St Pio
2.00pm – Tea and cakes in the hall and an opportunity to meet Fr Hayden

Wishing you all a
HAPPY SUNDAY