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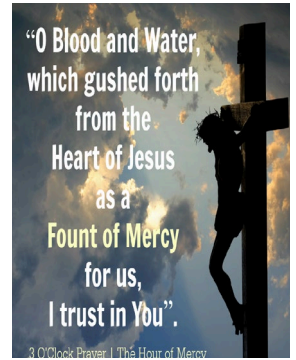
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3rd Sunday of Lent B

3rd March, 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: Ex 20: 1-17
- Responsorial Psalm: **You, Lord, have the message of eternal life**
- Second Reading: 1Cor 1: 22-25
- Gospel: Jn 2: 13-25
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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: £940.35

Special Collection

Sick & Retired Priests £409.55

There will be a second collection next weekend for **SCIAF**

Thank you for your generosity.

500 Club Winner

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Children's Liturgy

Would like to become part of our Children's Liturgy Team? We are looking for new leaders to join our team. 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, Mary Glasgow, John Slevin, Andrew Maxwell, Kerry Marshall; John Paul Devlin, Caroline Miller; Carrie Miller, Mathew Miller, Maria Bolton, John Paul Devlin, Thomas Lally, Marion Moran, Sadie Harkin, Charlie Martin, John Paul Devlin, James Brown, Jim McCormick, Karen McGuigan, Alice Gallagher

RIP: A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of Hugh Kelly on Tuesday 5th March at 10am. His body will be received into the Church on Monday 4th March at 6pm, David Love, David Crone, Daniel McAuley

Month's Mind: Betty O'Hagan, James, Elizabeth & Sadie Prunty, Arthur, Sadie & Ann Craig, Anne Holmes, Fr Frank Kelly, Danny Watson Snr, Danny Watson Jnr, Martin Coyle, Tommy McMullen, Paul McMullen Jnr, James & Cathie McCracken, John & Bessie McMullen, John & Betty McMullen, Mary, Jack & Brian Mairs, Agnes, Eddie & John McFadyen, John Reid

Anniversaries: Mamie Coyle, May McMullen

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

Wishing you a Holy and Peaceful Sunday

3rd Sunday of Lent B -

Our celebration of Lent is not simply an attempt to improve our behaviour. It is rather a quest to renew our heart. At the level of heart, where we feel, where we understand, where we believe, there we meet the Lord, and there the Lord changes us.

So, our prayer is important because it feeds our spirit. Our reflection on the thing of God is important, because it helps us understand ourselves, our actions and our words. Our attentiveness to the Word of God makes us aware of God amongst us.

We want to engage in acts of reconciliation, we wish to be committed to humanitarian action, helping our neighbours in their need; we would burn with zeal for justice, we intend to be full of reverence for God and for the things of God. We are eager to undo the wrongs of the past by the good deeds of the present. All because the Lord is within us and among us, renewing us in heart.

Lenten Retreat for First Communicants

Thanks to the families who took the time to come along to our Lenten Retreat to help their child prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

When was the last time you went to Confession?

Lent is the perfect time to return to the sacrament of confession. How? It is so simple

- 1) Make a thorough examination of conscience by reflecting on sin in your life.
- 2) Begin with the sign of the cross & by saying, "Bless me father for I have sinned. It has been [time] since my last confession...These are my sins.." and begin stating your sins.
- 3) The priest will give you your penance (something to do or pray after your Confession). This is an act of repentance in response to God's Mercy in the confessional.
- 4) The priest will ask you to pray the Act of Contrition out loud as to proclaim your sorrow for your sins.
- 5) The priest will extend his hands and pray the Prayer of Absolution. Your response is: 'AMEN'.
- 6) The priest will then likely give a final blessing like: "God has freed you from your sins. Go in peace."

| Parish Meetings | |
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| Monday 11 th March 7pm | Finance Committee |
| Wednesday 20 th March 7pm | Ministers of the Eucharist |
| Thursday 21 st March 7pm | Readers |

Food Parcels

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far to our foodbank.

If you know of anyone who needs help with food, please ask them to come and speak to Father Ghislain. Discretion is assured.



Our Parish Assembly will take place on **Wednesday 6th March** from **7 - 8.30pm** in the church hall to reflect on Vision, Missions and Parish Renewal. This is an opportunity for everyone to let their voice be heard and share ideas on how we move forward and grow our Parish Community. The focus of our discussions will be on what kind of parish do we want to have here in St Monicas and what more can we do to help in our parish. This is an important meeting, **I would encourage as many of you as possible to be there.**

| 3rd Week of Lent Service Schedule | |
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| Monday | Early morning Mass 7.30am Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass 10am Divine Mercy Devotions 2pm Reception of Hugh Kelly's body into the Church 6.00pm Stations of the Cross 7pm |
| Tuesday | Holy Rosary 9.30am Requiem Mass for Hugh Kelly 10am Lenten Retreat for Pope Francis Faith Award & Mini Vinnies 6-7pm |
| Wednesday | Early morning mass in St Monica's Primary School 8.40am Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass 10am |
| Thursday | Early morning Mass 8.15am Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass 10am |
| Friday | Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass 10am |
| Saturday | Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass 10am Vigil Mass 4pm |
| Sunday | Holy Mass 10am, 12 Noon & 5.00pm |
| Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 9.55am | |