

St Monica's Parish

Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) – 3rd October 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: GN 2:18-24

Responsorial Psalm: **May the Lord bless us all the days of our life**

Second Reading: Hb 2:9-11

Gospel: Mk10:2-16

Pastoral letter from Bishop Toal

Please collect a copy of a Pastoral Letter on the Synod from the Bishop in which he explains the background to the synodal process in which the diocese, along with other dioceses throughout the world, will engage over the next few months. 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. Our participation in the life and mission of the Church is rooted in our participation in the life of the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 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 if you wish to attend. More information on the synod is available on the diocesan website <https://www.rcdom.org.uk/>. Please, place your name and tel. number on the sheet at the back of the Church if you would like to attend the open mass on Sunday 17th October at 3pm in Motherwell.

Synodal Prayer:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.



Offertory Collection: £977.00

Building Fund: £785.18

Many thanks for your great generosity and support

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

Anyone wishing to donate to the Ecclesiastical Students Fund please collect an envelope from the table in the church porch and deposit it in the box at the back of the church.

500 Club Winners

1st Prize: No. 336 H Kelly

2nd Prize: No. 142 A McManus

3rd Prize: No. 59 E McNeil

Tea/Coffee & Hot Rolls

The hall is open after the 10am and 12pm Sunday masses every Sunday for anyone wishing to come along and have something to eat and a hot drink.

Big thank you to the volunteers who prepare and serve the food and also to those you come along and support. Money raised will go towards the church refurbishment.

Everyone is welcome!

**October Devotion to
The Blessed Virgin Mary**

Come and join us in prayer of the Holy Rosary each **Monday at 7pm** during the month of October.

Parish Stall

We have lots of new items such as Christmas cards, candles & gifts etc. Please come have a look and support the parish stall.

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 7pm**. Anyone interested in reading at mass is welcome to come along or can contact Father Ghislain or Elizabeth Smith (07923552576).

Sacrament Preparation Meeting & Enrolment Mass

Children due to receive one of the Sacraments next year are invited to attend one of the weekend masses. Also, there will be the relevant meetings and enrolment masses below in the church.

Sacrament Preparation Meeting

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

Altar Servers

There will be a meeting for altar servers on Monday **4 October at 6pm** in the Church. Anyone wishing to become an altar server is welcome to come along to this meeting.

Congratulations

To the new Mr & Mrs Flannigan, Laura & Paul who were married on Saturday and to their two children Jack and Lacey who were Baptised.

Catholic Church campaigns against Assisted Suicide Proposal

The Catholic Church in Scotland has restated its opposition to a new attempt to legalise assisted suicide. While the Church together, with a wide range of other organisations supports the Care Not Killing (CNK) group, it has separately criticised the prospect of another consultation on the subject. A copy of the leaflet prepared by the Catholic Parliamentary Office on the Assisted Suicide Bill to be lodged soon in the Scottish Parliament is available in the Church porch.

Please remember in your prayers

Recently Dead: James Peacock, Margaret Kane Roweny, Margaret Quinn

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, Helen McNeil

Months Mind, Margaret Deigan, John Deigan, James Deigan, AnneMarie Deigan, Mr & Mrs Deigan Snr & Jnr, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, Mr & Mrs Andy Prost, Mr & Mrs John Fagan, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Mr & Mrs Tommy Deigan, Jack Gill, James, Caroline, Elizabeth, Mary, James Jnr, Robert & William McKinley, Beth & Matthew Miller, Peter Grant, Betty Allison Matthew Thompson Snr, Matthew Thomson Jnr, Mary McKeown, Morag McKeown, Mary, William, Sophia, Thomas & Agnes McCusker, The McCusker Family, The O'Hear Family, William Brankin, William, Ellen & Annie Brankin, Joseph, Eddie & Joe Mina, Patricia & Brian Sharkey Jnr, Kathleen Smith, Kevin McGrath, David Hayton, May & Jimmy McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Mattie, Tommy & Thomas Collins, Tilly & Marie Clarke, Jim Boyle, James, Elizabeth & Sadie Prunty, Hamilton, Annie, Jim, John & Stevan Pettigrew, George Ferguson, Brian Lowe, Isabel & Charles O'Hagan

Anniversaries: Gary Thomson, Lawrence & Mary Brankin, Agnes Mina & John McGrath

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

Services this week		
Monday St Francis of Assisi - Memorial	10am 7pm	Holy Mass Holy Rosary
Tuesday	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday	10am	Holy Mass
Thursday Our Lady of the Rosary - Memorial	10am	Holy Mass
Friday	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday	10am 4pm & 5.30pm	Holy Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	10am 12 Noon & 5pm	Holy Mass 28th Sunday of the Year B