

St Monica's Parish

Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) – 26th September, 2021

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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.

First Reading: Nm 11:25-29
Responsorial Psalm: *The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart*
Second Reading: Jm5: 1-6
Gospel: Mk 9: 38-43. 45.47-48

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Four Ways to Stay Strong in Your Christian Faith

Sometimes you doubt your faith and finding just 5 mins for God seems like just another chore. God knows that sometimes you struggle in your faith and that you wonder if God is even there. Here are some ways to keep your faith strong even when you feel a bit weak.

1. Remember that God is Always There

Even in the driest times, when you just don't feel God's presence, you need to remember that God is always there. He doesn't forget you. True faith is developed even when you don't feel God.

2. Do a Daily Devotional

Developing long-term habits is important to maintaining your faith. A daily devotional will keep you in the word & enhance your prayer life. It will also keep you closer to God even when you struggle in your faith.

3. Get Involved

Many people become apathetic over time, because they do not feel connected to a church body. Some churches don't offer ways to connect. Yet, there are a lot of activities in the community. You can even look into other ministries. The more connected you are to the body of Christ, the more likely it is that you will maintain your faith.

4. Talk to Someone

If you feel separated from God or you find yourself backsliding, talk to someone. Try your Parish Priest, or even your parents. Talk through your issues & pray with them about your struggle. They can offer insight into how they have worked through their own struggles.



Offertory Collection: £921.90

Building Fund: £70.00

Many thanks for your great generosity and support

There will be a special collection next weekend for the Building Fund

500 Club Winners

1st Prize: No. 180 A Cranie

2nd Prize: No. 234 A McAlinden

3rd Prize: No. 411 M Paul

The hall will be open after the 10am and 12pm Sunday masses for anyone wishing to come along and have a hot roll with tea/coffee.

Money raised will go towards the church refurbishment.

Children's Ministry

We encourage children and young people to participate every 1st Sunday of the month in the readings and offertory collections. If you wish to read, please speak to Father Ghislain or Elizabeth Smith and they will be able to give you a copy of the reading for the 1st Sunday in October.

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

“For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.” Pope Francis invites us all to take part in the Synod which will reflect on these themes. Every parish is asked to come together in prayer, listening and discernment to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to us. In communion with each other, we experience that “we belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God” (I Corinthians 3.23). Bishop Toal will mark the beginning of this synodal process with the celebration of Mass in Motherwell Cathedral on Sunday 17th October at 3pm. Make a note of this in your diary and take part in this important diocesan event. Please let your Parish Priest know you wish to attend.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you thinking of joining the Roman Catholic Church? Many adults entering the Catholic Church, or those just thinking to deepen their understanding of faith follow a process known as the **RCIA** – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. At the end of the initiation, you’re received into the Church during the Easter Vigil Mass, where you’ll receive the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. After reception into the Church at Easter, Mystagogy period we learn more about the mysteries of the Mass and the Sacraments that you now participate in fully. Please, speak to Fr Ghislain or Liz McAdams if you are interested.

Readers Rota/ Meeting

The new rota for October is available for collection at the back of the church. There will be a meeting for all readers in the church on Wednesday 6th October 2021 at 7 pm. Anyone interested in reading at mass is welcome to come along or can contact Father Ghislain or Elizabeth Smith (07923552576).

Dates for First Communion and Reconciliation are as follows:

Reconciliation – 1 February 2022 at 6pm

First Communion - 7 May 2022 at 12pm & 8 May 2022 at 2pm

Parents should collect a Sacrament Request Form from one of the stewards at any of the weekend masses and return it to the parish along with a copy of the child’s Baptism Certificate before the 28th September, 2021.

Thank You

To Millbank Decorators who generously gave us paint to allow us to paint our church hall.
Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Sacrament Preparation Meeting & Enrolment Mass

Children due to receive one of the Sacraments next year are invited to attend one the relevant meetings and enrolment masses below in the church with their parents.

Sacrament Preparation Meeting

First Reconciliation and First Communion
28 September 2021 at 6pm
Confirmation – 19 October 2021 at 6pm

Enrolment Mass

First Reconciliation 24 October 2021 at 12pm
First Communion 31 October 2021 at 12pm
Confirmation 14 November 2021 at 12pm

Please remember in your prayers

Recently Dead: Margaret Quinn (Requiem Mass 28/09/21 10am), Paul McMullen, Mary McSwiggan, John Duffy, Joaquim Medeiros

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, Anne Marie Snodden, Catherine Donnelly, Tess Wallace, James Donnelly, Jim Gallacher

Months Mind: Joseph Thomson, Edward & Annie McQuillan, Annie & Frank McCue, Agnes McQuillan, Margaret Tiffney, Mary Crozier, Eddie McQuillan, George & Cathie Thomson, Mary Robertson, Christine Thomson, John Donohue, Walter Clarke, John Brady, Alf & Flo Longyear, Brian Longyear, Betty Haney, Meg & Annie Smith, Sadie Slowey, Patsy Robertson, Sadie Craig, Fr Frank Kelly, Tommy & Annie Docherty, Thomas Docherty, Tommy Gallagher, Margaret Smith, Jimmy & Jenny Docherty

Anniversaries: Mary Thomson, Margaret Harkins, Elizabeth & James McParland, Mary & James Clarke, John & Susan Clarke, Danny Watson (Snr) Danny Watson (Jnr) Mary & Tom Kelly, Nan McGhee, Annie Duffy, Arthur Craig, James Smith, Thomas & Ellan O'Rourke

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

Services this week		
Monday St Vincent De Paul - Memorial	10am	Holy Mass
Tuesday Requiem Mass for Margaret Quinn	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael - Feast	10am	Holy Mass
Thursday Saint Jerome - Memorial	10am	Holy Mass
Friday St Therese of the Child Jesus - Memorial	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday The Holy Guardian Angels - Memorial	10am 4pm & 5.30pm	Holy Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	10am 12 Noon & 5pm	Holy Mass 27th Sunday of the Year B