

St Monica's Parish Bulletin



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SUNDAY MASSES: Vigils at 4pm & 5.30pm
, 10am (livestream) 12 Noon & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: 10am

CONFESSIONS: Please contact Fr Ghislain

Baptisms: Speak to Fr Ghislain

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

7th Sunday of Easter – B **World Communication Day**

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17,20-26

Matthias was chosen to fill the gap left by the defection of Judas.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has set his sway in heaven

Second Reading 1Jn 4: 11-16

Since God has loved us, we too must love one another

Gospel Jn 17: 11-19

Jesus prays for his present and future disciples who are to carry on his work in the world

Communication Sunday, 16 May 2021

Communication is part of God's plan for us, allowing us to express and share all that is true, good, and beautiful. But when we yield to our own pride and selfishness, we can distort our ability to communicate. The capacity to twist the truth is a human failing. Today we are witnessing the spread of what has come to be known as "fake news". We are urged to: "contribute to our shared commitment to stemming the spread of fake news and to rediscovering the dignity of journalism and the personal responsibility of journalists to communicate the truth."

The term "fake news" refers to the spreading of disinformation online or in the traditional media based on non-existent or distorted data designed to deceive and manipulate the reader by mimicking real news. Social networks can allow untrue stories to spread so quickly that even authoritative denials fail to contain the damage. Such disinformation can discredit and demonize while fomenting conflict and spreading arrogance and hatred. Preventing and identifying the way disinformation works calls for a profound and careful process of discernment. So how do we defend ourselves? The most radical antidote to the virus of falsehood is purification by the truth.

In Christianity, truth is not just a conceptual reality that regards how we judge things, defining them as true or false. Rather, truth involves our whole life. In the Bible, it carries with it the sense of support, solidity, and trust. We discover and rediscover the truth when we experience it within ourselves in the loyalty and trustworthiness of the One who loves us. This alone can liberate us, as in the words of the Gospel according to John: "The truth will set you free".

To discern the truth, we need to discern everything that encourages communion and promotes goodness.

The Pope Francis has said; 'The best antidotes to falsehoods are not strategies, but people: people who are not greedy but ready to listen, people who make the effort to engage in sincere dialogue so that the truth can emerge; people who are attracted by goodness and take responsibility for how they use language. If responsibility is the answer to the spread of fake news, then a weighty responsibility rests on the shoulders of those whose job is to provide information, namely, journalists, the protectors of news. In today's world, theirs is, in every sense, not just a job; it is a mission. Amid feeding frenzies and the mad rush for a scoop, they must remember that the heart of information is not the speed with which it is reported or its audience impact, but persons. Informing others means forming others; it means being in touch with people's lives. That is why ensuring the accuracy of sources and protecting communication are real means of promoting goodness, generating trust, and opening the way to communion and peace. We are invited everyone to promote a journalism of peace. However, not the kind of journalism that refuses to acknowledge the existence of serious problems or smacks of sentimentalism, but journalism that is truthful and opposed to falsehoods, rhetorical slogans, and sensational headlines. A journalism created by people for people, one that is at the service of all, especially those – and they are the majority in our world – who have no voice. A journalism less concentrated on breaking news than on exploring the underlying causes of conflicts, in order to promote deeper understanding and contribute to their resolution by setting in place virtuous processes. A journalism committed to pointing out alternatives to the escalation of shouting matches and verbal violence.'

Weekly Collection

Offertory Collection: £822.93

Building Fund: £148.86

500 Club

1st Prize No 423 E McAdams

2nd Prize No 46 M Gollogly

3rd Prize No. 60 McCann

First Communion & Confirmation

Please keep in your prayers the children of St Monica's Primary School who are due to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion next weekend and Confirmation on 24/25th May 2021. Parent/Guardians of the children please return your completed track and trace forms to the church before Friday 21 May 2021. A form can be downloaded from the Parish website.

[First Communion Track & Trace Form](#)

[Confirmation Track & Trace Form](#)

Pentecost Lectio Novena

The Motherwell Diocese Mission and Evangelisation Team have prepared a Novena using the method of prayer called Lectio. This is a Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost. The Novena can be found on the link below.

[Pentecost Lectio Novena 2021.](#)



Please remember in your prayers

Recently Dead, Anthony Valente, Beth Gilchrist, Theresa Agnew, Mary Gallacher, Joan Violet Mitchell

Sick: Niamh Cassidy, Ann & John McShane, Linda Webb, Annie Carr

Months Mind: Robert & Anthony Clarke, James, John, Elizabeth & Isabella Docherty, Peter, Mary, Henry & Catherine Wallace, George, Margaret, Henry, Charles & Catherine McAnally, Kathleen & Frank Coventry, Peter McCann, Matthew & Beth Miller, James, Caroline, Elizabeth, Mary, James (Jnr) Robert, William, Peter Grant, Betty Allison, Lawrence & Mary Brankin, William, Ellen & Annie Brankin, Joseph, Agnes, Eddie & Joe Mina, Patricia & Brian Sharkey Jnr, John & Kevin McGrath, Kathleen Smith & David Hayton, Francis & Elizabeth McGeehan, Mary, Margaret, Rose & Anne McGeehan, Catherine & James McDonald, Sheila Kennedy, Charlotte Costello, Moira Skillin, Ann Sood

Anniversaries: Alice Rea, Mary McDonnell, Margaret McCann, Madge Wallace, William Brankin (Snr), Sarah Mulholland, Gerry McNab, Betty McQuade, Marion McCann, David McMillan, George Ralston

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



MASS TIMES

Monday	9.30am	Holy Rosary
	10am	Holy Mass
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Rosary
	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Rosary
	10am	Holy Mass
	7pm	
Thursday	9.30am	Holy Rosary
	10am	Holy Mass
Friday	9.30am	Holy Rosary
	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Rosary
	10am	Holy Mass
	11am & 1pm	First Communion
	4pm & 5.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday	10am, 12 Noon & 5pm	Pentecost Sunday
	2pm	First Communion