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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 4th October: 27th Sunday, Year A

1st Reading: IS:5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel

2nd Reading: Phil 4:6-9

Gospel: Mt 21:33-43



Last Sunday's collection – £980.05

Building Fund collection: £398.25

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Please note there is a special collection this weekend for the Building Fund.

First Communion

Congratulations to all our First Communicants who celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep them all in your prayers.

One Bread, One Body



1st Prize: No. 88: S Docherty

2nd Prize: No. 78: M McCall

3rd Prize: No. 215: E McAlinden

What is the Eucharist?

The "Breaking of Bread" – the name by which the rite known to us as the Mass was known in early Christian times (see Act 2:46 or 20:7) – recalls Jesus' action at the Last Supper in which he took bread and a cup of wine and spoke of it as his own body and blood given to the world for its salvation:

The Eucharist and the Sacrifice of the Mass

The rite of Mass Celebrates the gift of Jesus, who comes into our lives, first through the Word we hear, and then in the Eucharist we share. During the Mass, we offer bread and wine which become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. This offering is often termed "The Sacrifice of the Mass": our share in Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross. This has special meaning for the Catholic Christians. We do not merely share in a 'symbol' in the bread and wine: we receive Jesus himself, the Bread of Life, the one whose perfect sacrifice replaced all others, and whose sacrifice we share in the Sacrament. As a share in his sacrifice, it becomes also a challenge to us to offer ourselves as a 'sacrifice' for others. We do this through our acts of kindness, of service and of selfless love for others, and through our offering of our heart and mind to GOD in worship and prayer.

 Mass Schedule		
Monday	10am 6pm	Mass. Adoration
Tuesday	10am	Mass.
Wednesday	10am	Mass Our Lady of the Rosary - Memorial
Thursday	10am	Mass
Friday	10am	Mass
Saturday	10am 4pm 5.30pm	Morning Mass Vigil Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	10am 12noon 5pm	Masses. 28 th Sunday A Mass Mass

The change from bread and wine into the Real Presence of Christ is not a symbolic one, but is brought about through the power of the Holy Spirit, working through the action of the ordained priest using Jesus' words in the Last Supper, This moment - the heart of the Mass - is termed the "consecration".

Celebrating the Eucharist Together

We receive the greatest gift – that of Jesus in the Eucharist. When we meet as a family, we might hear someone say, "remember when...." These are our lived family experiences. When we celebrate the Mass together, we tell our stories – stories of GOD's ever-revealing love – in the Liturgy of the Word, and do as Jesus asked, offering the sacrifice in memory of him, in the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

How do we prepare to receive the Eucharist?

The Eucharist should be received with reverence as Jesus is truly present and we are to participate in the gift of GOD himself. The Church lays down fasting from food and drink of one hour before receiving the Eucharist (this has in the past been a fast from midnight or a fast of three hours), however the Church also recognises that not everyone is physically able to observe this fast. Moreover, Church tradition suggests that anyone conscious of serious sin should first approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation. By being reconciled with GOD and the Church, we can be sure that we are receiving the Eucharist with greater grace and respect.

Confirmation

Confirmandi who are now in S1 in Secondary School will be Confirmed on 28/29 October 2020 at 7pm. A meeting will take place on Thursday 8 October in the Church at 7pm. All Confirmandi must attend this important meeting.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Sick: Leigh McKennan, John Clenaghan, Jean Graham

Recently Dead: Annie Brown, Thomas Best

Months Mind: Frank & Agnes Wilson, John Trower, James & Elizabeth Prunty, Sadie Prunty, John Deigan, Anne Marie Deigan, Margaret Deigan, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, James Deigan, Mr & Mrs Deigan (Snr & Jnr), Mr & Mrs John Fagan, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Mr & Mrs Andy Prost, Mr Jack Gill, Bill Paul, Lawrence Molloy

Collection for Missio Scotland

This year contributions can be made throughout the Month of October - directly to Missio Scotland, through the Diocese of Motherwell website, or by putting contributions in an envelope and placing them in the collection baskets in the parishes.

World Day of Prayer for the Missions - Sunday 18th October

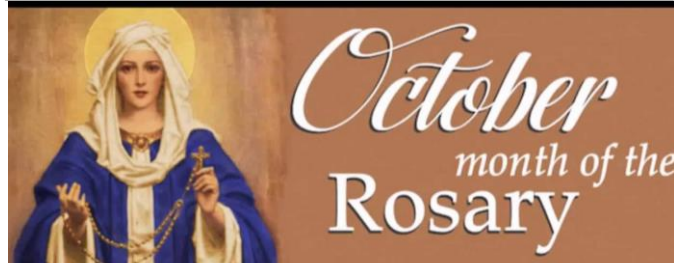
Bishop Toal will celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation in the Cathedral during Mass at 3pm for RCIA Catechumens and Candidates. Let us pray that day for all in the Diocese who are belatedly receiving the Sacraments.

We keep in our prayers our own Catechumen Gordon Stewart who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation on 18 October at 2pm.

St Clare's Church in St John Bosco Parish, Easterhouse

The Bishop regretfully took the decision to close St Clare's Church with immediate effect due to the high cost of necessary repairs and the low attendance at the church. It is hoped that parishioners from St Clare's will now participate in St Benedict's Church

October Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary



Rosary every Monday at 6pm



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