

St Monica's Parish

Diocese of Motherwell

Charity No. SC011041

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Church Services

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday-Saturday: 9am-
9.55am

SUNDAY MASSES: Vigil at 4pm
10am (livestream) 12 Noon & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday – Saturday 10am

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: Monday 2pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Monday at 6pm

CONFESSIONS: 30min before the Mass in the sacristy

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES. Please speak to Fr Ghislain

Parish Hall: Contact Kelly McColl on 07464254377
or email stmonicashall@outlook.com

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

Responsorial Psalm: **I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me**

Second Reading: Rev 5:11-14

Gospel: Jn 21:1-19

Restoration of Peter

It was said of Joseph Stalin that if you made one mistake it was like mishandling a detonator- it was the last one you made. We too sometimes write people off because of one bad experience, but which of us would like to be judged on a single moment of our lives. After what happened on Holy Thursday night, we would have expected Jesus to write Peter off as being weak, cowardly, and unreliable. Had he done so, most people would have said that he had no other option. After all, Peter was a leader of the apostolic team. He had set a terrible example for the others.

Yet Jesus did not write him off. He didn't even demote him. And there were no recriminations either. Judas betrayal was a planned thing, and was carried out in a cold, calculating manner. Peter's denial was not a planned thing and was the result of weakness rather than malice. Jesus, the reader of heart, knew this. After breakfast he turned to Peter and said, "Peter do you love me more than the others love me? "What a strange question to ask. Do you love me"? Hadn't he proved beyond any shadow of doubt that he didn't love him? Yet this is the question Jesus asked Peter. And Peter said, Lord you know that I love you. He sincerely meant these words. What's more- they were true. He really did love Jesus. Jesus knew that there was another and better side to Peter. Strength and weakness can co-exist in the same person. Jesus called Peter forward. He asked him to declare his love in public, since his denial had also been in public.

Jesus kept no record of Peter's sins. But he did ask him to do something for him- to feed the sheep and lambs of his flock, that is, to love and serve his brothers and sisters in the community. That, if you like, was his penance. That is the best way to make atonement for sin. As Peter himself later wrote love covers a multitude of sins. (1Pet4, 8). He learned that he wasn't as brave as he thought he was. It's a far better and more salutary thing to learn a lesson than to be taught a lesson. When we learn from a fall, the recalling of it is more likely to evoke gratitude than self –recrimination.



Offertory Collection: £917.83

Building Fund: £151.41

Many thanks for your great generosity
and support

**There will be a second collection this
weekend for our Church Building Fund**

**There will be a 2nd collection next
weekend 7/8th May for sick and retired
priests**

Weekly Offering

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

Carpark

The gates to the church carpark will now
be closed ever night following recent fly
tipping and also to deter vandalism.

We apologise for any inconvenience this
may cause

**500 CLUB
WINNERS**
£££

1st Prize No. 13 A Watson
2nd Prize No. 65 M McCann
3rd Prize No. 667 A Dier

Month of May Devotions to Our Lady

Starting on **2nd May** there will be Rosary
every Monday during the month of May
at **6pm**.

Altar Servers Meeting

There will be an altar servers meeting on
Tuesday **3rd May at 6pm** in the church. It
is important that all our altar servers
attend to receive training.

Readers Rota

The new rota for May/June 2022 is now
available. Copies are displayed at the
back of the church. We are currently
short of readers for the 5pm Sunday
evening mass. If you would like to join or
re-join the readers, for this or any other
mass, you would be most welcome and
should contact Father Ghislain

Please remember in your prayers

RIP: Jean Foy, David Doyle, Mr Clarkson, Catherine McKenna, Gerald Keane, Canon
Michael Walsh

Sick: Niamh Cassidy, Ann & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb,
Michael McAdams, Nicolas Hardy, Isobel Reilly, Gerald McDonald, Carol McGuinness,
Pauline O'Rourke, Janey Mullen, Ben McGovern, Anne Marie Snodden, Catherine Donnelly,
James Donnelly, Alice Lindsay, Patricia McGhee, Bernadette Homer, Betty McKenna, Kelly
Noble, Michael McGarrity, Sadie McBride

Month's Mind: James & Sadie Prunty, Agnes Gordon, Lynne Thomson, John Keirnan, Margaret & James Callaghan, John, Pat, Donnie, Paul, Ronnie, Isabel & Janet Daisley, John Deigan, Margaret Deigan, James Deigan, Anne Marie Deigan, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, Mr & Mrs Tommy Deigan, Mr & Mrs Deigan Snr & Jnr, Mr & Mrs Prost, Mr & Mrs John Fagan, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Jack Gill, Sadie Slowey, Patsy Robertson, May & Jimmy McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Mattie, Tommy & Thomas Collins, Tilly & Marie Clarke, Hamilton, Annie, Jim, John & Steven Pettigrew, Charles & Isabel I O'Hagan, John McGregor. George Ferguson, Brian Lowe, Arthur, Sadie & Ann Craig, Fr Frank Kelly, Anne Holmes,

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Prunty, Alice Brown, Wullie Gordon, Joe Gordon, Neil Lannigan, Jim Boyle, Roseann Shields, Michael Molloy

Baptism: We welcome Lyla Currie who is to be Baptised this weekend. We implore God's blessing upon her and her family as we welcome her into our parish community.

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

Services this week		
Monday St Athanasius - Memorial	10am	Holy Mass
	6pm	Rosary
Tuesday St Philip & St James - Feast	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday	10am	Holy Mass
Thursday	10am	Holy Mass
Friday	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday	10am	Holy Mass
	12pm	Sacrament of First Communion
	4pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 4th Sunday of Easter - C	10am & 12pm	Holy Mass
	2pm	Sacrament of First Communion
	5pm	Holy Mass