

**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:** 30 min before the mass in the Sacristy

**Baptisms:** Speak to Fr Ghislain.

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

**Sunday 25th October: 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Year A**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Ex 22:20-26

**Responsorial Psalm:** *I love you, Lord, my strength*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1Thes 1:5-10

**Gospel:** Mt 22: 34-40



<b>Monday</b>	10am 6pm	Mass Rosary
<b>Tuesday</b>	10am	Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am 7pm	Mass Confirmation Mass S1
<b>Thursday</b>	10am 7pm	Mass. St Simon & St Jude, Feast. Confirmation Mass S1
<b>Friday</b>	10am	Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	10am 4pm 5.30pm	Morning Mass Vigil Mass Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	10am 12noon 5pm	All Saints. Solemnity Mass Mass Mass

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday A. Reflection**

The time of the exile and enslavement in Egypt was the darkest time in the history of God's people. It took them a long time to escape from there, and even longer to put it behind them and yet they are told not to forget it but to remember it (1<sup>st</sup> reading). Why? Because now things have changed for the better for them. They have a homeland of their own. They have a king of their own and an army of their own. However, there are many foreigners among them, as well as their own poor, especially orphans and widows. These people are very vulnerable. God gave them the commandment: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself; you shall love the stranger.' The stranger stands for the refugees, exiles, foreigners, that is, anyone in an

alien country in which he or she has no civil rights. The Jews were reminded continually that they themselves were once strangers and exiles in Egypt, depending on the kindness of others. Now

that they are settled, they have a duty to be kind to the stranger in their midst. God commanded his people to remember so that history would not repeat itself. He wanted them never to forget the experience of being a minority without power in Egypt. They must not oppress the stranger, because they were once strangers themselves. They must plead the cause of the underprivileged because they were once underprivileged themselves. Having felt the pain of injustice and oppression themselves, they must never inflict that pain on others.

The saying of God, 'I will kill you by the sword', conveys how abominable it is in God's eyes when we mistreat anyone, especially the defenceless. As a people who have experienced God's love in every special way, we must now show that love to others. To seek attraction to God while treating others unjustly would be a contradiction in terms. The health of a society can be measured by the way it treats the defenceless. It is not enough to give them charity. What they need is justice. If you say you love someone, then treat him/her justly.

**Confirmation**

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

**Mass Readers**

We are still short of readers for some masses and require additional volunteers. If you would be willing to read, please contact Karen Mitchelson on 07802623379

**November Cemetery Services**

The Diocese have been advised by North Lanarkshire Council that due to Covid 19 restrictions they are unable to offer their cemeteries this year for our Annual November Services.

## **COVID 19**

Any parishioners displaying any symptoms of Covid 19 or who have been asked to self-isolate should follow Government Guidelines and not attend the Church.

Everyone attending the Church should continue to adhere to the guidelines set out as follows.

- Maintain social distancing – Do not leave your seat to talk to others while in the Church.
- Sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the Church and anyone lighting a candle should sanitise their hands before touching the lighter.
- Masks should always be worn and should cover your nose and mouth.
- At communion time no-one should remove their mask until Father Ghislain has moved away from them.

As an additional safety measure everyone entering the Church will have their temperature checked. These rules are in place to protect you and your fellow parishioners.

On all 5 tiers of the Scottish Governments new restrictions Churches will be able to remain open albeit with tighter restrictions in tier 4 but the good news is that Churches should not have to close again.

## **November Lists**

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 1<sup>st</sup> of November and put it in the box at the back of the Church.

## **Annual Memorial Mass**

Memorial Mass for our departed parishioners will take place in St Monica's Church on 5/6 November at 7.00pm. This is when we particularly remember all our parishioners who have died in the last year.

## **Please remember in your prayers:**

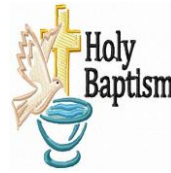
**Sick:** Leigh McKennan, John Clenaghan, Jean Graham, James Carr, Linda Webb.

**Recently Dead:** Caroline Trail, Canon Con O'Leary, Danny Byrne, Pat McGurk, John McGrath, Marg McCluskey, Margaret Armstrong, Margaret Quinn (Wellington Place), Thomas Murray

**Months Mind:** Sadie & Arthur Craig, Tommy Reynolds, Thomas & Rose Tiernan, Rosemary (Tiernan) O'Neill, Denis Leonard, Martin Mullen, Margaret Fallon, May & Jimmy McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Tilly & Marie Clarke, Matty & Tommy Collins, Sadie Slowey

**Anniversaries:** Fr Frank Kelly, John Shields, Patsy Robertson, Betty Docherty, Eddie McGuinness, Mick Gollogly, Catherine Mooney, Anthony Trower

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



## **Freya Mary Shek**

We keep in Freya Mary in our prayers as she joins our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

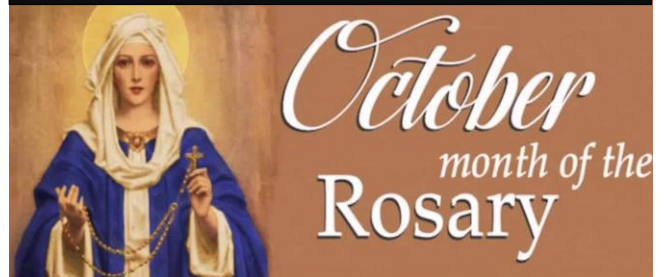
May her Baptism be filled with blessings and love and be a glimpse of the exciting Christian journey. May her parents help her in her relationship with God to grow stronger every passing day.

## **Call to prayer**

For the 32nd consecutive week, 14 Christian Churches and Organisations invite you to join in the Weekly **Ecumenical Call to Prayer at 7 pm on Sunday 25th October**. The internet link is provided below.

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/Scottish-Christians-issue-weekly-call-to-prayer>

## **October Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary**



**Rosary every Monday at 6pm**

