

# St Monica's Parish Bulletin

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Thursday & Friday 10am  
Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30am  
There will be no 10am mass on Saturday for parishioners.

Requiem Masses: Tuesday 8 June 2021 10am Kathleen Wallace  
Wednesday 9 June 2021 10am Jean Douglas  
Saturday 12 June 2021 10am Stephen Kelley

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.

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## **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Solemnity - B**

First Reading: Ex 24:3-8

Responsorial Psalm: *The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.*

Second Reading: Hb 9:11-15

Gospel Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26

## Corpus Christi.

The word 'companion' comes from two Latin words: *cum* which means *with*, and *panis* which mean *bread*. A 'companion' literally means someone with whom I share bread. It is not everyone that you enjoy a meal with. Not everyone that you invite in for a cup of tea. There has to be a bond and that bond is deepened by the sharing of food and drink. When people invite us to their table they offer us more than food. They offer us trust, welcome and friendship. We feel honoured. The talk is as much a part of the fare as the food. Afterwards we feel nourished, not only in body, but also in heart and spirit. The Eucharist is the meal that we share in the Lord's memory and at his command. By inviting us to partake of the sacred food of the Eucharist, Jesus makes us his companions and friends. And in doing so we ought to become companions and friends to one another. But does this happen? Nowadays a person could come to mass in a car and go away afterwards without making contact with anyone. Can such a person say that he has really and truly been to mass? We've met God, but have we met our fellow Christians, our neighbours? The two realities are linked- being in communion with Jesus so that we can be in communion with one another. A person could be broken, and no one would know, no one would care. Building community is not that hard. It just takes ordinary friendliness. The first step is to become acquainted. If we were able to go into the room where Jesus washed his apostle's feet and ate the last supper with them, we would immediately get that sense of bonding. Here is a group of companions sitting around a table sharing a meal. We need Christ- that is obvious. But we also need one another. To be a believer, or just a spiritual person, in today's world can be a lonely business. Here is where the community comes in. We are a community of believers whose common faith strengthens the faith of each individual. The first Christians supported one another. They forgave each other's offences, shared their possessions, and fostered the spirit of community. Sharing creates a bond, and bonding leads to sharing. The Eucharist was at the centre of everything. It was this that bound them together and enabled them to offer a loving service to one another.

### Collections

Offertory Collection: £732.60

Building Fund: £133.20

**There will be a special collection for the Building Fund this weekend.**

### 500 Club Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: J McKeegans

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: J Jordan

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: A O'Neill

### **Corpus Christi Eucharistic Adoration – 6 June 2021**

We will have 30 mins of adoration after the 12 noon mass on Sunday. We encourage our young children who received their First Communion and Confirmation to join us.

### **Why you don't start The Legion of Mary Group in St Monica's**

This lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbour on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries. With the approval and support of the Popes and a great many Bishops, Priests and Religious, as well as the prayers and efforts of legionaries, the Legion, by the grace of God, has grown into a worldwide organisation with several million members. It would be great to have this organisation in our parish community.

### **Help needed to tidy up the Church Grounds.**

There is much work needed in the church grounds. Can you spare some time to come along and help with the upkeep of the grounds? Please speak to Fr Ghislain after any of the masses or simply come along any day and help.

### **Fundraising**

We are looking for parishioners to come forward with ideas on how we can restart our fundraising for the Building Fund. We hope to establish a committee to plan upcoming events so if you would like to join the committee, please leave your name, and contact details with Fr Ghislain.

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

### **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.*

### **Safeguarding**

The 'Safeguarding Matters' newsletter that Bishops' Conference is publishing to communicate progress with the revision of IN GOD'S IMAGE ahead of its publication in August. This is intended to be the first in a series of newsletters that will provide information and advice on specific safeguarding matters. It can be found here on the BCOS website

<https://bit.ly/3g2tdrg>

**Please remember in your prayers**



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

**Sick:** Niamh Cassidy, Ann & John McShane, Linda Webb, Annie Carr, Michael McAdams,  
Nicolas Hardy, Mary Cope, Joseph Cope, Isobel Reilly

**Months Mind:** James, Elizabeth & Sadie Prunty, John Deigan, Margaret Deigan, Ann Marie Deigan, James Deigan, Mr & Mr Tommy Deigan, Mr & Mrs William Deigan (Snr & Jnr) Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, Mr & Mrs Andy Prost, Mr & Mrs John Fagan, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Mr Jack Gill, Frank & Agnes Wilson

**Anniversaries:** Daniel Starrs, Anne McGeough, Frances & Bridget McDonagh

**Baptism:** We welcome Danni Cappie to our Parish Community

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

Services this week		
Monday	10am	Holy Mass
Tuesday	8.30am	Holy Mass
	10am	Requiem Mass for Kathleen Wallace
Wednesday Feast – St Columba	8.30am	Holy Mass
	10am	Requiem Mass for Jean Douglas
Thursday.	10am	Holy Mass
Friday Solemnity - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday Memorial – The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10am	Requiem Mass for Stephen Kelley
	4pm & 5.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday	10am, 12 Noon & 5pm	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – B Holy Mass