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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.

Sunday 11th October: 28th Sunday, Year A

1st Reading: Is 25:6-10

Responsorial Psalm: *In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever*

2nd Reading: Phil 4:12-14.19-20

Gospel: Mt: 22:1-14

Last Sunday's collection – £907.51

Building Fund collection: £542.65

Thank you for your generosity and support.

November List

During November we offer daily masses for our departed ones. November Lists are available at the back of the Church. Please complete and return the form before 1st of November.

Annual Memorial Mass

Memorial Mass for our departed parishioners will take place in St Monica's Church on Thursday 5 November at 7.00pm. This is when we particularly remember all our parishioners who have died in the last year.

Confirmation

Confirmandi who are now in S1 in Secondary School will be Confirmed on 28/29 October 2020 at 7pm.

The Confirmandi who are currently in P7 at St Monica's Primary School will be confirmed on 22 February 2021 at 7pm.




1st Prize: No. 82 E Smith
2nd Prize: No. 143 S McParland
3rd Prize: No. 188 A Chataroo

What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?

The Sacrament of Confirmation was originally celebrated as part of the Church's initiation rituals. It is the second of the so-called "Sacraments of Initiation", the other two being Baptism and the Eucharist. In the West the anointing with chrism, which marks this sacrament, was separated from the Rite of Baptism so that the Bishop of the area could be the one to confer it, signifying that the Christian was being initiated not only into the local community, but into the wider Church family. In the Eastern churches, the two are still celebrated together.

The second anointing which occurs in the Sacrament of Confirmation completes baptismal grace: a promise made at baptism is empowered through the gift of GOD's spirit to enrich and strengthen the Christian as a witness to Christ. Confirmation is received only once as the Catechism of the Church reminds us: "Confirmation, like Baptism, imprints a spiritual mark or indelible character on the Christian's soul: for this reason one can receive this sacrament only once in one's life"

 Mass Schedule		
Monday	10am 6pm	Mass Rosary
Tuesday	10am	Mass
Wednesday	10am	Mass
Thursday	10am	Mass - St Teresa of Jesus - Memorial
Friday	10am	Mass
Saturday	10am 4pm 5.30pm	Morning Mass – St Ignatius of Antioch - Memorial Vigil Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	10am 12noon 5pm	29th Sunday A Mass Mass Mass

What does the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrate?

Confirmation marks the stage in a Christian's life when they have grown in understanding and are conscious of GOD's Spirit working in and through them. It celebrates the Christian's understanding of GOD's Spirit in one's life, that is a life-long journey in faith, and that one's life impacts on the faith-community to which one belongs.

What is received in Confirmation?

The Holy Spirit comes to us in Baptism to make us children of GOD. In Confirmation, the power of the Spirit is called forth to help us live and act as GOD's people and witnesses to the Gospel. Just as in the family we celebrate key moments in a person's life, so this sacrament celebrates the gifts of a child who has reached a certain stage in life and is growing and developing in maturity. The Holy Spirit comes as a gift of the Father and of Jesus, to draw us more deeply into their love and more closely into the family of GOD which is the Church. In doing so, we are called to reach out to others and live good and holy lives. Catholic teaching encourages us to use our gifts for the good of others, for the family and for the needs of the world.

The Seven Gifts of the Spirit

- Wisdom
- Understanding
- Right Judgment (sometimes known as 'Counsel')
- Courage ('sometimes known as Fortitude')
- Knowledge
- Reverence (also known as 'Piety' or 'Devotion')
- Wonder and Awe on GOD's Presence (also known as 'Fear of the Lord')

These seven come from a text in the Old Testament which speaks of the 'Messiah' as one who will have these qualities in his 'spirit'

What symbols are used in the Sacrament?

As with all symbols, the symbols in Confirmation are used to communicate meaning. Amid the many beautiful prayers of the ritual, certain words and actions are essential to the validity of the sacrament. The words spoken by the celebrant while laying hands on those to be confirmed, and the anointing with oil while saying "**Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit**", are the visible symbols used in Confirmation.

The placing of a hand on the head, symbolically the place of wisdom, signifies being strengthened by another's touch and entrusted with a mission.

Use of oil – in this case the consecrated, perfumed oil called 'chrism' – reminds us we are anointed to serve: to be Christ (which means 'the Anointed One') for others and to witness to Christ in our lives.

Please remember in your prayers:

Sick: Leigh McKennan, John Clenaghan, Jean Graham, James Carr

Recently Dead: Gerard Glancey, Brian McIntosh, Pat McGurk

Months Mind: James Delaney, Robert & Anthony Clarke, James, John, Elizabeth & Isabella Docherty, Alice Rea, Brian Lowe, Helen, Margaret & Agnes Docherty, William & Patrick Docherty, Mr & Mrs Edward Drummond, Mrs Anna & Joseph Pearson, Alex Thain

Anniversaries: Hugh McStay

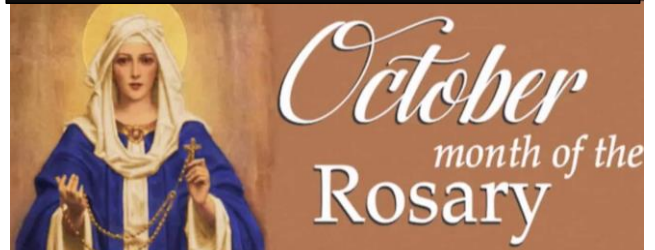
Why do we have Confirmation?

Just in a family life, we mark moments of transition, and moments of passage on our children's journey of growth (such as their first words, their first steps, their first day at school), so Christ gives the Church this moment to mark a step forward in both belonging to his people and living as his brothers and sisters. In Baptism, we became members of the Church and became identified with Jesus (we call it a 'christening' and are known as 'Christians' when we are baptised). In confirmation we mark a step further into faith, an even closer bond with Jesus through the Holy Spirit and are given the Holy Spirit's gifts to help us live out our calling to be his disciples.

So, what does this mean?

Parents know the joy they feel when their child responds to their love – their baby smiles, their first words, their arms held open for a hug. In Confirmation, we invite them to offer a personal response to Jesus, who first showed them his love when they were baptised.

October Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary



Rosary every Monday at 6pm

Collection for Missio Scotland

This year contributions can be made throughout the Month of October. Please donate online at www.missioscotland.com or call 01236 449774 or text MISSIOSCOT to 70085 to donate £3



Skye Gowers

We keep Skye Gowers in our prayers as she joins our parish family through the sacrament of Baptism.

May her Baptism be filled with blessings and love and be a glimpse of the exciting Christian journey. May her parents help her in her relationship with GOD to grow stronger ever passing day.



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