

St Monica's Parish Diocese of Motherwell

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SUNDAY MASSES: Livestream 10am

WEEKDAY MASSES: Livestream Mon – Sat 10am

Stations of the Cross: Livestream Mon & Fri 6pm

CONFESSIONS: Please contact Fr Ghislain

Baptisms: Speak to Fr Ghislain

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

Sunday 14 March, 4th Sunday Lent Year B

First Reading: 2 Chr: 36 14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm: O Let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Second Reading: Eph 2: 4-10 Gospel: Jn 3: 14-21

Reflection 3rd Sunday Lent

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. God took the initiative in our salvation. He chose the approach of love, not of power. God is not an absolute monarch, but a Father who is not happy until all his wandering children have come home. His love is all-inclusive. Love directed not at one nation only, nor only for the good, but at all nations, to the children of light and to the children of darkness.

But the passage also talks about judgement and condemnation. How can condemnation be reconciled with love? God condemns no one. People condemn themselves by adopting a negative attitude. God sent us the light. If people get lost it is because they haven't accepted the light. The fault is not God's but ours. Those who prefer darkness to light have condemned themselves.

Evil people hate the light because it reveals themselves to themselves. They hate goodness because it reveals their badness, they hate industry because it reveals their laziness. They will destroy the light, the goodness, the love, in order to avoid the pain of self-discovery. It is terrible to reject the light, to reject God's offer of love. But how sweet to walk in the light of his love. Our part in the process of redemption is to accept the gift in all humility and try to respond in kind. We are able to love God because God loved us first.

Church re- opening 26 March 2021

Although 'Places of Worship' can re-open for 'communal worship' from 26th March 2021 allowing up to 50 people to attend subject to social distancing, there is no change at this time regarding the following.

Funerals (maximum of 20 attending), Weddings (maximum of 5 attending), Sadly, **Baptisms are not allowed at this time**.

Palm Sunday

The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem will be celebrated within the Church, using the Second Form: The Solemn Entrance, with the blessing of palms and the proclamation of the Gospel of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem.

During the Liturgy of the Word, read 1st and 2nd Readings and the Shorter Version of the Passion according to St Mark, without crowd participation.

Sacraments for Children

The parish has scheduled the celebration of sacraments for children, though we are still uncertain if our churches will be open.

First Reconciliation: Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th April 2021, at 6pm

First Reconciliation Request Form

First Communion: Saturday 22nd May 2021 at 11am and 1pm

Sunday 23rd May 2021 at 2pm.

First Holy Communion Request Form

Confirmation: Monday 24th May & Tuesday 25th May 2021 at 7pm

Confirmation Request Form

To enrol your child for these sacraments, parents are advised to download the application form on the parish website www.saint-monica.org.uk, contact Fr Ghislain or St Monica's Primary School.

<u>Lenten Zoom meetings - Journeying with Jesus</u>

Fr Tom Magill is organising a series of four Zoom meetings during Lent, taking place on four Sunday evenings from 7.00 - 7.30 pm. Join people from throughout the diocese for 30 minutes of prayer and reflection on four Sundays of Lent. Please register your interest through the email on the flyer missions@rcdom.org.uk. You will then be sent a link for the meetings.



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	Monday	10am	Requiem Mass for Bridget (Bessie) Higgins
			(This mass will not be streamed)
		12Noon	Holy Mass
	l	6pm	Stations of the Cross
	Tuesday	10am	Holy Mass
	Wednesday	10am	St Patrick - Feast
			Holy Mass
	Thursday	10am	Holy Mass
	Friday	10am	St Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin
			Mary – Solemnity. Holy Mass
		6pm	Stations of the Cross
	Saturday	10am	Holy Mass
	Sunday	10am	5th Sunday of Lent Year B Holy Mass



During the lockdown you will still be able to join us daily by following the mass live via Facebook and You Tube at 10am & 6pm on a Monday and Friday for Stations of the Cross

Aid to the Church in Need in Scotland

Aid to the Church in Need in Scotland has produced its first parish newsletter (internet link below) which contains a number of excellent Lenten Resources, especially for children.

In this way, ACN hopes that you and your parish can work with ACN to support the suffering Church this Lent. They have come up with some virtual ways to generate prayer, pass on information about the work of ACN and fundraise as well. ACN would particularly like to highlight their virtual Sunday Lenten Lunch on 21st March.

The internet link for the bulletin is: http://bit.ly/ACN_PARISH_NEWSLETTER_1

ACN wishes to thank all parishes for all for everything that you are doing to support the work of ACN in Scotland.

Sponsor A Tile

The names of everyone who has been sponsored and the sponsor have been recorded in a "Book of Dedication" which will now become part of our parish history.

Anyone who would like to sponsor a tile can still do so. As we are unable to give out sponsor forms at the moment simply write your name and address and the name of the intended on a piece of paper. Place this and your donation in an envelope and pop it through the door at the chapel house.

