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"O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus asa Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You"

24th Sunday, Year A. 17th 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: Ecc 27:30-28:7
- Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy
- Second Reading: Rom 14: 7-9
- Gospel: Mt 18: 21-35

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 : £900.46

Second Collection: £478.64 **Ecclesiastical Students:**

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

Thank you for your generosity.



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.

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, 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: Rose Harty (Reception of her body into the Church on Wednesday at 6pm and Requiem Mass on Thursday at 10am) Alan Cope, Anne Gibson

Month's Mind: Stephen Henry, Eddie McGonigal, John & Bridie Docherty, Francis, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret, Rose & Anne McGeehan, Catherine & James McDonald, Sheila Kennedy, Charlotte Costello, Moira Skillin, Lila Williamson, Ann Sood, Matthew Thomson Snr, Matthew Thomson Jnr, Mary & Morag McKeown, Mr & Mrs Patrick McKeown, Joseph Marley, Bernard, Lily, Liam & Brian Loney John & Ann Loney

Anniversary: Gary Thomson, Gerry Jordan, Mary Meechan, Sarah Marley, Jim Kane

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

500 Club Winners!

1st Prize: 142 D McManus 2nd Prize: 148 A Gillick 3rd Prize: 189 A Crainey ه ایک

Bishops' Conference of Scotland Synodality Day Report

Following a meeting of diocesan Synodality representatives in Airdrie, the Bishops have been reflecting on the working document for the Synod on Synodality to take place in Rome next month. During their annual in-service week at the Royal Scots College, Salamanca, Bishop McGee, who chairs the Bishops' Conference Synodality Group and who will represent the Church in Scotland at the Synod, led a day of presentations and discussion from all the Bishops and Diocesan Administrators. Everyone agreed that this is an opportunity to respond to the pastoral reality of the Church, praying together and listening to the Holy Spirit. The People of God - lay faithful, religious and clergy- on every continent, needs to be involved in this Synodal process. The benefits of modern technology permit everyone to participate and perhaps, for the first time, allow the fullest expression of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council to bear fruit in the Church.

At the heart of the process is prayer, discernment and openness. The beauty, goodness and truth of our Catholic faith cannot be contained by one opinion or ideology. It appeals to the world to let the Holy Spirit guide us to the Jesus Christ, our way, our truth and our life. God knows what He wants for the Church more than we do. Through spiritual conversation we can discover and cherish that gift of faith which is open to all people of good will. The journey of faith is rarely a straight road but requires patience and mutual support. It also treasures and is directed by the journey taken before us, by saints and sinners, a journey of forgiveness and renewal.

The Bishops of Scotland ask all Catholics in Scotland, and Scots of all faiths and none, to pray for the Synod on Synodality especially during the month of October. All are asked to pray, every day of the Synod, the following prayer which has been invoked at Church Councils over the centuries, *Ad Sumus Sancte Spiritus:*

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Thank You!

I would like to thank Father Rafal Sobieszuk, Father John Clarke & Father Donald Macloed for celebrating all the masess here in our church while I have been away. Your help is very much appreciated.

Saints of the Week

Wednesday 20th St Andrew Kim Tae- Gon & Paul Chong Ha- Sang & Companions Thursday 21st St Matthew Saturday 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina

Diocese of Motherwell Family Day

The Diocesan Family Fun Day takes place at Carfin Grotto this **Sunday 17th September**. This free event has something for all the family! Children will receive a free activity pack and snack! We look forward to seeing you all there. <u>Schedule</u> 11.00am Holy Mass 12.00pm – 1.00pm Visit of Reliquary with fun activities 1.00pm- 1.45pm Lunch Break Bring packed lunch 1.45pm - 2.30pm Rosary craft 2.30pm – 3.15pm Scavenger Hunt 3.30pm – 4,00pm Family Rosary

Spiritans Raffle Winners!

1st Prize £500 - Peter Nolan 09497 2nd Prize £300- A McGinley 04298 3rd Prize £200- Margaret Brankin 09028 3th Prize £100- M Mathieson 10750

The amount raised was £10,659.12 Thank you to everyone who supported this raffle

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.

> Wishing you all a HAPPY SUNDAY