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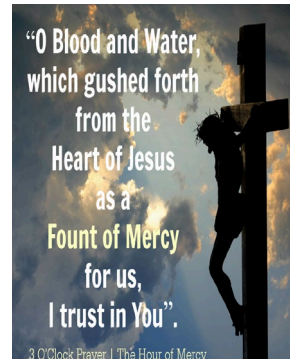
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22nd Sunday, Year A. 3rd September, 2023

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: Jer 20: 7-9
- Responsorial Psalm: **For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God**
- Second Reading: Rom 12: 1-2
- Gospel: Mt 16: 21-27

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 : £973.04

Second Collection:£ 584.31

There is a second collection next weekend for Ecclesiastical Students

Thank you for your generosity.

500 Club Winners!

1st Prize: 67 L Ferguson

2nd Prize: 218 P Curren

3rd Prize: 520 B McMullen



Congratulations !

John Paul Cushley & Tracey Lorraine Rafferty who were married here in our church this weekend. May God bless your marriage together with lots of love and joy.

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: Margaret McMullen, Michael Mooney

Month's Mind: James, Elizabeth & Sadie Prunty, Peter Burns, Daniel, Catherine, John, James, John Anthony & Stacey Duggan, Rev Cornelius Xavier O'Leary, Helen, Margaret & Agnes Docherty, William & Patrick Docherty, Ann & Joseph Pearson, Mary & Edward Drummond, Alex Thain, Angele Lilley, Frank & Agnes Wilson, James Innes, Michael Broadley Snr & Jnr, John, Betty & Eric Hughes,

Anniversary: Frank, Annie, Jean & Frankie McMahon, Linda Ann Irvine, Mary Broadley

Birthday Remembrance: Jenny Devine

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

Thank You

The Spiritans/Holy Ghost Fathers would like to thank the parishioners of St Monica's for buying their raffle tickets. The amount raised was £900.

Reflection 22nd Sunday A. The cost of discipleship. "Unless you take up your cross and follow me you cannot be my disciple." The word "cross" has been softened, so that the saying of Jesus has lost its force. The cross doesn't mean your arthritis, your indigestion, that difficult relationship, at least not in the first place. These are things which come to us in spite of ourselves. The "cross" in the New Testament means that suffering which comes into our lives because of the choices we have made for the Kingdom. In that sense it is always something we choose.

It has been claimed that religion asks too little of people. It is too ready to offer comfort and to console, but has lost the courage to challenge. The result is that for many people religion is just a crutch- something to lean on in times of weakness and infirmity. But in times of wellbeing, they more or less forget about it. There is a religion of devotion, and a religion of commitment. A religion of devotion is a religion of comfort, and is often centred on self rather than on others. A religion of commitment is religion of challenge, of risk, of unselfishness, and that is what Jesus asks for commitment from his followers. 'Being a disciple is a serious business.

In every event, we have to see the salvation of God, His plan and His mercy." What does following Christ mean for me in practice: it means faithfulness to one's way of life, concern for others in whatever manner, the caring gesture, the kind word- these add up. The Lord does not overlook the painful decision, the unspoken sorrow, the sacred suffering. There can be much heroism in ordinary life. There are many more saints than those whom we honour as such.



Rosary

The Legion of Mary from St Bernard's Parish will be saying a public rosary outside St Patrick's Church, Main Street, Coatbridge on Saturday 7th October at 1pm.
Everyone is welcome to attend.



Saints of the Week

Monday 4th September St Cuthbert
Tuesday 5th September St Teresa of Calcutta
Friday 8th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 9th September St Peter Claver

Holy Land Pilgrimage 1-11 April 2024

There are places available on an 11-day pilgrimage leaving from Uddingston on Easter Monday 1st April 2024 visiting all the main Christian sites with Mass each day and a full pilgrimage timetable led by Fr Ivan Boyle.

Details of the pilgrimage can be found and booked at www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/hl0834 (note the online booking does not cover travel to Manchester or tips etc.)

The cost by the time we include travel to and from Manchester Airport and tips etc should be around £1950 pp sharing half board (Breakfast and evening meal included)

Anyone interested can contact Maureen on 07737673930 mdynes@blueyonder.co.uk for further details or see the website above which has a full itinerary.



ST. MONICA'S PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS

In an effort to build up a community spirit within the Parish some social events are being planned.

"The first of these will be a "PALAIS NIGHT" on FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER in St Monica's hall.

Further details will be announced and tickets will be on sale after each Mass from Saturday 9th September.



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.

Wishing you all a
HAPPY SUNDAY