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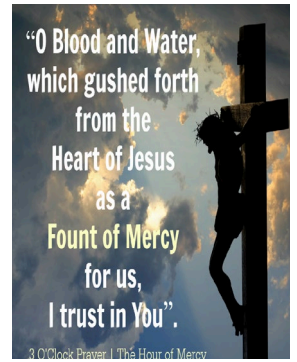
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30th Sunday, Year A. 29th October 2023

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: Exodus 22:20-26
- Responsorial Psalm: **I love you, Lord, my strength**
- Second Reading: 1 Thes 1:5-10
- Gospel: Mt 22: 34-40
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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 : £779.71

Mission Sunday £601.45

There will be a second collection next weekend for our church building fund

Thank you for your generosity.

500 Club Winners!

1st Prize: No.9 A McKenzie

2nd Prize: No.223 J Gallagher

3rd Prize: No. 267 J McCann

Parish Census

The annual parish census will be taken up next weekend 4th/5th November.

October Devotion to the B.V. Mary

Please join us on Monday **30th October at 7pm** to pray the rosary together and spend time with the Lord in adoration. We pray for the Synod and conclude our prayer with Benediction

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, 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, Andrew Maxwell

RIP: Samuel (Sam) McGovern, Margaret Hagarty, Harry Kennedy, Karol Morris

Month's Mind: Jimmy & Marion Fox, Margaret Docherty, John Docherty, George & Agnes Mills, Robert, Anthony & Isabella Clarke, John, Elizabeth & Isabella Docherty, Alice Rea, Sadie Slowey, Annie Docherty, Thomas Docherty Jnr, Thomas Gallagher Arthur & Sadie Craig, May & Jimmy McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Mattie, Tommy & Thomas Collins, Tilly & Marie Clarke, Jim Boyle, James, Margaret, John & Anne Marie Deigan, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, Mr & Mrs Deigan Snr & Jnr, Mr & Mrs Prost, Mr & Mrs John Fagan, Mr & Mr Frank Grant & Marie, Mr & Mrs Tommy Deigan, Margaret McAvoy, Jack Gill, Ryan Brown

Anniversaries: Dan & Rose Coyle, Nette Hetherston, Sanny & Theresa O'Hear, James Docherty, Patsy Robertson, Tommy Docherty, Ann Craig, Anne Holmes, Fr Frank Kelly

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

Holy Day of Obligation

All Saints - 1st November

Vigil Mass: Tuesday 31st October at 7pm
Wednesday 1st November at 8am and 10am

30th Sunday Reflection:

We are often told to forget painful experiences. But how can we learn from them if we forget them? Memory of suffering can be used in a positive or negative way. We can say, "We know what suffering is like, therefore we have no excuse for allowing it to be inflicted on others." Or say, "We have suffered; therefore, we have a right to inflict suffering."

The time of the exile and enslavement in Egypt was the darkest time in the history of God's people. It took them a long time to escape from there, and even longer to put it behind them. And yet they are told not to forget it but to remember it (1st reading). Why? because now things have changed for the better for them. They have a homeland of their own. They have a king of their own and an army of their own. However, there are many foreigners among them, as well as their own poor, especially orphans and widows. These people are very vulnerable. God gave them the commandment: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself; you shall love the stranger.' The stranger stands for the refugees, exiles, foreigners, that is, anyone in an alien country in which he or she has no civil rights. The Jews were reminded continually that they themselves were once strangers and exiles in Egypt, depending on the kindness of others. Now that they are settled, they have a duty to be kind to the stranger in their midst. God commended his people to remember so that history would not repeat itself. He wanted them never to forget the experience of being a minority without power in Egypt. They must not oppress the stranger, because they were once strangers themselves. They must plead the cause on the underprivileged, because they were once underprivileged themselves. Having felt the pain of injustice and oppression themselves, they must never inflict that pain on others.

The saying of God, 'I will kill you by the sword', conveys how abominable it is in God's eyes when we mistreat anyone, especially the defenceless. As a people who have experienced God's love in every special way, we must now show that love to others. To seek attracted to God while treating others unjustly would be a contradiction in terms.



Sacrament of First Communion and Reconciliation

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the meeting on Wednesday 25th October.

If you did not attend the meeting and would like your child to receive the Sacrament of First Communion or Reconciliation then please speak to me after any of the masses to arrange for the necessary paperwork to be completed. In preparation for your child to receive their Sacrament (First Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation) you are encouraged to attend weekend masses especially the children's liturgy at the 12 noon Mass every Sunday.

November - Month of the Holy Souls

Holy Mass will be offered during November for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed relatives and friends. Lists are available at the back of the church. Please add the names of those you wish to be remembered and return it in the envelope provided and place in the box at the back of the Church.

Remembrance Mass for our departed parishioners, Thursday 9th November at 7pm

Just as we pray for each other and share each other's burdens now, the faithful on earth can offer prayers and sacrifices to help the departed souls undergoing purification, and no better prayer could be offered than that of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. On the **9th November at 7pm** there will be a special Mass celebrated for the eternal repose of all those of our parish who have died since last November.

Old Monkland & Coltswood Cemetery Annual Remembrance Services

Please join us at this year's annual remembrance services in Old Monkland Cemetery on **Sunday 5th November at 2.00pm** and at Coltswood Cemetery on **Sunday 26th November at 2pm**.

Baptism

We welcome Thomas & Finley Purcell and implore God's blessing upon them and their family as we welcome them in our parish community.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT

St. Monica's social event:

Date & Time: Friday **8th December, 7pm** - late

Venue: St. Monica's Hall

tickets: adult £5; children £2.50

(all children to be accompanied by an adult)

Buffet & Entertainment included.

Tickets on sale after each mass from this weekend

Aid to the Church in Need's Appeal

There will be an afternoon tea in St Patrick's Hall, Mayo Suite, on Saturday 18 November 2023, Time 1.00-4.00pm to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need's Red Wednesday Appeal. For further details please contact Helen on 01236 435989/ 07708882633 or Joe on 07746123600

Bulletin

The deadline for intimations in the weekly bulletin will be every Friday at 6pm. Anything arriving after this time will go into the following week's publication.

Wishing you all a HAPPY SUNDAY