



St Monica's Parish

Bulletin

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday – Saturday 10am

CONFESSIONS: 30min before the mass in the
sacristy

BAPTISMS: Speak to Fr Ghislain

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

11th Sunday of the Year- B

First Reading: Ez 17:22-24

Responsorial Psalm: *It is good to give you thanks, O Lord*

Second Reading: Cor 5: 6-10

Gospel: Mk 4:26-34

Reflection - Small Beginning

The parable of the mustard seed was a reply to the question: Could the Kingdom really grow from such humble beginnings? Mark's reply was that the little cell of disciples could indeed become a kingdom. The first parable (the seed growing of itself) is very encouraging.

We are too impressed by the large. We tend to despise the small. Yet look at the atom. It is the smallest unit of matter, yet what energy it contains. Many great things and undertakings begin in small and often hidden ways. Examples: a building begins with one brick on another; a book begins with one word on a page, a journey with a single step. A forest fire from a single spark, a giant oak from an acorn, a huge river from a tiny spring, a lifelong friendship from a chance encounter. Things that have a certain integrity and truth always seems to start from humble beginnings.

The seeds need the darkness, isolation, and cover of the earth in order to germinate. Therefore, for something to begin small, hidden, and anonymous is in fact an advantage. It means it can develop away from publicity. There is no pressure. No burden of expectations. It can develop at its own pace. There is no hurry. Hurry ruins many things.

Hence the importance of beginning, of taking care of things in their beginning. If you wish the adult to turn out well, then take good care of the child. We ignore the small at our peril. It is not the mega-rows that lead to marriage break-up, but the mini-rows. The treachery which are destined to reach furthest in their consequences do not begin in an obvious or dramatic way. They begin humbly and unostentatiously, to bear their bitter fruit in maturity. We ascend the heights or sink into the depth a step at a time.

The true savour of life is not to be gained from big things, but from little ones. To sample a wine the taster needs only a sip. Bad habits and illness creep up on us slowly and in little steps. The first step was of no seeming consequence. The roof leaks for the want of a handful of thatch. Alcoholism takes hold of a person a glass at time.

Just because we may not be able to go a mile today, shouldn't stop us for going a yard. Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small steps taken over a period of time. Our lives are made up of little things- little deeds, little happenings and so on. The person who prays for little things is innocent.

If there is something which we want to do, let us not hesitate and think too much. Let us make a start, however small. Let us take one step. Let us plant one seed. For, as Van Gogh says, 'The only thing that accumulates in the long run is the meagre work of every day.'

Collections

Offertory Collection: £785.81

Building Fund: £425.61

The offertory collection will now be taken up during the mass.

500 Club Winners

1st Prize: J Jordan

2nd Prize: Z Roberts

3rd Prize: Betty Batterbsy

Annual Motherwell Diocesan Lourdes Hospitalité Day at Carfin

Will take place on Sunday 20th June at 3 pm. Holy Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated by Bishop Toal.

Please come along and help to tidy up the church grounds.



We will be working in the church grounds on Saturday 19 June after the 10am mass (Weather permitting). Please come along and support your church by helping to keep the grounds looking nice.

THANK
YOU!

To Miss Donaldson and the children from the Eco Group in St Monica's for taking the time to come and pick up litter within the church grounds this week. It was wonderful to see some of our young parishioners working hard to keep the grounds tidy.

The Divine Mercy Group will resume on Monday 14 June 2021 from 2pm to 3pm in the church. Please come and join us in prayer.

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. 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

We would like to thank Millbank Decorators for kindly donating paint last year for the exterior fence around the church. This work will be undertaken shortly by Community Justice Services at no cost to our parish.

thank
you!

Please remember in your prayers



Recently Dead: Ann Green, Kathleen Wallace, Elizabeth Tominey, Jean Douglas, Stephen Kelley, Agnes Wood

Sick: Niamh Cassidy, Anne & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Annie Carr, Michael McAdams, Nicolas Hardy, Mary & Joseph Cope, Mary & Jim O'Neill, Isobel Reilly, Gerard McDonald

Months Mind: John & Bridie Docherty, Eddie McGonigal, Tommy Reynolds, Thomas & Rose Tiernan, Rosemary O'Neill, Denis Leonard, Bill Paul, Lawrence Molloy, John McShane, Rev Cornelius Xavier O'Leary, Helen, Margaret & Agnes Docherty, William & Patrick Docherty, Anna & Joseph Pearson, Mary & Edward Drummond, Alex Thain

Anniversaries: Anthony Clarke, Bernard McCormack, Patrick Joseph Black, Francis & Elizabeth McGeehan, Mary, Margaret, Rose & Anne McGeehan, Catherine & James McDonald, Sheila Kennedy, Charlotte Costello, Moira Skillin, Marian Irving, Ann Sood, Anne McGeough

100th Birthday Remembrance: Rose Tiernan

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

Services this week		
Monday	10am	Requiem Mass for Ann Green
	12 Noon	Requiem Mass for Stephen Kelley
Tuesday	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday	10am	Holy Mass
Thursday.	10am	Requiem Mass for Agnes Wood
Friday	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday	10am	10am Holy Mass Vigil Mass
	4pm & 5.30pm	
Sunday	10am, 12 Noon & 5pm	12 th Sunday of the Year – B Holy Mass

Please note there will be no 10am mass on Monday and Thursday for parishioners