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SUNDAY MASSES: 8.30am, 10am (livestream) 12 Noon and 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: 8am & 10am Mon- Wed

CONFESSIONS: Please contact Fr Ghislain

Baptisms: Speak to Fr Ghislain

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

Sunday 28 March, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, B

First Reading: Is 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: My God, My God why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading: *Phil 2:6-11*

Gospel: Mk 15-15.47

Wednesday 31st March 10am Requiem Mass: Agnes Cecelia Brennan

This mass is only for 20 people from Agnes Brennan's family. The parish mass will be at 8am on this day.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

The morning and night prayers for only the housebound parishioners not using the Parish Facebook or Your Tube Page are available at the back of the church. If you know anyone not able to attend the church or use any of the social media platforms, then please take a copy for them.

Bulletin

If you have any information or mass intention to be shared on the bulletin on Easter Sunday, please hand it in before Thursday the 1st April. You can also use the parish bulletin to advertise your business.

Parish Accounts

A copy of the parish accounts summary can be uplifted from the back of the church.

Chrism Mass

The Bishop will concelebrate the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral on Holy Thursday, 1st April, at 11.00 am. The Mass will be live-streamed by Sancta Familia Media and on the Diocesan social media channels.

www.facebook.com/rcmotherwell

<https://www.facebook.com/sanctafamiliamedia/>;

<https://youtube.com/c/SanctaFamiliaMedia>;

It will also be available on the Diocesan website. www.rcdom.org.uk

Good Friday Collection for The Holy Places:

Extract from a Letter from Cardinal Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for Eastern Churches, exhorting generous support for the Annual Collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday:

“The last year has been one of trials for everyone and so also for the Holy City of Jerusalem, for the Holy Land and for the small Christian community that lives in the Middle East that seeks to be the salt, light and leaven of the Gospel. In 2020 the Christians of these lands suffered an isolation which made them feel even more distant, cut off from vital contact with the brethren from other countries. They suffered the loss of work due to the absence of pilgrims, and the consequent difficulty in living with dignity and providing for their families and children. In some countries, the persistence of war and sanctions compounded the effects of the pandemic. In addition, part of the economic aid that the Collection *pro Terra Sancta* guaranteed each year fell short due the difficulties in having the Collection in many countries.

May this year’s collection *pro Terra Sancta* be an opportunity to recognise the difficult situation of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Places and to lighten their burdens. If this small gesture of solidarity and sharing fails it will be more difficult for many of them to resist the temptation to leave their country, more demanding to support the parishes in their pastoral and educational work and harder to maintain the social commitment to the poor and suffering. The sufferings of the many displaced people and refugees who have had to leave because of war call for an outstretched hand to pour the balm of consolation on their wounds. We must not give up in taking care of the Holy Places that are concrete proof the incarnation of the Son of God and the sufferings of his life and death for our salvation.”

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 collect a form from the back of the church and return it as soon as possible.

Gift Aid Envelopes for year 2021/22 are now available at the back of the church for collection.

Diocesan Novena to St Joseph

All parishes and diocesan groups are invited to take part in a Diocese-wide Novena to St Joseph through the last nine days in April, leading to the Feast of St Joseph the Worker on Saturday May 1st. The intention of the Novena is to seek St Joseph's protection in our present need, particularly for our families and young people.

Various prayers are available. <https://yearofstjoseph.org/devotions/prayers/>.

Organ Donation Register

Please find, below, a statement by the Bishops' Conference on Scotland's new presumed consent system of organ donation. The Catholic Parliamentary Office has also produced a short article including details for people to access and update the organ donation register. You can access it via this link: [Organ donation: Bishops' Conference statement on move to 'presumed consent' – Catholic Parliamentary Office \(rcpolitics.org\)](https://rcpolitics.org/organ-donation-bishops-statement)

'The Bishops' Conference of Scotland acknowledges organ donation after death as a noble and meritorious act to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity. It is a gift and a sign of great love for one's neighbour. However, fundamental to the generous act of organ donation is its voluntary nature and, thus, the requirement for explicit consent. An opt-out system of organ donation may result in organs being taken after death without the deceased having previously given explicit consent. Individuals should take great care to be clear about whether they would like to donate their organs when they die. Their intentions should be reflected on the organ donation register and made known to relatives.

April – SCIAF Collection for Lenten Appeal for South Sudan

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. Boxes can be returned to the church commencing 28 March 2021, and before the end of April.

500Club

The 500 club will resume on 4 April 2021,

Sacraments for Children

The parish has scheduled the celebration of sacraments for children as follows:

- First Reconciliation: Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th April 2021 at 6pm
- First Communion: Saturday 22nd May 2021 at 11am and 1pm
Sunday 23rd May 2021 at 2pm.
- Confirmation: Monday 24th May & Tuesday 25th May 2021 at 7pm

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.

Please remember in your prayers

Recently Dead: Agnes Cecelia Brennan (Requiem Mass, Wednesday 31st March 10am), John (Jack) Whelan, Stacey Fitzsimons, Ray Dinardo,



Sick: 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

Months Mind:

Margaret Fallon, Sadie Slowey, Patsy Robertson, Joseph Thomson, Edward & Annie McQuillan, Agnes McQuillan, Annie & Frank McCue, Edward McQuillan, Christine Thomson, John Donohue, Margaret Tiffney, Mary Crozier, George & Cathy Thomson, Mary Robertson, Walter Clarke, Alf, Flo & Brian Longyear, John Brady, Betty Haney, Meg & Annie Smith, Sadie & Arthur Craig, Fr Frank Kelly.

Anniversaries: Eugenie M'Nakalaha John Black, John Gallagher, Isaac Fairlie, Francis & Elizabeth McGeehan, Mary, Margaret, Rose & Anne McGeehan, Catherine & James McDonald, Cecilia, Paul & Frank Lennon, Sheila Kennedy, Charlotte Costello, Moira Skillin, Marian Irving, Ann Sood, Mary Thomson,

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