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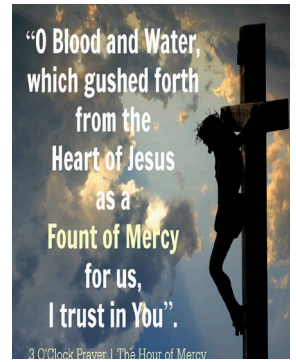
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27th Sunday, Year A. 8th October 2023

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: Is 5: 1-7
- Responsorial Psalm: **The vineyard of the Lord, is the House of Israel**
- Second Reading: Phil 4: 6-9
- Gospel: Mt 21: 33-43

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 : £970.64

There is a second collection this weekend for our Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity.

500 Club Winners!

1st Prize: 228 J McAlinden

2nd Prize: 215 F McAlinden

3rd Prize: 207 M Slevin

Baptism

We welcome Ellie Regan who is to be Baptised this weekend. We implore God's blessing upon her and her family as we welcome her into our parish community.

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, Dorothy Burns, Sam McGovern, Margaret Trower, Andrew Maxwell

RIP: John Kane, John McGuinness, Brian McKinley, Dorothy Brown - Requiem Mass Monday 16th October at 10am

Month's Mind: Robert, Anthony & Isabella Clarke, James, John, Elizabeth & Isabella Docherty, Alice Rea, Betty O'Hagan, John, Catherine & John Rennie, Josephine Rennie, John, Catherine, Jim, Michael & Teresa McAlinden, Kay & Jim McKenna, Bill Paul, Lawrence Molloy, Ben & Agnes Ferrie, Patsy McMurray

Anniversary: Mark Murphy, Cecilia Scanlan, Kenny Nisbet

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

October - The Month of the Missions and devotion to the Holy Rosary

The highlight of this month dedicated to the Missions is Mission Sunday - The World Day of Prayer for the Missions - on Sunday 22nd October. Join us **every Monday at 7pm** for the prayer of the Holy Rosary in the church

According to a recent report, millions who consider themselves Christians limit their church attendance largely to social events : christenings, first communions, confirmations, and also weddings and funerals. If you're among these millions, please think how you could do more to get involved in your faith. By getting involved, you'll discover that what you once viewed as a chore is actually a blessing. Church involvement is evidence that you are a Christian in the first place. It also helps keep you from abandoning the faith. Make sure you are not developing an "unbelieving heart" that can lead you "to fall away from the living God"

A teenage girl was interviewed in a televised Talkshow in the United States and the moderator asked her "How God could let such a horror happen? (The massacre on the Virginia tech campus). This girl gave a very deep and insightful response... She said: "I think that God was deeply saddened by all this, at least as much as us, but for years we tell him to get out of our schools;" get out of our Government ; Get out of our private lives. As "the gentleman", he quietly withdrew.

How can we hope that God will give us his blessing and his protection if we insist that he leave us alone? One parent complained of no longer prayer in schools, and we said yes. Then another said that we should not read the Bible in School- that same Bible that teaches "you shall not murder, you shall not steal, Honour your father and mother, and love your neighbour as yourself" and we like fools we believed them and said yes- Bible, get out. You "reap what you have sowed"!

It's funny to see how it is simple for people to reject God and wonder then why their world becomes hell. It is very hard to go on loving those who are ungrateful and irresponsible, those who take everything and give back nothing. God cares for his people as a good gardener cares for his vineyard, yet they fail to produce the desired fruits. God looks to us to produce the fruits of justice, holiness, and peace. This is a great privilege and a great challenge too.



The relics of Saints Columba, Margaret and Andrew

Will be on show at Supreme Council in Edinburgh at the end of the month. They are now in Province 16 - Motherwell Diocese - and in St Augustine's Coatbridge where they will be on display daily . There will be a Mass on Monday 9th Oct at 7pm to which all clergy are invited as are all parishioners .

Holy Mass to celebrate the gift of Marriage

Thursday 12th October 2023 at 7.30om

In Motherwell Cathedral

Bishop Toal invites the faithful to celebrate the gift of marriage and family life. All married couples present will be invited to renew their vows.

Special invitation to newlyweds and those celebrating special anniversaries



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.



RCIA Programme

It is time for the RCIA Programme to begin in parishes. Anyone interested in becoming catholic or deepening their understanding of the faith, please speak to Fr Ghislain



Synod Prayer

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.

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 the truth and what is right.

All of this week we ask You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen

Wishing you all a
HAPPY SUNDAY