



# *St Monica's Parish*

## *Bulletin*

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**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) - 5 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:** Is 35:4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** My soul, give praise to the Lord

**Second Reading:** Jm 2: 1-5

**Gospel:** Mk 7: 31-37

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23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday B. **"Do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ with the making of distinctions between classes of people."**

This passage from James may make some of us uncomfortable. Our society is riddled with class distinction. We see it in the cars people drive in, in the planes they fly in, in the areas they live in, in the clubs they frequent, and so on. There is a place for the rich and a place for poor. Our society values people according to the amount of money they have. If you are wealthy, you are somebody. If you are poor, you are nobody.

It's not so much the fact that there are distinctions, but what results from these distinctions that concerns us. Class distinction leads to partiality, to the favouring of the rich and the slighting of the poor. It is used to keep people in their place and give people an inferiority complex. It keeps people apart. Sometimes the poor are not allowed in the same building as the rich. But the rich suffer, too because it gives them a false sense of importance. Class distinction leads to double standards and should have no place among Christians. We need to challenge these false standards, and not allow ourselves to be lured into conforming to them. There are times when the barriers of class fall down. In times of collective danger, or collective sadness, or collective joy, these distinctions are swept aside, and shown up for the silly things they really are. On such occasions people reach out to one another, and a great mutual enrichment occurs. Such occasions make one realise how much is lost through these artificial divisions. Here in the house of God all barriers of class fall down. They look silly. Because here our true dignity becomes apparent. It is not based on the thing which normally divide people, and which are held in such esteem by society. It is based on something much deeper- what we are: God's sons and daughters; brothers and sisters of the Lord. Any other distinctions are trivial and insignificant.



Offertory Collection: £1041.92

Building Fund: £557.35

**Special Collection this weekend 4/5  
September for our Church refurbishment.  
Please continue to support this project and  
many thanks to those who do contribute.**

### **500 Club Winners**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: No.35 A Watson

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: No.70 S Ward

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: No. 55 D McCall

### **Altar Servers**

Are you looking to become an altar server?  
Please join us tomorrow **06/09/21 at 6pm**  
for training in the church.

### **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**

### **Vigil Mass**

Starting on Saturday 6 November, 2021 there will only be one vigil mass at 4pm.



There will be a family mass for parents who have children in P1 on Friday 17 September 2021 at 6pm.  
Tea & Coffee will be served in the hall afterwards.



### **Children's Liturgy**

The children's liturgy resumes this weekend at the 12pm Mass. Those planning to have their first reconciliation, first communion and confirmation are encouraged to attend weekend mass and if possible, the children's liturgy.

Anyone wishing to help at the Children's Liturgy please speak to Father Ghislain

### **Sponsored Walk**

Thanks to all our children and their parents who took part in the sponsored walk to raise funds for our church refurbishment. A total of £552.50 was raised.



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

### **Ministers of the Eucharist**

The last meeting was called in order to give training to Eucharistic Ministers on how they should distribute Holy Communion during the current COVID 19 situation. If you missed that meeting please speak to Father Ghislain before serving at mass to ensure that everyone is clear on what they should be doing to avoid spreading the virus.

### **Please remember in your prayers**

**Recently Dead:** Morag McKeown - Funeral Tuesday 07/09/21 at 10am.  
Reception of her remains on Monday 06/09/21 at 7pm, Michael McAuley (Funeral 20<sup>th</sup> September), Jimmy Lafferty, Mary Cluckie



**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

**Months Mind:** Bill Paul, Lawrence Molloy, James, Elizabeth & Sadie Prunty, Bernard, Lily, Liam, John & Brian Loney, Frank & Agnes Wilson, James & Sarah Innes, Peter Burns, Daniel, Catherine, James, John Anthony, Stacey Duggan, John Deigan, Margaret Deigan, James Deigan, Mr & Mrs Deigan Snr & Jnr, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, Mr & Mrs Prost, Mr & Mrs John Fagan, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Mr & Mrs Tommy Deigan, Mr Jack Gill

**Anniversaries:** Linda Ann Irvine, Dennis Morgan, Margaret Tulloch, David Moore

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

Services this week		
Monday	10am	Holy Mass
Tuesday	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday The Nativity of Our Lady - Feast	10am	Holy Mass
Thursday	10am	Holy Mass
Friday	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday	10am 4pm & 5.30pm	Holy Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	10am 12 Noon & 5pm	Holy Mass 24th Sunday of the Year B