

St Monica's Parish

Diocese of Motherwell

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SUNDAY MASSES: Vigils at 4pm & 5.30pm, 10 am, 12Noon & 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 30 August: 22nd Sunday, Year A

1st Reading: Jer. 20:7-9 though speaking God's message to the people has brought Jeremiah nothing but insults, he couldn't remain silent.

Responsorial Psalm: *For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.*

2nd Reading: Rom 12:1-2 Paul urges us not to live like unbelievers around us.

Gospel: Mt16: 21-27 Jesus foretells his suffering and death, and his disciples too must be prepared to suffer.

Last Sunday's collection –£933.53

A donation of £1000.00 for building fund was also received. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Contactless Payment Machine

This week has seen us install a Contactless Payment Machine in our church, this allows parishioners to make their weekly offering by using their debit cards or mobile phones. The machine is set to a default amount of £5. This allows for a more hygienic and safe way to make your donations in the current climate, Parishioners can still continue to make their donations using envelopes or by cash if they wish to do so.

Building Fund Collection will take place on the weekend of 5/6 September.



1st Prize: No.595 A Craw

2nd Prize: No 502 M Brankin

3rd Prize: No 120 G Slevin.

A Craw please contact Isabella in order to arrange collection of your winnings.

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

As part of preparation for First Communions we encourage children and communicants 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.

Wearing of Masks: On the question of First Communions, the wearing of masks in places of worship is mandatory for adults and children over the age of 5 years. It is a lawful requirement to wear a mask unless a person has a health problem that prevents him/her from wearing one (such as asthma). All First Communion children therefore must wear masks in church. They may remove their masks just prior to leaving their seats to approach the priest (who will be wearing a mask) to receive communion but must on returning to their seats replace their masks.



Monday	10am 6pm	Mass Adoration
Tuesday	10am	Mass. World day of prayer for creation
Wednesday	10am	Mass
Thursday	10am	Memorial of St Gregory The Great
Friday	10am	Mass
Saturday	10am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Vigil Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	10am 12noon 5pm	Mass

World Day of Prayer for Creation

The Catholic Church keeps the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1st September each year. It is followed then by the Season of Creation, an Ecumenical initiative running from 1st September until 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. The underlined links to websites gives further information on the importance of this initiative, not only in the Catholic Church, but throughout other Christian communities too. <https://seasonofcreation.org/catholic/>
<https://seasonofcreation.org/about/>

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate.

We now look forward to the diaconal ordination of George Frame which will take place in St Patrick's Church in Coatbridge on Tuesday 15th September at 7.00 pm. Let us pray for George as he prepares for ordination.

Visit of Pope Benedict to Scotland

On Wednesday, 16th September, the Feast of St Ninian, we mark the tenth anniversary of Pope Benedict's visit to Scotland. On that day, especially, let us pray for Pope Benedict as he becomes frail.

Bishop J. Toal letter, Re-Collection, 24th August 2020.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I write to thank all who have come to Mass in our churches over the past month, and to all the volunteers who are making sure the return to Mass is very safe. I want to thank you also for your financial support for your parishes and the Diocese through the months of church closure and now in this period of restricted numbers. Your weekly contributions, whether in church or on-line, are vital to meet the normal expenses, to support the clergy, and maintain the buildings. Each parish does depend entirely on what comes in and every donation matter, so again I thank you for your generosity in these difficult times.

As we need to support, and indeed protect, our parishes, we have to be prudent in the extent of collecting for other causes, however worthy they are. In that regard we have to limit extra or special collections so that they do not take away from the weekly income to the parishes. At the same time, we recognise the need to fulfil our obligations to support our Diocesan needs, the Church in poorer lands, and local charities who depend on our assistance. At our recent meeting, the Diocesan Trustees decided that we would have one special collection each month through the rest of this year. Rather than putting out an extra basket in

Please remember in your prayers:

Sick: Leigh McKennan

Recently Dead: James Gallogly

Months Mind: Gerry Gallagher, Eammon Gallagher, Colette Kelly, Willie Reilly, Fr John Patrick, Mary, Tom, Cathie, Eric, James, Margaret McMurray, Margaret Fallon, Tilly & Marie Clarke, May McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dulan, Sadie Slowey, Patsy Robertson; Lawrence, William Mary Brankin, William & Annie Brankin, Joseph, Agnes, Eddie & Joe Mina, Patricia Sharkey, Brian Sharkey Jnr, Kevin McGrath, David Hayton. John Deigan, Margaret Deigan, Anne Marie Deigan, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, Mr & Mrs William Deigan Snr & Jnr, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Mr & Mrs John Fagan, Mr & Mrs Betty Prost, Mr James Deigan, Mr & Mrs Tommy Deigan & Mr Jack Gill

Anniversaries: Anne O'Rourke, Ryan Gallagher, Hughie Gallagher, Michael McMurray, Margaret Reilly, Jimmy McLaughlin, Robert Clarke, Kathleen Smith, Ellen Brankin & Alison Gallogly.

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

Marriage: Congratulations to Ann Marr & Ryan Lindsay who celebrated their marriage 29 August. May God bless them and their family with the divine gifts.

the churches you are encouraged to make a contribution on-line on the Motherwell Diocesan website to each month's special collection. You may also put your contribution in an envelope marked for the special collection and put it in the basket at Mass with your weekly contribution. You can do this on any Sunday through the course of the month.

The special collections for the rest of 2020 are as follows:

September - for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund of Motherwell Diocese (for those preparing for priesthood and diaconate).

October - for Missio Scotland (The Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Church's Mission in the World).

November - for Catholic Education (to support the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service)

December - for St Andrew's Hospice/Other local hospices.

Any other charitable appeals asked for in the parishes can be publicised in the parish media outlets and donations sought on-line. For example, if SCIAF makes an appeal, good publicity should be given to the needy cause and people directed to the SCIAF website to make their donations directly.

I realise I am placing some restrictions on collections in our churches at present but the limits placed on the numbers attending Mass mean we need to give a higher priority to the needs of the parish, with opportunity to give to the special collections we have put in place.

I hope you will continue to contribute to our collections according to your means and I thank you most sincerely for doing so.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Yours in Christ. + Joseph Toal

Church Stall

If you need cards or any religious gifts for friends or family, please visit our stall in the rear of the church in the former cry chapel. Open after all masses.

Bible Alive

September's edition of Bible Alive can be purchased from the church stall for £3.00

