

St Monica's Parish Bulletin

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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.

17th Sunday of the Year- B

First Reading: Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm: You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires

Second Reading: Eph 4: 1-6 **Gospel:** Jn 6: 1-15

Collections

Offertory Collection: £886.38 Building Fund: £206.44

Special Collection this weekend 24/25 July for Peter's Pence

Next week's 2nd collection will be for the building fund

500 Club Winners

1st Prize: No. 267 J McCann 2nd Prize: No. 21 K Hannah 3rd Prize: No. 8 S Docherty

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





























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.

































Thanks to all the parishioners who have helped this week in the church grounds. All your hard work is as always greatly appreciated.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – 25 July 2021 12 Noon Mass

Pope Francis invites the Church throughout the world to keep the Sunday closest to Feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, Sunday July 25th, as the Church's Day of Prayer and Support for Grandparents and the Elderly, recognising the vital part they play in all societies and families, and in the life and mission of the Church. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the 12 noon mass.

Visiting grandparents and older people who are alone.

The first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is celebrated in circumstances in which it is still not possible in many countries for the elderly to physically attend Mass. • In order for the message of closeness and consolation to reach everyone on this World Day – even those who are most isolated – we ask people to visit their grandparents and the elderly living alone in their community and to give them the Holy Father's message. • A visit is a tangible sign of a Church of outreach. At a time of social distancing because of the pandemic, a visit shows that there is a way of being close to older people while still observing safety measures. • A visit is a personal choice to arise and go in haste to others (cf. Lk 1:39), just as Mary did when she visited her elderly cousin Elizabeth. • A visit is an opportunity for a grandchild to say to his or her grandparent and for a young person to say to an elderly person they are visiting, "I am with you always". • A visit can be an opportunity to bring a gift, such as a flower, and to read the World Day prayer together. • A visit can also be an occasion to offer the elderly, especially those who have not left their homes for a long time, an opportunity to receive the sacraments of reconciliation and the Eucharist. • A visit to an older person living alone is one of the ways of obtaining a Plenary Indulgence granted on the occasion of this World Day. • In places where health emergency measures still make it impossible to visit in person, love can use imagination to find ways of reaching lonely elderly people by phone or social media. • The World Day message can be shared by posting pictures of visits on social media with the hashtag #lamWithYouAlways.

Please take a copy of the letter from His Holiness Pope Francis to anyone you know who is housebound.

The Renewal Of Commitment By Ministers Of Communion.

Thank you for those who attended the meeting last Tuesday and those who sent their apologies. 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 inservice 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.

Safeguarding Webinar 2nd October 2021

Registration for this event is NOW OPEN. This link to the registration page is https://bit.ly/3gQRdPu. The Bishops are keen to encourage as many people as possible to participate in the webinar which will address the theme – 'Growing Our Culture of Care'. Clergy, religious, Church employees and volunteers are invited to participate. Our parish safeguarding co-ordinator is Mrs Wendy Gibbons and can be contacted on tel: 01236 437523.

Readers

The readers rota for August/September 2021 is now available on the church noticeboard. If you haven't already done so, please give a note of your telephone number to Elizabeth Smith or Father Ghislain.

Please remember in your prayers

<u>Recently Dead:</u> Daniel Cunningham (**Funeral on 27 July**), John McDade, Robert Reid, Karen Patrick, Alice Devine (**Funeral on Friday 30**th **July, 10am**) <u>Sick:</u> Niamh Cassidy, Anne & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Annie Carr, Michael McAdams, Nicolas Hardy, Mary & Joseph Cope, Isobel Reilly,



Gerald McDonald, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Janey Mullen, Ann Craig, Ben McGovern

<u>Months Mind</u>: Peter, Ellen & Helen Moore, Betty & Jim Duffy, Bernard, Lily, Liam, John & Brian Loney, Fred & Sarah Scott, Hamilton, Annie, Jim, John & Steven Pettigrew, Isabel & Charles O'Hagan, John McGregor, George Ferguson, Brian Lowe, Patsy Robertson

<u>Anniversaries</u>: Margaret Fallon, Eddie Fagan, Annie Patricia Findlater, Sean Jordan, John Albert & Sallie Fulton, Sadie Slowey

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

Services this week		
Monday	10am	Holy Mass
Tuesday	10am	Holy Mass
Requiem Mass for Daniel		
Cunningham		
Wednesday	10am	Holy Mass
Thursday	10am	Holy Mass
Friday	10am	Holy Mass
Requiem Mass for		
Alice Devine		
Saturday	10am	Holy Mass
	4pm & 5.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday	10am	Holy Mass
	12 Noon & 5pm	18 th Sunday of the Year – B