



**St Monica's Parish
Diocese of Motherwell**

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SUNDAY MASSES: Vigils at 4pm & 5.30pm
9am, 10am (livestream) 12 Noon & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: 10am

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH: Monday- Friday at 6pm

CONFESSIONS: Please contact Fr Ghislain

Baptisms: Speak to Fr Ghislain

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

5th Sunday of Easter – B

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Paul enduring trials after his conversion. He went up to Jerusalem. In spite of being introduced by Barnabas, he encountered a hostility that he had to be smuggled out of the city. He took all these trials to show the depth of his faith in Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second Reading 1Jn 3: 18-24

Keeping the Commandment of love is what we have to do in order to be at rights with God. Active charity is what distinguishes true Christians from those who are such in name only.

Gospel Jn 15:1-8

Using the Image of vine and branches Jesus illustrate how close are the ties that bind him to his disciples.

Enrolment Mass for First Communion and Confirmation

Monday 3rd May 2021 The Mass of Enrolment will take place in St Monica's Church at 7pm mass for children who will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on 22nd and 23rd May 2021.

Tuesday 4th May 2021 The Mass of Enrolment will take place in St Monica's Church at 7pm mass for children who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on 24th and 25th May 2021.

Please, come along with your child. This is a very important moment for your child and for parish community.



Church Grounds

We are looking for help from our parishioners to help maintain the parish grounds. If you have some spare time during the week, please come along and help to keep our parish grounds looking clean and tidy.

We would especially like to see some of our younger parishioners coming along to help and there are plenty of jobs around the parish suit all levels of fitness.

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to all our children who made their First Reconciliation. We pray that your family will continue to help you to be connected to the Lord and the Church.

Attending Each Sunday mass is important to help your child prepare well for the sacrament. The time of masses are Saturday 4pm, 5.30pm, Sunday 10am, 12 noon and 5pm.

This is a personal invitation for your family to join with your child in the Church each Sunday. Jesus would love you to take up this invitation with joy and not as a burden on you. When you presented your child for baptism you accepted the tremendous responsibility as your constant care to bring him/her in the practice of the faith in order that the divine life received from God grow always stronger in his/her heart. Keep your word.

Weekly Collection

Offertory Collection: £776.22

Building Fund: £187.10

There will be a special collection this weekend for our church refurbishment. The electrical & heating systems require work to be carried out before we can begin the refurbishment of the sanctuary. The boiler in the hall is also in need of urgent repair.

500 Club

1st Prize No 176 K Hannah

2nd Prize No 148 A Gillick

3rd Prize No. 17 J Cassidy

Church Stall

We have gifts and cards available for the First Communion and Confirmation



Monday	9.30am	Holy Rosary
	10am	Holy Mass Feast of St Philip & St James
	7pm	Enrolment Mass for First Communicants
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Rosary
	10am 7pm	Holy Mass Enrolment Mass for the Confirmandi
	9.30am	Holy Rosary
Wednesday	10am	Holy Mass
	9.30am	Holy Rosary
Thursday	10am	Holy Mass
	9.30am	Holy Rosary
Friday	10am	Holy Mass
	9.30am	Holy Rosary
Saturday	9.30am 10am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass
	4pm & 5.30pm	Vigil Mass
	10am, 12 Noon & 5pm	6th Sunday of Easter B

The month of May

May is especially "dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which we pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, we offer up to Mary from our hearts a special fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" Pope Francis encourages us to pray the rosary throughout May. Please, join us for the Holy Rosary from Monday to Saturday at 9.30am.

Letter from Bishop Toal to Faithful

30th April 2021.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope this finds you and your families well.

When I wrote to you on 31st December 2020, I asked for your financial support for the Diocese in the year ahead, particularly in regard to the care of the clergy. A small number of people responded very generously at the time and £20,000 was donated. I thank those who made these significant contributions. Through the month of May, the special collection in our parishes is for the same purpose, more precisely for Sick and Retired Priests, and I seek the support of the whole Diocesan community – contributions can be made in the churches or through Payacharity (box for Sick and Retired Priests) on the Diocesan website – www.rcdom.org.uk. I thank you in advance for your offerings, and ask your prayers also for our elderly clergy, particularly those in residential care.

As Bishop President of SCIAF I also wish to thank all you have responded to this year's "Wee Box" Appeal. Some priests have told me of the generous response through the collections in their parishes and it is very edifying to hear of your kindness to the poor in South Sudan in the midst of our own difficulties. As Catholics we do respond willingly when we hear of the needs of our poorer brothers and sisters in other parts of the world and it is uplifting to hear that we do not forget or ignore them at present. The deadline for making contributions to this year's SCIAF Lenten is May 11th – any monies received before that day will be doubled through the Aid Match Scheme.

With my prayers and best wishes to you and your families,

Yours in Christ,

+ Joseph Toal

Please remember in your prayers

Recently Dead: Bobby Mina, Frank Gilluley, Mary Forsyth, Anthony Valente

Sick: Niamh Cassidy, Bernie & Anna Smith

Months Mind: James & Sadie Prunty, Sadie & Arthur Craig, Frank Kelly, May & Jimmy McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Tilly & Marie Clarke, Mattie, Tommy & Thomas Collins, John Deigan, Margaret Deigan, Anne Marie Deigan, James Deigan, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, Mr & Mrs William Deigan Snr & Jnr, Mr & Mrs Tommy Deigan, Mr & Mrs Prost, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Mr & Mrs John Fagan, Mr Jack Gill

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Prunty, Michael Molloy, Neil Lannigan

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