

St Monica's Parish

Diocese of Motherwell

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SUNDAY MASSES: Vigils at 4pm & 5.30pm, 10 am, 12 Noon & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon – Sat 10am

CONFESSIONS: Please contact Fr Ghislain to make an appointment.

Baptisms: Speak to Fr Ghislain.

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

Hall Bookings: 07835583041

Sunday 23 August: 21st Sunday, Year A

1st Reading: IS22:19-23 We hear about one man being dismissed from high office, and the keys of authority are passed to another.

Responsorial Psalm: *Your love, O Lord is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.*

2nd Reading: Rom 11:33-36 Hymn of praise to the wisdom of God, which is far too deep for us to fathom.

Gospel: Mt16: 13-20 Peter's declaration of faith in Jesus. Jesus promises to make him the rock on which he will build his church.

Last Sunday's collection –£864.51

Thank you for your generosity and support.



1st Prize: No. 67 P McGurk

2nd Prize: No 597 J Docherty

3rd Prize: No 44 M Reid

Please continue to support this fundraising activity. If you wish to join the 500 Club, please contact Isabella on 07967112568

First Communion: Saturday 3rd October at 12noon & 2pm. Sunday 4th October at 2pm

We hear of the number of positive cases of the virus in schools in different places in the last few days and the worry that the numbers will increase. Hopefully the rules on self-isolation and the ability to "track and trace" will help alleviate the concerns. As part of preparation for First Communion we encourage children and communicants in particular to attend mass on the weekend. At the celebration of first communion there will be no relaxation on numbers attending, respecting social distancing and wearing face coverings. We hope the

Masses will be celebrated while remembering that simplicity and brevity are required.

We advise parents and families to be cautious with what they do afterwards. Whatever social gatherings they organise at home should comply with present restrictions. We don't want to have a "First Communion Cluster".

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	10am 6pm	Mass Feast of St Bartholomew Adoration
Tuesday	10am	Mass
Wednesday	9am 10am	Mass for Parishioners Funeral Mass for James Gallogly
Thursday	9am 10am	Mass for Parishioners Mass for Children from St Monica's P.S. Memorial of St Monica, our patron saint.
Friday	10am	Mass Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop of Hippo
Saturday	10am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Vigil Mass Vigil Mass The passion of St John Baptist
Sunday	10am 12noon 5pm	Mass

Ecumenical Call to Prayer

For the 26th consecutive week, 14 Churches and Christian organisations across Scotland call on Christians to pray together in response to the COVID 19 Pandemic. Please join in prayer at **7 pm, this Sunday 23rd August**. The internet link to the prayer is below and also attached.

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/read-sundays-prayer-in-response-to-the-pandemic>

Prayer for Belarus

We will all have heard about the troubles in Belarus following the recent disputed election let us pray for peace, forgiveness and justice for Belarus at this difficult time.

Church Refurbishment

The present COVID19 situation has affected everyone financially and this also includes the church. Parish bills still require to be paid as well as our desire to refurbish our church in order to restore it to its former glory. The plans will in the very near future be put forward for approval by the dioceses at an estimated cost of £120,000. The breakdown of these works are as follows:-

1. The removal of the screen and the reinstatement of the former sanctuary and altar steps. All associated joinery and building works. Estimated costs - £15,000
2. Electrical Works. Upgrade of the mains distribution board, rewiring, new sockets and lighting, emergency lighting and the PA system etc. Estimated costs - £30,000
3. Floorcoverings. New sanctuary carpet and Repairs to the existing parquet flooring. Estimated costs - £15,000

4. Redecoration package including the sanctuary and the nave plus scaffolding and access costs. Estimated costs- £25,000
5. Contingency Costs for items 1 -4 @10%. Estimated Costs - £8,500
6. VAT on items 1 to 5 @ 20%. Estimated Cost - £18,700
7. Professional fees for Architect and Designer including VAT. Estimated Costs - £6,000

Total Estimated cost £118,200, rounded up to £120,000



All practical initiatives to raise funds are to be encouraged. The church refurbishment will be a significant financial undertaking for the parish. If you are able to make a separate donation at masses, please place the donation in an envelope indicating that it is for the building fund. This will run in conjunction with existing fundraising activities such as the 500 Club, the money jars and the Sponsor a Tile initiative.

Due to COVID 19 the church has lost a significant amount of income, so we aim to minimise other collections in order for us to focus on the church refurbishment. It is planned that on the first Sunday of every month there will be a special collection for the building fund and the first one will take place on the weekend of the 5th/6th September.



If you can spare time after mass to help keep our church clean and safe please consider becoming one of our stewards.

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Dead: James Gallogly

Months Mind: William, Margaret, Patrick, Agnes & Helen Docherty, Joseph, Elizabeth & James, Silvestro, David Thain, Anna & Joseph Pearson, Jenny Wright, Margaret & Andrew McKinlay, Anna & Brian Tierney, Agnes & William McAuley & Rab Bannen.

Anniversaries: Alex Thain, Eddie Coyle, Francis & Elizabeth McGeehan, Mary, Margaret, Rose & Anne McGeehan, Catherine & James McDonald, Frank McMahan, Annie & John Mulholland



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

Marriage: Congratulations to Ann Marr & Ryan Lindsay for their wedding celebration on 29 August. May God bless their love and keep them faithful to one another.