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6th Sunday of the Year - A **12th February, 2023**

Holy Mass (Services marked in red will be live Streamed)

Mon - Fri: - **10am**

Saturday: - **10am**, 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: - **10am** 12 Noon & 5pm

Children's Liturgy 12 Noon Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: -Mon - Sat 9am - 9.55am

Divine Mercy Novena: Mon 2pm

Confessions: Mon - Sun 9.30am - 9.55am

Baptisms & Marriage: - To arrange a baptism or marriage please contact Father Ghislain

Mass Liturgy - Year A

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First Reading: Sir 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: **They are happy who follow God's law!**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 2: 6-10

Gospel: Mt 5: 17-37

Weekly Collection

Please support your parish through the weekly collection, our income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners.

Last Week's Collection - £925.63

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

Thank you for your generosity

500 Club Winners

1st Prize - No.16 J O'Grady

2nd Prize - No. 128 M Slevin

3rd Prize- No. 131 M Cunningham

Please keep in your prayers

Sick: Ann & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Isobel Reilly, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Anne Marie Snodden, James Donnelly, Patricia McGhee, Bernadette Homer, Kelly Noble, Michael McGarrity, Sadie McBride, Mary Torbett, Sharon, Elizabeth McKenna, Alex Cooper, Sr Kathleen Owens, Linda Webb, Ann Smith, Helen Smith, Margaret Gallagher, Alice Kilmurry, Danny Dick, Peter Alexander, Ann McAlinden, Mary Cunningham, Theresa Docherty, Jim Quinn

RIP: Terence Fernon, Thomas Durniag, Paul Kane, Frances Grant (Requiem Mass 16th February at 10am)

Month's Mind: Danny Watson, Martin Coyle, Anne Mooney, John & Thomas Finnigan, Cathie Seggie, Kristopher Toye, Baby Victoria McCann, Stephen Henry, John & Bridie Docherty, Margaret, William, Patrick, Agnes & Helen Docherty, Elizabeth, Joseph, James & Peter Silvestro, Alex and David Thain, Anna & Joseph Pearson, Jenny Wright, Margaret & Andrew McKinlay, Anna, Brian & Joseph Tierney, Agnes & William McAuley, Rab Bannen

Anniversaries: Catherine Smith, John Clarke, James Mooney, Elizabeth Marshall, Cathie Finnigan, Brian Lowe, Agnes & Tom J Murphy, Mary & John McPhee

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

Reflection – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A
Is it OK to leave Mass after communion?

No, it's really not.

It's not just about us.

The Mass not only celebrates our faith, it teaches us what we believe and how we are to live. That is why we can't leave Mass after communion. Because communion is not just about us and our salvation. It's about the salvation of the world. In celebrating and receiving the Eucharist, "We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again." Who are we professing our faith to? Not just to ourselves but to the world. We become part of the story of how much God loves all people and wants them to know God through Christ.

If we leave Mass before the dismissal, we miss out on celebrating and being taught why we celebrate the Eucharist in the first place. We are fed and strengthened on the body and blood of Christ not only for ourselves but also for all those he gave his life for. We are dismissed from Mass not because it's over, but because we have work to do. We are to go to the world to proclaim Christ. And so, we stay to the end of Mass to be blessed and commissioned: "Go and announce the gospel of the Lord." "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

Diocesan Education Mass

The annual Diocesan Education Mass, which had to be cancelled in November due to an industrial dispute, has been rescheduled for **Thursday 23rd February at 7.00 pm** in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral in Motherwell.

Last Man Standing!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our fundraiser.

We have 50 participants and the names and team selection for this weekend's matches are displayed on the porch noticeboard.

If your team draws or loses their game this weekend you will be eliminated from the competition.

Team selection forms for next weekend's games are now available in the back porch.

£500 raised

£100 prize

£400 to our Building Fund

Saints of the Week

Monday 14th February St Cyril and St

Methodius were brothers, born at Thessalonica, Greece, who spread the Faith in Moravia. They translated liturgical texts into Slavonic, using Cyrillic alphabet which they devised. Cyril died aged 43, on a visit to Rome. Methodius became a bishop and worked in Pannonia and the present-day Czech Republic, where he is buried at the great shrine of Velehrad. Saints Cyril and Methodius were named as Patrons of Europe by St John Paul II in 1980.

Friday 17th February The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

In the early thirteenth century, seven young merchants of Florence decided to help one another live more perfect Christian lives. As a result of a vision, they became known as the 'Servants of Mary' and followed the Rule of St Augustine.

St Finan, Bishop, was an Irish monk of the monastery at Iona. He succeeded St Aidan as Bishop of Lindisfarne and was known for his piety, zeal and fearless preaching. His most famous foundation was at Whitby, which became a model of learning and monastic observance for future generations. St Finan was interred at Lindisfarne in 660.

Saturday 18th February St Colman became Bishop of Lindisfarne after the death of St Finan but, in the wake of controversy regarding the date of easter, he returned to Iona after only three years. He founded several churches in Scotland and, in his native Ireland, two monasteries: one in Mayo and one in Inisbofin, the place of his death in 676.

Baptism

We welcome Mylea McCluskey & Kaeson Marshall who are to be Baptised this weekend.

We implore God's blessing upon them and their family as we welcome them into our parish community.

St Monica's Warm Hub

Our warm hub will open week beginning 20th February in our church hall. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help. Contact will be made with you this week to set up our rota.