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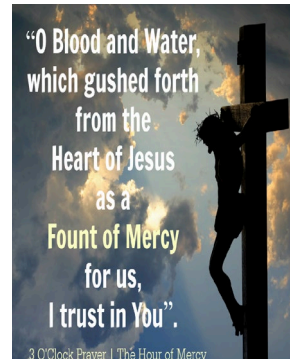
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### 31st Sunday, Year A. 5th November, 2023

#### 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

#### Parish Mass Book, Page 89

- First Reading: Mal 1: 14-2;2,8-10
- Responsorial Psalm: **Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord**
- Second Reading: 1 Thes 2: 7-9,13
- Gospel: Mt 23:1-12

#### 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 : £779.91

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

Thank you for your generosity.

#### 500 Club Winners!

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: No. 2 E Gillick

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: No. 400 E McAdams

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: No. 58 D McColl

#### Parish Census

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

#### Baptism

We welcome Tilly Rose Toal and implore God's blessing upon her and her family as we welcome her in 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, Andrew Maxwell, Hugh Kelly, Kerry Marshall

**RIP:** William Spalding (Requiem Mass Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10am)

**Month's Mind:** John, Ellen, Katherina & Jonathan Laughran, Shaun Furlong, David, & Jean Ferguson, Frank & Agnes Wilson, Catherine, Jim, Michael & Teresa McAlinden, John, Catherine, John & Pat Rennie, Kay & Jim McKenna, Claire Rooney, Sarah Marley, Betty O'Hagan, James, Elizabeth & Sadie Prunty, Bill Paul, Lawrence Molloy, Ben & Agnes Ferrie, Patsy McMurray

**Anniversaries:** Alphonsus Sludden, John Gallagher, Margaret Innes, John McAlinden, Josephine Rennie (Plains), Elizabeth McNeil, Mick Gollogly, Pat Docherty, Joseph Marley

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

#### 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 26<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm.**

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday, A Reflection.** Malachi attacks the laxity and carelessness that have set in regarding morality and worship. He rebukes the religious leaders for not living up to their calling, and thus being responsible for the erosion of faith among people.

In the Gospel Jesus strongly criticises those who use religion to gain spiritual power, and who do not live what is at the heart of religion: love and compassion, justice and faith. Our religiosity can just be an empty external cloak, an empty show, to attract attention and honour to ourselves. Internally, we can be so full of our importance that there is no place for God in our hearts.

Today there is great emphasis on appearances. The image is more important than the reality. We may deceive others but we cannot deceive God. But then it would be foolish even to try. We don't have to put an outward show, or pretend to be what we are not. All we have to do is try to be true to what we are- God's son and daughters.

### **Project Wellspring: from Bishop Toal**

I am pleased to announce that we have very recently launched a new renewal project entitled Wellspring which seeks to equip the Diocese of Motherwell for growth over the next 10 years. The primary focus of this new project will be to renew and re-energise our missions by setting-out a simple Gospel-centred vision and a fresh, new pastoral plan. It will also include a strategy for property and finance management.

We are already engaged in the early stages of planning with the clergy, supported by a small team of unpaid lay professionals who will manage the process with us. The discussion phases will very soon engage parishes and laity so that we can all contribute to the important work of preparing for the future. I expect to engage the entire diocesan community, young and old, as we move into 2024.

I am excited at the prospect of setting a new course as we look ahead with confidence to the next 10 years of mission in our diocese. Please pray that Wellspring will indeed be a great gift that renews and strengthens our bonds with the Lord and His Church. Pray, too, that it inspires our sisters and brothers who have distanced themselves to re-engage with the regular practice of our Catholic Faith.

May Our Lady of Good Aid, our patroness and Mother, crown our work with her grace.

### **Remembrance Mass for our departed parishioners, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm**

On the **9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **SPRED: Message from Lorraine Cunningham**

Offers faith sharing through friendship for people within our parishes who have a learning difficulty. We follow a very simple beautiful programme to help our friends deepen and enhance their faith.

I would like to invite people with a learning difficulty, their parents, carers and anyone who thinks they might like to volunteer to help in SPRED to an information evening in the **Iona Suite of St Patricks Church hall, Coatbridge on 21 November 2023 at 7pm**. Even if you just want to know more about what we do, please come along. For more information, tel. 07891 297716 or e mail [spredmotherwell@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:spredmotherwell@rcdom.org.uk).

### **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.

### **Church Stall**

Our Church stall has on sale gifts, advent calendars, Christmas cards, calendars and gift bags. Pop in and have a look.

### **CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT**

St. Monica's social event:

Date & Time: Friday **8<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Mission Calendar 2024**

The missionary sisters of St. Peter Claver will be here to sell their 2024 Mission Calendar at all Masses on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> of November 2023. Having a Mission Calendar at home is a good way to remind ourselves throughout the year of our baptismal commitment to spread the Gospel to all people. Please support the sisters in their work.

*Wishing you all a HAPPY SUNDAY*