This is a lovely way to remember a loved one, celebrate a Sacramental event or remember a special event in your life. This appeal has already been a successful way to raise much needed funds to make improvements in our church.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Weekly Offering

Your financial support of the Parish in recent months has been appreciated and I would ask you to please continue to show your support during this latest lockdown.

If you wish to donate your weekly offering to the parish online, below are the parish bank details.

Account Name: RCDM St Monica's Sort Code: 83 17 13
Account Number: 00163062

Church Renovations

Despite COVID 19 the aim is to keep the Church refurbishments on track, and I am appealing to you to continue to financially support this project.

Your financial support over the last 11 months despite COVID 19 for our Building Fund has been greatly appreciated. Presently, we have raised £45K towards the £120K needed for this work. I am asking you again to support our Church renovations in any way you can.

Donations to the Building Fund can be made by handing in an envelope to the presbytery, by setting up a standing order or making a one-off donation.

If you know or work for a local company who would be willing to make a donation, please get in touch.

Church Stall

If you wish to purchase anything from the church stall please call 01236 421750 and arrangements will be made to allow you access.

Gift Aid

Is a government scheme which allows our parish to reclaim tax paid on donations.

We can claim from HMRC, the basic rate of tax on any donations which have been paid. Gift Aid increases the value of donations by 25%, so it means even more money goes to our church – and it won't cost you extra!

For anyone paying tax, please consider using Gift Aid as it means our parish will receive an extra 25p for every £1 donated.

If you are interested in joining the scheme, please complete the attached form and return it as soon as possible.

Gift Aid Application Form

Gift Aid Envelopes for year 2021/22 are now available for collection from the box at the front of the Presbytery.

SCIAF - Wee Box Big Change

Every Lent, the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, thousands of Scots save money in their SCIAF WEE BOX to help give a hand up to people living in poverty.

By giving up a treat and putting what you save into a WEE BOX or fundraising online, you can make a lasting difference to families in some of the world's poorest countries.

By raising money for the Wee Box Appeal, you can help children with disabilities in South Sudan to access the education and support they need to build a bright future.

This year £1=£2 from 12 February to 11 May, all public donations to the Wee Box Big Change Appeal will be doubled by the UK Government.

Boxes can be collected from the front of the Presbytery.

Approval to teach in a Catholic School: COVID-19 Health Restrictions

We have been made aware of some possible challenges in completing references for approval, due to the current restrictions on places of worship and the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass. We would therefore recommend that you read the attached note if applying for approval to teach in a Catholic School.

COVID 19 Restrictions & Application for Approval to teach within a Catholic School

Please remember in your prayers:



Mother's Day Lily Loney, Margaret Docherty, Elizabeth Silvestro,

Recently Dead: Alice Cullen, Bridget (Bessie) Higgins, Marian Docherty, Anne McGivern

<u>Sick:</u> John Clenaghan, Jean Graham, James Carr, Linda Webb, James McLaughlin, Mrs Cecelia Greig, Ann & John McShane, Elizabeth McKenna, Mary Forsyth, Isabella Devine, Nicolas Hardy, Joan Violet Mitchell

<u>Months Mind</u>: Robert & Anthony Clarke, James, Elizabeth, John & Isabella Docherty, Alice Rea, John Graham, Bernard, Liam, John & Brian Loney, Reverend Father Cornelious Xavier O'Leary, Helen, Margaret & Agnes Docherty, William & Patrick Docherty, Anna & Joseph Pearson, Mary & Edward Drummond, Alex & David Thain, Elizabeth Silvestro, Joseph, James & Peter Silvestro, Anna & Joseph Pearson, Jenny Wright, Margaret & Andrew McKinlay, Anna, Brian & Joseph Tierney, Agnes & William McAuley, Rab Bannen

Anniversaries: Margaret McStay

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

St Monica's Church Holy Week and Easter Services

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Friday 26th March	† 8am & 10am: Holy Mass	
	† 6pm: Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 27 th	† 10am: Holy Mass	
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Palm Sunday	† 8.30am, 10am, 12Noon & 5pm: Holy Mass	
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	† 6pm: Stations of the Cross	
Tuesday	† 8am & 10am: Holy Mass	
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Wednesday	† 8am &10am: Holy Mass	
	† 10.30am – 6pm: Exposition of the Holy	
	Sacrament & Confession	
The Easter Triduum		
Thursday		
Thursday	† 9.30am: Morning Prayer of the Church	
	† 7pm: Mass of the Last Supper	
	† 9pm: Night Prayer of the Church	
Good Friday	† 9.30am: Morning Prayer of the Church	
	† The Passion of the Lord Services	
	12Noon, 3pm & 7pm	
0.1	† 9pm: Night Prayers	
Saturday	† 10am: Morning Prayer of the Church	
	† 6pm & 8pm: Easter Vigil	
Easter Sunday	† 9am,10.30am,12Noon	
	There will be no evening mass	

Prayer to Saint Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
and through the paternal love
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father, ward off from us
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us
and from heaven assist us in our struggle
with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.