

St Monica's Parish

Diocese of Motherwell

Charity No. SC011041

5th Sunday of Easter Year C - 15 May 2022

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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

MAY DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY: 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 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm: **I will bless your name for ever, O God my King**

Second Reading: Rev 21:1-5

Gospel: Jn 13: 31-35

5th Sunday C.

A new commandment I give to you: love one another even as I have loved you.

What is new in this commandment that Jesus entrusts to his disciples? Why does he call it a “new commandment”? The *old* commandment of love became *new* because it was made complete with this addition: “*as I have loved you*”, “**love one another as I have loved you**”. The innovation lies wholly in Christ’s love, with which he gave his life for us. It is God’s universal love, without any conditions or limits, which reaches its culmination on the cross. In his moment of extreme abasement, in his moment of abandonment to the Father, the Son of God showed and gave to the world the fullness of love.

Jesus loved us despite our frailties, our limitations and our human weaknesses. He wants us to become worthy of his boundless and never-ending love. By giving us this new commandment, he asks us to love one another, not only and not so much with *our* love, but with *his*, which the Holy Spirit instils in our hearts if we invoke him with faith. In this way — and only in this way — can we love one another not only as we love ourselves but *as he* loved us, that is, infinitely more. Indeed, God loves us much more than we love ourselves. And thus, we can spread everywhere the seed of love that renews relationships between people and opens horizons of hope. This love makes us become new men, brothers and sisters in the Lord. It makes us the new People of God, that is the Church, in which everyone is called to love Christ and to love one another in him.

The love that Christ manifested on the Cross and that he calls us to live is the only force that transforms our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh; This love makes us capable of loving our enemies and forgiving those who have offended us.

Now here is the question; Am I capable of loving my enemies? We all have people —who do not get along with us. Am I capable of loving those people, that man, that woman who hurt me, who offended me? Am I capable of forgiving them? Jesus’ love renders us capable of overcoming the barriers of our own weaknesses and prejudices. Jesus’ love within us creates bridges, teaches new paths of fraternity. With her maternal intercession, may the Virgin Mary help us to receive from her son Jesus the gift of his commandment, and from the Holy Spirit, the strength to put it into practice in everyday life. Holy Mary...

Eucharistic Ministers

The Diocese are looking for volunteer Eucharistic Ministers to be part of a rota to take communion to the sick on a Sunday afternoon at Monklands Hospital. If you can provide help, please give your name and contact telephone number to Father Ghislain at the end of any mass.



Offertory Collection: £765.99

Building Fund: £ 410.89

Special Collection for Sick & Retired

Priests £510.88

Many thanks for your great generosity
and support

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

May Family Rosary Pledge

May is the month dedicated to
honouring Our Lady in the Holy
Rosary.

We invite all families to make a special
pledge during Our Lady's Month:
to pray the family rosary at home
every day from

Sunday 22nd – Sunday 29th May
(8 days in total).

Family Rosary books have been
specially commissioned and printed to
guide families in this simple devotion
and these can be purchased online at
WWW.MARRIAGEFAMILYLIFE.ORG/BOOKS

**500 CLUB
WINNERS**
£££

1st Prize No.456 M Cope

2nd Prize No.263 J McAlinden

3rd Prize No. 66 D Longyear

St Andrew's Hospice Midnight Walk

Saturday 18 June 2022

Fundraise, Walk, Remember
The Midnight Walk starts and finishes
at Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility
8-, 10 and 13-mile walking options
The event is open to men and women
Registration fee: £20 per person (+
P&P for t-shirt)
Walk in memory of a friend or loved
one, as a way of keeping fit or simply
to do something a little different on a
Saturday night – whatever your
reasons, please remember that by
taking part, you are giving our patients
and their loved ones the opportunity
to make lasting memories together.

We would love to make this the
biggest and best Midnight Walk yet!
You can help us by asking your friends,
family and colleagues to join you.
Join us for some fun warm-ups and
entertainment before setting off.
The route is well lit, and marshals will
be on hand throughout. Sign up at
www.st-andrews-hospice.com/events
or call Nadine Pender on 01236
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Month of May Devotions to Our Lady

There will be Rosary every **Monday** during the month of May at **6pm** in the
Church.

Please remember in your prayers

RIP: John Monaghan, James Cannon

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, Patricia McGhee, Bernadette Homer, Betty McKenna, Kelly Noble, Michael McGarrity, Sadie McBride

Month's Mind: Robert & Anthony Clarke, James, John, Elizabeth & Isabella Docherty, Francis, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret, Rose & Anne McGeehan, Catherine & James McDonald, Cecilia, Frank & Paul Lennon, Sheila Kennedy, Charlotte Costello, Moira Skillin Ann Sood, Lila Williamson

Anniversaries: Gerry McNab, Betty McQuade, Marion McCann, David McMillan, George Ralston, Sonny McKenzie, Alice Rea

Baptism: We welcome Tyler David Lennon who is to be Baptised this weekend. We implore God's blessing upon him and his family as we welcome him into our parish community

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

Services this week		
Monday	10am	Holy Mass
	6pm	Rosary
	6.30pm	Reception of the body of James Cannon
Tuesday	10am	Requiem Mass for James Cannon
Wednesday	10am	Holy Mass
Thursday	10am	Holy Mass
Friday	10am	
Saturday	10am	Holy Mass
	4pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 6th Sunday of Easter - C	10am & 12pm	Holy Mass
	5pm	Holy Mass