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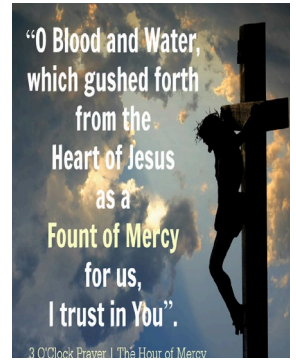
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5th Sunday of the Year B

4th February, 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



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- First Reading: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7
- Responsorial Psalm: **Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted**
- Second Reading: 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23
- Gospel: Mk 1: 29-39

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: £864.55

There will be a second collection this weekend for our Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity.

500 Club Winners!

1st Prize M McGuinness (173)

2nd Prize J Gallagher (223)

3rd A McKenzie (10)

Children Readers Needed!

We are looking for some of the children in our parish to read at all the masses on the weekend of 3rd /4th March. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Father Ghislain.

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, Sadie Harkin

RIP: Danny Smith, Gerald Joseph Murphy, George McKenna, Margaret Weir, Edward Gribben; Brian Flanagan

Month's Mind: James, Elizabeth & Sadie Prunty, Bill Paul, Lawrence Molloy, Ben Ferrie, Patsy McMurray

Anniversaries: John McNab, Agnes Ferrie, James & Georgina McKinley, Hugh Gallagher

Diamond Wedding Anniversary: Hugh & Margaret Kelly

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

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 to everyone who makes a donation your generosity is very much appreciated.

Sunday Reflection: Human suffering

5th Sunday B. The question of human suffering, especially that of the just, was a big problem in biblical times. Job was a good man yet he suffered terrible tragedies. This resulted in his gloomy view of life. Suffering is still a big problem. What was Jesus' answer to the problem of suffering? He did not accept the view that suffering was a punishment from God. God does not do evil. He does good. Jesus wasn't sentimental about suffering. He did not like to see people suffer. Suffering was one of the evils he came to fight. He had compassion on sufferers and made them well. He cuts out the devils of guilt, fear, shame, despair... that held people bound. The problem of suffering became the opportunity for Jesus to show what God is like. The suffering of others is an opportunity for us too. We may not be able to cure, but it is always within our power to care. We come to the sufferers with empty hands. What can we do for them? We can use those empty hands for comforting. All they ask is that we do not desert them.

As regards our own suffering, suffering is an unavoidable element of the human condition. Nevertheless, the road of suffering is a narrow and dark one. It's a great comfort to us to know that Jesus went down this road, and went down it to the end. It is not the same since he travelled it. A bright light illuminates it. He shows us that though it leads to Calvary, it doesn't end there. It ends at Easter. Thus for Christians suffering becomes an opportunity to share in Christ's passion in the hope of sharing in his Easter victory.



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.



Lent Season - My Day by Day

Prayer books are on sale in the church stall
Price £1.00

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.



Wellspring - Our new Diocesan Renewal Project

Wellspring - This is a word we hope you will become familiar with. It is the name of our new diocesan renewal project which launches next week. It takes its name from the medieval 'Our Lady's Well' which gives its name to the town and Diocese of Motherwell. The image of water and Our Lady is familiar to us also from Lourdes, where Our Lady caused a spring of water to gush forth for St Bernadette to wash and drink. Water is a symbol of the Lord's healing, forgiveness and life giving power.

We pray that through Wellspring, our diocese will experience a new and abundant spring of living water that we may grow as faithful disciples ready to share the riches of our faith.



Lenten retreat for young parishioners

Young parishioners are invited to an evening reflection of HOLY MASS in the Parish Hall on Sunday 3rd March, from 6pm to 7pm for S1 secondary school pupils, Tuesday 5th March, from 6pm to 7pm for our Pope Francis Faith Awards candidates and SVDP Mini Vinnies and on Tuesday 12th March 6pm to 7pm for P7 children who were recently confirmed. Please join us to deepen your love for the Holy Mass and of your Parish Community.

**Wishing you a
Happy Sunday**