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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 6th December 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading *Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11*

Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 85:9-14*

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Second Reading *2 Peter 3:8-14*

Peter teaches that we must always be holy because the return of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Gospel Reading *Mark 1:1-8*

Walk On Straight Path

One message rings out loud and clear from today's readings: 'Prepare a way for the Lord, make a straight highway for our God' The highway to be made straight is our way of life. People may be living next door to one another, yet, because of a hostile or unforgiving attitude, they may be unable to travel the few yards that separate them from one another and we may let misunderstanding run on from year to year, meaning to clear them up some day. We may keep quarrels alive because we cannot quite make up our minds to sacrifice our pride and end them. We may pass people sullenly, not speaking to them out of some silly spite, and yet knowing that it would fill us with shame and remorse if we heard that one of them were dead tomorrow. We may let millions of brothers and sisters of ours starve, till we hear that they are dying of starvation. Here the word straight stands for honesty and right living. We are urged to straighten ourselves out. We know what that means. To go straight means to reform after having been dishonest or criminal. Crooked way stands for dishonesty, cheating, deceit, and so on. There can be a crooked way of dealing with others, a crooked attitude, a crooked way of living. We find the path by acting with integrity, treating people fairly, refraining from any form of oppression, not making life difficult for anyone, sharing with those in need. This is the way to seek God. The prophet Micah put it even more simply when he said, 'This is what God asks you: That you act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God.' (Mic 6:8)

If there is some crooked attitude, or some crooked way of behaving, or some crooked relationship that needs to be straightened out, let us try to do so. Then we will truly be preparing a way for the Lord to come to us, and to come to others through us.

Last Sunday's Collection – £609.44

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Please note there is a special collection this weekend for the building fund.



1st Prize: 70 S Ward
2nd Prize: 127 J McLaughlin
3rd Prize: 12 A Watson

Parish Stall

Have you had a look at the Parish Stall? There are lots of new items, Cards, Christmas Cards, Gifts & Calendars. Please support



Parish Gift Tree

Be a Secret Santa and donate a gift today

We ask if you can please participate in the Giving Tree Appeal and help spread Christmas cheer and excitement, through the gift of surprise! Please take a gift tag from the tree and a gift should be bought for the person on the tag. Please place your gift under the tree on or before 20 December.

If you know of someone that could benefit from a gift, please give their details to Father Ghislain.



Mass Schedule

Monday	8am 10am	Mass - St Ambrose Memorial
	6pm	Holy Rosary
Tuesday	8am 10am	Mass - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity
Wednesday	8am 10am	Mass - St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Thursday	8am 10am	Mass
Friday	10am	Mass - St Damasus I
Saturday	10am	Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe
	4pm	3 rd Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday	10am	3 rd Sunday of Advent Mass
	12noon	Mass
	5pm	Mass

Can you spare some time to help your Parish?



In preparation for Christmas we are looking for volunteers to help clean the Church after the 10am mass on Saturday 12 December. All age groups are welcome!



Welcome to any of our Advent and Christmas Services
During Advent and Octave of Nativity Morning Masses will be at 8am Monday - Thursday & 10am Monday to Saturday

2nd Sunday of Advent, 6th December

Tuesday 8th December: Immaculate Conception of Blessed V. Mary. Solemnity

Tuesday 15th December, 7pm: Penitential Service

3rd Sunday of advent: 13th December

4th Sunday of advent: 20th December

Thursday 24th December: Morning Prayer (No Morning Mass) at 10am,

Christmas Eve: 4pm, 6pm, 9pm

Carol Service will start 30 minutes before each Mass above.

Friday 25th December. The Nativity of the Lord.

Holiday of Obligation.

Masses at 8am, 10am & 12 noon

New Year's Eve Mass 7pm

Friday: 1st January 2021, New Year's Day: Mary Mother of God. Solemnity. Mass at 10am & 12noon

Fr Ghislain wishes you all Christmas Joy and Peace and a Very Happy New Year 2021, may Emmanuel, God with us, protect us and keep us safe.

You are very welcome at St Monica's - particularly if you haven't been with us for a while. We worship at St Monica's, Sharp Avenue, ML5 5RP, Saturday Vigils at 4pm, 5.30pm, Sunday at 10am, 12.00noon & 5.30pm.

Confession 30min before mass.

Pease remember in your prayers:

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

Recently Dead: Catherine McAuley

Months Mind: John Deigan, Margaret Deigan, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, James Deigan, Mr & Mrs Deigan Snr & Jnr, Mr & Mrs John Fagan, Mr & Mrs Prost, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Anne Marie Deigan, Mr Jack Gill, James, Elizabeth & Sadie Prunty, Danny Watson, Betty Scott & Tom Kelly

Anniversaries: Joan Keiran, Kathleen McCormack



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