

St Monica's Parish

Diocese of Motherwell

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Parish Priest: Fr. Ghislain B. Mulumanzi.

SUNDAY MASSES: Vigil at 5.30 pm, 10 am, 12 Noon & 6:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon – Sat 10 am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday after 10am Mass & 5 - 5.20pm

Divine Mercy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday 2.00pm

Baptisms: Speak to Fr Ghislain.

Marriages: Please speak to Fr Ghislain. Please note 6 months' notice is required.

Hall Bookings: Phone Mary on 07482 016 754

Sunday 1st March: First Sunday of Lent Year A

1st Reading: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Have mercy on us O Lord, for we have sinned

2nd Reading: Rom 5:12-19

Gospel: Mt 4: 1-11

Readings for next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A

1st Reading: Gn 12:1-4

2nd Reading: TM 1:8-10

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

Last Sunday's collection –£914.67

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Special Collection

Lenten Appeal Special Collection will be taken up on **8th March** for Sick and Retired Clergy. Please pick up a box at the back of the Church.

500 Club

1st Prize: No. F Haley

2nd Prize: No D Byrne

3rd Prize: A Clements

Building Fund

A special collection will be taken up on the first Sunday of each month starting in April for the Church refurbishment. We would ask everyone to please support this as much as they can.

Family Race Night

Big **Thank You** to those who sponsored and supported this Parish Building Fund event. A total of **£1600** was raised. Please continue to support our fundraising efforts to refurbish our Church.

Lent Services 2020

Stations of the Cross

Every Monday at 7pm

Weekday Services in Parish

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 8am

Monday to Saturday at 10am

Lenten Penitential Service

Wednesday 18th March at 7pm

Services in the Schools

Every Monday 8.30am in St Monica's P.S

Every Friday 8.30am in St Andrew's H.S.



SOME THOUGHTS ON ASH WEDNESDAY and LENT

On Ash Wednesday we begin the Season of Lent, a time of conversion and spiritual renewal. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence and Catholics over the age of 14 are obliged to keep these days in accordance with the Church's laws on Fasting and Abstinence. The faithful seek this marking with ashes as a sign of repentance for sin, and a desire to live the Gospel with stronger devotion and commitment, while acknowledging our mortality and the realisation that we will give an account of ourselves to God when life on this earth ends. We are exhorted to take up the traditional Lenten disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, and to persevere in keeping them through the 40 days of Lent and to renew our sorrow for sin and resolve to confess our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. Only then, after making their confession, should those who have absented themselves from attending Sunday Mass receive the Holy Eucharist. We need to practice their faith in the manner the Church asks of us all.

Gift Aid

If you are interested in joining the scheme, please collect a form from the Church porch.

RCIA

Please keep our RCIA candidate Gordon Stewart in your prayers as he prepares for his Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

SCIAF – Volunteers wanted

SCIAF need you! Could you do a short talk in your parish about our WEE BOX BIG CHANGE appeal during lent? Drop SCIAF an email at getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk today.

Journey into Freedom

Fr Tom Magill has prepared four Lenten Sessions of Contemplative Prayer during March in the Xavier Centre at Carfin ML1 5AL. Dates are **2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March** from **7.15pm – 9.00pm**

Novena to St Peregrine – St Mary's Church, Larkhall

A Novena in honour of Saint Peregrine is being held in St Mary's in Larkhall from Thursday **5th March at 7pm**. I am sure there are many people who may find comfort in praying for themselves and loved ones at this Novena in the run up to his Feast day on 1st May. For more details please see poster in the church porch.

An Evening with Paul French

The Aid to the Church in Need Red Wednesday Appeal will take place in St Patrick's Hall, Coatbridge on **Friday 6th March at 8pm**. Please see poster in the Church porch for further details.

Knights of St Columba

As we enter this period of Lent, we experience a great period of reflection. Sometimes we may find ourselves asking 'what more can I do?' The Knights of St Columba offers an opportunity whereby gentlemen can be more active in their faith and in their service to the Church. They are actively looking for new members to help them in their work.

Please contact them on **0141 883 5700** or visit their website ksc.org.uk for more information.

Healing Service

This will be held in St Augustine's Church on Friday **13th March at 7.30pm**. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall afterwards.

Trip to Ireland: 12th – 16th October

Carrickdale Hotel, Dundalk
Cost: £359 per person; £85 single supplement
Places available. Please contact Isabella on 07967112568



World Day of Prayer – Ecumenical Service

The annual World Day of Prayer is taking place at St Mary's Church of Scotland Church in Motherwell on **Friday March 6th at 2.00pm**. Everyone is invited to attend.

Altar Servers

Meetings will take place on **Monday 2nd March** and **Tuesday 3rd March at 6pm** in the Presbytery.

Anyone wishing to become an altar server and existing servers are encouraged to attend on one of the above evenings.



Please pick up a Hymn book on your way in

Please pick up a new Hymn Book as we enter the Church and sing out at Mass.

Names of those providing service at Masses next weekend: Sunday 8th March

	<u>Vigil</u>	<u>10 am</u>	<u>12 noon</u>	<u>6.30pm</u>
<u>1st Reading</u>	Cathie McDonald	Simon Ward	Jacqueline McGoldrick	Jacqueline Clare
<u>2nd Reading</u>	Morag McKeown		Melody Allan	
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	E McAdams A Nelson A McAlinden	K Thomson T Hanlon M Gallagher	M Allan I O'Donnell C Hamill	L Keating C McNee

Please remember in your prayers:

Sick: Jacky Whelan, Maddy Kelly, Helen Watson, Jean Graham, Anne Doyle, Linda Slevin, Stephen Kelly, Alice Deas, Patricia McGhee, Marie Taylor, John Black, Peter Silvestro, Joe Cope, Margaret McAuley, Peter & Hugh Alexander & Macey Smith

Recently Dead: David Murray, Thomas Hamilton (Australia), Catherine Donaghey

Months Mind: John Wilson, Lawrence, William & Mary Brankin, William, Ellen & Annie Brankin, Joseph, Agnes, Eddie & Joe Mina, Patricia & Brian Sharkey (Jnr), Kathleen Smith, Kevin McGrath, David Hayton, Sadie Slowey & Patsy Robertson

Anniversaries: Mamie Coyle, Jim McAuley, Margaret Wilson, Betty Byrne, Tony & Ryan Coyle

