



# *St Monica's Parish*

## *Bulletin*

*1<sup>st</sup> August 2021*

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Parish Priest: Fr. Ghislain B. Mulumanzi.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday-Saturday: 9am-9.55am  
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: Please speak to Fr Ghislain

For parents requesting the christening of their children, their attendance at mass in the church with the congregation on the weekend is a very important part of the preparation.

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

## **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year- B**

**First Reading:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven

**Second Reading:** Eph 4:17.20-24

**Gospel:** Jn 6:24-35

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**Rt Rev. Joseph Toal STB KC\*HS  
Bishop of Motherwell**

28<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish you all well, and hope you are enjoying the Scottish summer.

As we follow Liturgical Year B this summer, we listen to Chapter 6 of St John's Gospel at Mass through successive Sundays. Last Sunday we heard the Gospel of the Miracle of the Loaves and the Fish, when Jesus fed the multitude gathered around him with the five barley loaves and two fish – *"Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted"*. Hearing of the Lord's abundant blessing on the hungry people we are encouraged to place our faith in the Lord's generosity when he feeds us with his Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. We also are hungry for the Lord's love and protection, and particularly for the sustenance he offers to us in Holy Communion. We come, therefore, to each Celebration of Mass in anticipation and thanksgiving for such a wonderful gift.

In the forthcoming Sundays we will hear Jesus' teaching about himself as the Bread of Life that has come down from heaven – *"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world"*. Our firm faith in the miracle of the Eucharist, that the Lord's Body and Blood become truly present in the consecrated bread and wine, is strengthened, and renewed by the Lord's own words and our participation in the holy mysteries of his passion, death and resurrection renewed for us in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I invite you to listen attentively to the Lord's words and to renew your faith in the salvation made present for us in each Mass celebrated. At the end of his discourse in John 6, Jesus asked the apostles if they wished to go away as others were doing, and Simon Peter answered, *"Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; you are the Holy One of God"*. When present at Mass may this profession of faith be ours and may the Lord reassure us of its truth and of all the goodness, he bestows upon us.

We continue to experience some effects from the coronavirus and, while we hope life can become more "normal" again, we are aware that some threats to our health and well-being remain and will require continuing caution and willingness to make decisions and accept sacrifices for the benefit of others as well as ourselves. We do hope though that more of the faithful will now feel able to return to our Catholic practice of attending Sunday Mass, recognising that we will continue to make every effort to ensure everybody's safety as more restrictions are lifted and larger congregations can gather in our churches. I would like to extend a special invitation to families to come to Sunday Mass, wishing especially to welcome parents and children, teenagers, and young adults, to revitalise the great Catholic tradition of attending Mass each week, thus acknowledging the gift of faith received from the Lord and sustained by his abiding presence in the Holy Eucharist. It may be true that the forced separation of recent months has lessened the desire of some to participate in the Church's worship, but there comes a time to take stock and hopefully to decide on a path of renewed interest and participation.

Hopefully this can be a time of new life and hope, not something forced upon us, but rather an invitation from the Lord to come and listen and be feed with the beautiful gift he gives us of himself in the Eucharist.

I take this opportunity also to encourage you to attend Mass in your own parishes on Sundays (including, of course, Saturday Vigil Masses). It is quite easy for people to choose to attend Mass in other parishes when churches are so close to one another, but we do all live within the boundaries of a particular parish, which we

therefore belong to. We are clearly going to face a period of readjustment of some sort in the post-pandemic period and I would think that the loyalty of the local Catholic community to their own parish church, and participation in its worship, sacramental and social life, will very much determine its viability and vitality. Every parish will need the commitment of the present and future generations as well remembering the great deeds of the past.

With grateful thanks to the Lord for the wonderful gift of the Eucharist, I thank you for your own prayers and for your support for the Church. May the Lord be close to each one of us and our families as we look to him in our present need and in our hope for the future.

Yours in Christ, With my prayers and best wishes,

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### Raffle

£450 has been raised for the church refurbishment. Thank you to Elizabeth McAdams for organising the raffle and to everyone who supported this.

### Collections

Offertory Collection: £897.55

Building Fund: £ 197.98

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

Starting next weekend, the offertory collection will be taken up during the mass

### 500 Club Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: No. 292 J Batersby

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: No. 12 A Watson

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: No. 519 C McNee

### 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**

### New Lectern

Thank you to our parishioners who donated £700 for a new lectern in memory of their loved one.

### Sponsored Walk Friday 6 August 2021 at 11am

We are calling on all the children of the parish to come and join in the fun of a sponsored walk to help raise funds for the refurbishment of our lovely church. We will meet at St Monica's Church on Friday the **6th of August at 11am**. Bring a bottle of water to keep hydrated (best foot forward!). **Sponsor forms can be collected from the back of the church.**



## The Renewal Of Commitment By Ministers Of Communion.

For those who missed the meeting copies are available at the back of the church. Ministers are normally commissioned for a year at a time. They are expected to attend a day of recollection each year. It is also recommended that ministers meet from time to time for in-service training and on-going liturgical formation, for business meetings to discuss matters concerning their ministry. They should renew their commitment annually, in the presence of the parish. The renewal takes place this coming weekend 31 July and 1st August after the homily. The ministers stand in front of the Altar and the parish priest, who presides at the renewal on behalf of the bishop.

### Please remember in your prayers

**Recently Dead:** Daniel Cunningham, Mary Reid, Agnes Devine, Mary Hynes, Annie Carr, Mary McNeil, Janet Eadie



**Sick:** Niamh Cassidy, Anne & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Michael McAdams, Nicolas Hardy, Mary & Joseph Cope, Isobel Reilly, Gerald McDonald, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Janey Mullen, Ann Craig, Ben McGovern, John Clenaghan

**Months Mind:** May & Jimmy McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Tilly & Marie Clarke, Mattie, Tommy & Thomas Collins, Jim Boyle, Arthur Craig, Fr Frank Kelly, Lawrence, William & Mary Brankin, William, Ellen & Annie Brankin, Joseph, Agnes, Eddie & Joe Mina, Patricia & Brian Sharkey Jnr, Kathleen Smith, John & Kevin McGrath, John Gribben, Neil Lannigan, Bessie Lannigan Neilie Lannigan, Natasha Lannigan, Margaret Deigan, Annemarie Deigan, John Deigan, James Deigan, Mr & Mrs William Deigan Snr & Jnr, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, Mr & Mrs Andy Prost, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Mr & Mrs John Fagan, Mr & Mrs Tommy Deigan, Mr Jack Gill

**Anniversaries:** Eric Gallagher, Patsy Paterson, Mary Kelly, Billy Kelly, Bert McMahon, Martin Mullen, Sadie Craig, Fred, Anna & Betty Scott, Albert & Christina Fulton, Catherine Frame, David Hayton, Danny Donnachie

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

<b>Services this week</b>		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>St John Mary Vianney - Memorial</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>The Transfiguration of the Lord - Feast</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>4pm &amp; 5.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>12 Noon &amp; 5pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B</b>