

St Monica's Parish

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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 15th March: 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A

1st Reading: EX 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts

2nd Reading: : Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: JN 4:5-42

Readings for next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent Year A

1st Reading: SM 16:1.6-7.10-13

2nd Reading: Eph 5:8-14

Gospel: Jn 9:1-41

Last Sunday's collection –£985.17

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Special Collection

A special collection will be taken up on Sunday the
22nd March for SCIAF.

500 Club

1st Prize: No. 208 M Gollogly

2nd Prize: No. 430 J Charnley

3rd Prize: No. 34 E Cassidy

Monies received. To Draw £100. To Bank £102. Total
to Funds £5136

Journey into Freedom

We regret that the Lenten retreat in Carfin *Journey into Freedom* has been cancelled due to the health emergency.

St Andrew's Hospice Volunteers Appeal

Can you spare a few hours a week to volunteer in your local St Andrew's Hospice Shop? If you can, please contact Christine on 01236 428480 or call into the local shop.

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.



Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday 18th March at 7pm

Our Lent will not be complete unless we
avail of the Sacrament of God's mercy.

Think of God's mercy waiting for you, like the Prodigal Son's father waiting for his child's return. Come in humble honesty to own up to your faults. There is no need to torture yourself because God already knows your sins. By having to put words on them, you are accepting responsibility for where you have fallen down. Humbly acknowledge the areas of life where you feel you should improve. Let the merciful Father embrace you. Relax in God's gentleness. Confession is not meant to be a torture chamber. It is the banquet of God's mercy. At the end of the banquet there is music and dancing. There is music in the wonderful words of absolution and the dancing will be in the joy of your heart.



Coronavirus – Update

Bishop Toal has decided that additional precautions will have to be put in place to protect us against the possible spread of the Coronavirus and as such the following steps have been put in place.

Offertory Collection - From this weekend, we would ask parishioners to place their offertory collections in the collection box on the wall at the back of the Church and side door leading in to the Church Hall. On the following weekend, the Fourth Sunday of Lent when there is a SCIAF collection, parishioners will be asked to deposit the offertory collection on entering the church with the SCIAF collection being deposited at the end of Mass.

We would ask you to still be as generous as possible with your contributions.

If you are unwell - The faithful are dispensed from the Sunday Mass obligation if they are unwell or showing symptoms of the coronavirus. In fact, people should not attend Sunday or weekday masses if they are in anyway unwell, or in a recovery period from a recent illness or surgery. Likewise, if people are frail or are in any way unsure about their health they should not come to Mass – this is especially relevant to the elderly who may worry about missing Sunday Mass.

Offertory Processions will be stopped to reduce the number of people touching the Liturgical vessels.

Hymn Books – In order to avoid the number of people touching these books we would urge you to take a hymn book home with you and during services bring this book with you for your own personal use.

<u>Names of those providing service at Masses next weekend: Sunday 22nd March</u>				
	<u>Vigil</u>	<u>10 am</u>	<u>12 noon</u>	<u>6.30pm</u>
<u>1st Reading</u>	Cathie McDonald	Eric McDonnell	Eileen McGovern	Jacqueline Clare
<u>2nd Reading</u>	Morag McKeown	Mary Jo Thompson	Adam Cook	
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	E McAdams A Nelson A McAlinden	M Clark T Hanlon M McKeegans	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 McColl

Recently Dead: James Docherty, Bobby Bennett, Marie McKeeton, Ollie James Wikie

Months Mind: Daniel, James, John Anthony & Stacey Duggan, Peter Burns, Linda Ann Irvine, Agnes Welsh, Brian Lowe, Patrick & Mary McKeown, Matt & Mathew Thomson (Snr & Jnr) Gary Thomson, Tessa Canavan,

Anniversaries: Peter McKenzie, John Clarke, Margaret & Hugh Fisher, James McNally, Rena Wilson & William Ure, Catherine Duggan, Margaret McStay, Harry & Kathleen McNeilly, Desmond McGurk, Catherine McKeown, Patrick O'Keefe, Robert McNeil

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

Gift Aid

Is a government scheme which allows our parish to reclaim tax paid on donations.

We can claim from HMRC, the basic rate of tax on any donations which have been paid. Gift Aid increases the value of donations by 25%, so it means even more money goes to our church – and it won't cost you extra!

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

Envelopes for tax year 2020/21 are now ready for collection from the back of the Church. Please sign the sheet to confirm you have uplifted your envelopes

St Monica's Primary, Parent Council Race Night, Friday 27th March at 7pm

* £2 per adult, kids are free

We're looking for the following help for the race night:

- Bottles of Spirits and Wine for prizes.
- Raffle prizes for kids and adults.
- Sponsors for races.

Please hand donations into the school and anyone wishing to sponsor a race please contact Derek Longyear 07714796855.

