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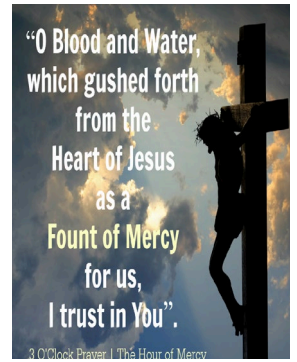
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25th Sunday, Year A. 24th September, 2023

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: Is 55: 6-9
- **Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is close to all who call him**
- Second Reading: Phil 1: 20-24.27
- Gospel: Mt 20: 1-16

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 : £715.54

There is a second collection this weekend for our Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity.

500 Club Winners!

1st Prize: 263 J McAlinden

2nd Prize: 98 D McAuley

3rd Prize: 47 M Gallogly

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, Margaret Trower, Andrew Maxwell

RIP: Rose Harty, Susan Murphy (nee Jeffrey), Bernadette Homer (London), John Neill (Chapelhall)

Month's Mind: Sadie Slowey, Patsy Robertson, John, Albert & Sally Fulton, Mary Kelly, John & Susan Clarke, Danny Watson Snr, Danny Watson Jnr, Martin, Ryan & Tony Coyle, Isobel Parker, Joseph Thomson, Edward & Annie McQuillan, Agnes McQuillan, Margaret Tiffney, Mary Crozier, Edward McQuillan, Annie & Frank McCue, George & Cathie Thomson, Christine Thomson, John Donohue, Mary Robertson, Walter Clarke, John Brady, Flo, Alf & Brian Longyear, Betty Haney, Meg & Annie Smith, John, Catherine, Jim & Teresa McAlinden, Kay & Jim, McKenna, John, Catherine, John, Pat & Josephine Rennie, Margaret & Jim McAuley, Frances, Pearl & Dennis Quinn, Lily & James McIlhutton, Nora & Michael Mullen, Ann & Sam Black, Ita Bolton, Charlie Trower, Ellen Madden, Margaret Maxwell, Gerry, Eamonn & Ryan, Gallagher, Mary Thompson

Anniversary: Owen, Margaret & Dennis Morgan, Owen & Margaret Kane (nee Rowney), Charlene Wallace (nee Kane) David & Sandra Moore (nee Morgan), Chris Scott, James & Mary Clarke, James & Elizabeth McParland, Tom Kelly Snr, Tom Kelly Jnr, Margaret Ross, Michael McAlinden, Margaret Quinn,

Birthday Remembrance: Mary Thompson, Anne Smith, Mary Thomson

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

25th Sunday A.

The eleventh-hour people in Jesus' story were not idlers. They wanted to work, but nobody had hired them. They felt rejected, useless, and hopeless. The idea that any employer would take these people on at the eleventh hour, and pay them a full day's wage, was unthinkable. This is the strong point of the parable. The vineyard was the Kingdom of God. Those who had been working all day long were the Pharisees and the Jews in general. The eleventh-hour people were sinners and the gentiles. God offering the Kingdom to sinners and Gentiles on equal terms with the Jews. The Jews objected vigorously. They didn't think it was fair; they thought they deserved preferential treatment. They assumed that God worked on the merit system. According to this system, you must earn your graces by hard work. And here was Jesus saying that God does not work on the merit system at all.

This parable is not about justice; it is about mercy and generosity. God deals with us in ways that are very different from the ways we normally deal with one another. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high is God's generosity above our generosity. The goodness of God is a great comfort to us. But it is also a great challenge, because we are called to imitate it; to make our ways of dealing with one another more like God's way of dealing with us.

A conversion is required before we can begin to act like God. Not an intellectual conversion, but a conversion of the heart. Faith is a call which above all is addressed to the heart. In essence it consists of a relationship of love with the God who first loved us. It is with the heart that we best grasp God. St John says: everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Once God has touched our hearts, and warmed them with his love, we will begin to love in our turn. And then we will truly know what God is like. God is love.



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.



Saints of the Week

Wednesday 27th St Vincent De Paul
Thursday 28th Saints Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
Friday 29th Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
Saturday 30th St Jerome



SAINT MONICA'S SOCIAL NIGHT **FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER**

Tickets for this event are selling well with about 20 left. They will remain on sale after each Mass this weekend.

RAFFLES for this event will be much appreciated. Please leave in the porch or give to one of the Committee selling tickets.

SOCIAL EVENTS DIARY

Further events are planned in an effort to bring people together in the parish.

Dates for your diary are:

- 8th December - Christmas Event
- 23rd February 2024 - Race night
- 6th July 2024 - Barbeque

Further information will be provided nearer the time.

Wishing you all a
HAPPY SUNDAY