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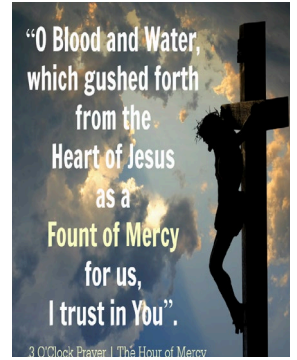
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2nd Sunday of the Year B

14th January, 2024

Holy Mass & Services

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

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- First Reading: 1Sam 3: 3-10.19
- Responsorial Psalm **Here I am Lord! I come to do your will**
- Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15.17-20
- Gospel: Jn 1:35-42

Weekly Collection

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

Last week's collection

First Collection : £771.27

Justice & Peace: £347.62

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity.

500 Club Winners!

1st Prize G Slevin (120)

2nd Prize J Gallagher (224)

3rd Prize M Callaghan (8)

**Wishing you a
Happy Sunday**

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, Kelly Noble, Michael McGarrity, Sadie McBride, Mary Torbett, Sharon, Elizabeth McKenna, Alex Cooper, Sr Kathleen Owens; Ann Smith, Helen Smith, Alice Kilmurry, Danny Dick, Peter Alexander, Ann McAlinden, Mary Cunningham, Patricia McGhee, Margaret Wallace, Irene Leckie, Kay McDonagh, Daniel McAuley, Mary Glasgow, John Slevin, Cathie Wilson, Angela Quigley, Matthew Miller, Carrie Miller, Andrew Maxwell, Hugh Kelly, Kerry Marshall; John Paul Devlin, Caroline Miller; Carrie Miller, Mathew Miller, Maria Bolton, John Paul Devlin, Thomas Lally, George McKenna

RIP: Amarilla (Amy) Cannon, Freddie Thomson, Michael Starrs Quinn (Requiem Mass, Tuesday 16 January at 10am), Jessie Cox (Requiem Mass, Friday 19th January at 10am)

Month's Mind: Eddie McGonigal, Thomas & Rose Tiernan, Thomas & Janette Tiernan, Denis Tiernan, Denis Leonard

Anniversaries: Catherine Tobin, Thomas & Nellie O'Rourke, Stephen Henry, John & Bridie Docherty, Tommy Reynolds, Rosemary O'Neill

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

SAINT MONICA'S SOCIAL EVENT
"PALAIS NIGHT"
MUSIC (50'S, 60S 79'S, 80'S) BY TOTAL IMPACT.
DATE: FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY
TIME: 7PM - LATE
TICKETS: £5.00 (incl. Sausage roll/pie)
Tickets will be on sale after each Mass from next weekend

Are you Preparing Your Son or Daughter for the Sacrament First Communion and First Reconciliation?

Two of the most important things you can do to help your son or daughter prepare for the sacrament are: Be personally committed to prayer and weekend Holy Mass. Impress upon your child, by word and example, the importance of participating in the sacramental life of the Church. The principal way we participate in the Church's sacramental life is through regular reception of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

1. How can I encourage my child to grow in faith at home?

- Regular family prayer time is important, as is grace before meals and weekly Rosary which may also be introduced regularly.
 - Establish a family habit of discussing faith, morals, and spiritual growth.

2. Why do we need to attend Mass every week?

- Having a parent who is personally committed to prayer and is participating in the sacramental life of the Church can have a profound effect on a teenager and can provide an important example that will stay with him or her for life.
- A lack of commitment to Sunday Mass has many serious consequences. Failure to attend Sunday Mass disregards the third commandment to "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8) as well as Jesus' command to "do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19).
- If you have not been attending regularly, make a fresh start by going to Confession and Mass together, followed by a special meal at home or in a restaurant.
- If you already attend church on a weekly basis, think about what you can do to help your family get more out of the experience. Encourage your child to share his or her thoughts about the homily or weekly Scripture readings.

3. Why is going to Confession important? What if I have not gone in a long time?

- In Confession, the priest lends his face, hands, and voice to Christ so that we may have the powerful sensory experience of seeing and hearing, in the words of absolution, that our sins have been forgiven, and that our relationship with Christ and the Church has been restored.
- Reassure your son or daughter that the seal of Confession is absolute. The Church binds the priest to absolute secrecy about any sins revealed to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- If possible, make a regular habit of going to Confession as a family.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every 30min before the mass

Do you find the Holy Mass Boring?

The mass is not an entertainment. The mass is that moment in space and time in which we worship God, who becomes physically present to us in the form of the most holy Eucharist. If you're bored at mass, there are a few things you can do and this requires your commitment.

1. You should read the readings for the mass ahead of time. On a Wednesday, go to the [USCCB's webpage](#) and find Sunday's readings. Read them over once and let them sink in. Revisit the readings Friday, and maybe even Saturday night before bed. By familiarising yourself with the readings you'll find yourself better able to engage with the liturgy on Sunday morning.
2. You need to develop an appreciation of what the Eucharist really is. To believe that Christ is really present in the Eucharist is one thing, but it's another thing to actually experience it. Spend five minutes before mass and five minutes after in front of the Tabernacle in prayer. It doesn't have to be a complicated prayer. It could be as simple as quietly and patiently resting in God in that moment, the way you and an **OLD FRIEND** can hang out without saying anything to each other. I'd also recommend going to adoration at least once a month.



THANK YOU!

The brothers and sisters of St Monica's SVDP would like to sincerely thank all our parishioners for all their very kind donations to us throughout this very difficult year and for all their assistance with the Christmas tree appeal for the children. It has been very much appreciated. We will pray for each and every one of you.

Many thanks again.
St Moncia's SVDP

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Theme

"You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself".

Based on Luke 10:27, the international theme and materials call Christians to act like Christ in loving like the Good Samaritan, showing mercy and compassion to those in need, regardless of their religious, ethnic, or social identity.

"It is not shared identities that should prompt us to come to the aid of the other, but love of our 'neighbour'. However, the vision of love of neighbour that Jesus puts before us is under strain in the world today. ... It is by learning to love one another regardless of our differences that Christians can become neighbours like the Samaritan in the Gospel.