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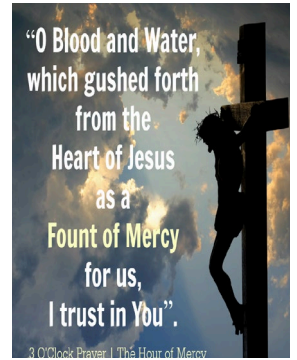
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4th Sunday of the Year B

28th January, 2024

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 59

- First Reading: Dt 18: 15-20
- Responsorial Psalm: **O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts**
- Second Reading: 1 Cor 7: 32-35
- Gospel: Mk 1: 21-28

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: £927.49

Building Fund: £492.01

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity.

500 Club Winners!

1st Prize Angela Clement (165)

2nd Prize Elizabeth McDonald (360)

3rd Prize L Ferguson (67)

**Wishing you a
Happy Sunday**

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; John Paul Devlin, Caroline Miller; Carrie Miller, Mathew Miller, Maria Bolton, John Paul Devlin, Thomas Lally, Marion Moran

RIP: A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of Danny Smith on Monday 29th January at 10am. The Requiem Mass for Gerald Joseph Murphy is on Saturday 3rd February 2024 at 10am, the reception of his body in to the church is on Friday 2nd February at 6.30pm, George McKenna, Margaret Weir, Edward Gribben

Month's Mind: Lawrence, William & Mary Brankin, William & Ellen Brankin, Joseph, Agnes, Eddie & Joe Mina, John, Anna & Kevin McGrath, Brian Sharkey Snr, Brian Sharkey Jnr, Kathleen Smith, David Hayton, Mary McSwiggan, Tom Sharp, John, Margaret, James & Anne Marie Deigan, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, Mr & Mrs Tommy Deigan, Mr & Mrs Deigan Snr & Jnr, Mr & Mrs Prost, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Mr & Mrs Fagan, Jack Gill, Ryan Brown, Margaret McAvoy, May & Jimmy McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Mattie, Tommy & Thomas Collins, Tilly & Marie Clarke, Jim Boyle, Sadie Slowey, Patsy Robertson, Frank & Agnes Wilson

Anniversaries: Johnny Keenan, Patricia Sharkey, Annie Brankin

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

Sunday Reflection. "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

We find it hard to admit that we can't manage our problems. Pride tells us: I should be able to handle my own problems. Recognition that there is a problem is the first step towards rehabilitation. The acknowledgement of our weakness, our need is the beginning of healing and recovery. It is the courageous ones that go for counselling. Psychologists tell us that sometimes people don't really want to be cured. Why is this? Because a cure can be painful. It involves a process which requires a lot of change, and all change is painful. The idea for recovery can never be terrifying.

Often, we are afraid to talk about something that is hurting us. We keep it locked up inside us where it festers. Unvoiced suffering is more harrowing than suffering that cries aloud. We all seek to hide what is strange and painful, and to act as if things are normal. We act as if we had no problems, no abnormalities, no pains, no wounds, and no failures. This urges to hide is very powerful, and can be more harmful than what it tries to conceal. When we have the courage to face our problems, new creative energy became available to us. Fears, shame, guilt often make us stay in isolation. It is by showing our wounds, by allowing ourselves to touch and be touched that we are healed. Let's give God chance to heal us.



Sacrament Preparation - Children's Liturgy

Children from P1 to P4 are encouraged to attend the Children's Liturgy at the 12pm every Sunday. The children in P6 & P7 should remain inside the church and attend the mass like the rest of the congregation.

If you are planning to have your child, make their Sacrament this year, please bring your attendance at mass sheet with you to mass to be signed. **These sheets will be collected** by the Parish Priest to determine who qualifies to make their Sacrament when the time comes.



Poverty Relief

Food parcel donations can be left in the church porch to help others who are struggling a bit. Examples of food we will accept are listed on the boxes in the church porch. Thank you everyone who makes a donation your generosity is very much appreciated.



We welcome Daniella A. Monteiro 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.

Offertory Collection

A sincere thank you to all who contribute to the parish finance, both through the weekly collection or Direct Debit with the bank. Our new Bank Account details are as follows:

Account Name: St Monica's Coatbridge
Sort Code: 80-12-97
Account Number: 10247766

Your support is most greatly appreciated and I acknowledge that times are tough financially for us all.

A big help is of course the Gift Aid Scheme so if anyone who pays tax and wants to join this scheme, please collect a form from the Church porch.

SAINT MONICA'S SOCIAL EVENT

"PALAIS NIGHT"

MUSIC (50'S, 60', 70'S, 80'S) BY TOTAL IMPACT

DATE: FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

TIME 7PM - LATE

TICKETS: £5.00 (incl.sausage roll/pie)

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AS FROM THIS WEEKEND.



Justice & Peace Job Vacancy

Position: Campaigns, Communications and Events Coordinator.

Hours: 24 hours per week and will require a degree of flexibility as some travel, evening and weekend work is required. Salary: £21,000 Closing date: Mon 5th February 2024

To express interest in the post and for a full job description please email our Chairperson, Jill Kent, on: jill.kent@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk



Candlemas: 2nd February: Presentation Of Christ In The Temple.

According to the Jewish tradition parents were to present their male children at the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after their Birth. It is the task of parents gradually to insert their child into the larger community and to teach him/her its traditions. Children also need to be shown a path to a spiritual well; otherwise, they will always be thirsty.

Parents should pray that God will guide their children in the choices they make. All of us need God's

guidance if we are to achieve what God wants us to achieve. Your children are not your children. They come through you but not from you. And though they are with you, yet they belong not to you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts, for they have their own thoughts. In welcoming the child into your life, and in bringing him up in faith and love, you play your part as parents.