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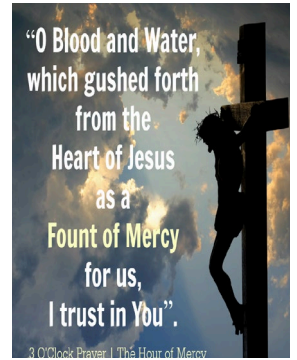
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### 1st Sunday of Lent B

18th February, 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

### Parish Mass Book, Page 75

- First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15
- Responsorial Psalm **Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant**
- Second Reading: 1Peter 3: 18-22
- Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

### 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: £711.90

There is a second collection this weekend for our Building Fund.

There will be second collection next weekend for sick and retired priests

Thank you for your generosity.

### 500 Club Winners!

**1st Prize** H Kelly (336)

**2nd Prize** M Gallogly (208)

**3rd Price** K McNab (102)

### Church refurbishment update

The repair to the church roof has been approved by the Diocese and we await a date for the works to commence

### 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, Marion Moran, Sadie Harkin, Charlie Martin. John Paul Devlin, David Love

**RIP:** A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of Thomas Keane Wednesday 21st February at 10am. His remains will be received into the church on Tuesday 20th February at 6pm. A Requiem Mass will also be celebrated for the repose of the soul of Cathie Wilson on Friday 23rd February at 10am. Edward McMahan, Tony Boon, Joan Sexton Monaghan, Ronnie Moran

**Month's Mind:** John, Margaret, Anne Marie & James Deigan, Mr & Mrs Deigan Snr & Jnr, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian Mr & Mrs Prost, Mr & Mrs John Fagan, Mr & Mrs Tommy Deigan, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Ryan Brown, Margaret McAvoy, Jack Gill, Mary Thomson, Anne Smith, Edward & Annie McQuillan, Agnes McQuillan, Anne & Frank McCue, Margaret Tiffney, Mary Crozier, Edward McQuillan, George & Cathie Thomson, Mary Robertson, Walter Clarke, John Keenan, John Brady, Flo, Alf & Brian Longyear, Betty Haney, Meg & Annie Smith, John Donohue, Francis, Elizabeth Mary, Margaret, Rose & Anne McGeehan, Catherine & James McDonald, Sheila Kennedy, Charlotte Costello, Moira Skillin, Ann Sood, Lila Williamson, Tommy Reynolds, Thomas & Rose Tiernan, Thomas & Janette Tiernan, Denis Tiernan, Rosemary O'Neill, Denis Leonard, Gerald Joseph Murphy

**Anniversaries:** James Mullen, John Clarke, Rose McKeown, Mary Kelly

**Birthday Months Mind:** Joseph Thomson & Christine Thomson

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

## SOME THOUGHTS ON ASH WEDNESDAY and LENT

On Ash Wednesday we began the Season of Lent, a time of conversion and spiritual renewal. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence and Catholics over the age of 14 are obliged to keep these days in accordance with the Church's laws on Fasting and Abstinence. The faithful seek this marking with ashes as a sign of repentance for sin, and a desire to live the Gospel with stronger devotion and commitment, while acknowledging our mortality and the realisation that we will give an account of ourselves to God when life on this earth ends. We are exhorted to take up the traditional Lenten disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, and to persevere in keeping them through the 40 days of Lent and to renew our sorrow for sin and resolve to confess our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. Only then, after making their confession, should those who have absented themselves from attending Sunday Mass receive the Holy Eucharist. We need to practice our faith in the manner the Church asks of us all.

### SAINT MONICA'S SOCIAL EVENT

"PALAIS NIGHT"; MUSIC (50'S, 60'S, 70'S, 80'S) BY TOTAL IMPACT; DATE: FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY TIME: 7PM - LATE; TICKETS: £5.00 (incl. Sausage roll/pie); TICKETS NOW ON SALE (approximately 30 left). Any donations to raffles much appreciated.

### Wellspring Project

#### A Common Vision Renewed Mission and Parish Renewal

Will you join us? – is the last line of the Wellspring Vision. The success of Wellspring will depend on the generous response of each one of us and our prayer that God will bless and multiply our endeavours. Each of our parishes will respond in a different way, guided by the Spirit, to promote the vision of Church that is inclusive and outward looking, renewing our missions to foster deeper faith and witness and renewing our parishes as thriving communities where all are invited to contribute and serve. The Parish needs your help to respond. What can you contribute? Can you help develop this vision of Church? The Wellspring Vision for the Diocese invites you to 'Imagine a church...' you are invited help make that vision a reality.

#### Imagine a Church

Fully alive with committed witnesses to the great commission to "go make disciples of all nations" (Mt28.19)

Filled with engaged Christians whose "hearts burn within them", having encountered the presence of God in their lives (Lk 24)

Where all - regardless of background - are invited, welcomed and heard. Where their dignity as children of God, created in his image and likeness, is always recognised (1 Jn3.2); Genesis (1.27).

Where young people live and share their deep love for the Gospel. In which Sunday Mass and the vibrant celebration of Sacraments are a foretaste of the wonder of heaven for all - old, young, regular parishioners and guests

That looks beyond our Church buildings to share the "the joys and hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of all people, especially the poor"; bringing the healing love of Jesus Christ "until the end of time" (Mt28.20)

### Will you join us?



Our Parish Assembly will take place on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** from **7 - 8.30pm** in the church hall to reflect on Vision, Missions and Parish Renewal. **I would encourage as many people as possible to attend this.** This is an opportunity for everyone to let their voice be heard and share ideas on how we move forward in our Parish.

1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent Service Schedule	
Monday	Early morning Mass 7.30am Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass 10am Divine Mercy Devotions 2pm Stations of the Cross 7pm
Tuesday	Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass 10am
Wednesday	Early morning mass in St Monica's Primary School 8.40am Holy Rosary 9.30am Requiem Mass for Thomas Keane 10am
Thursday	Early morning Mass 8.15am Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass 10am
Friday	Holy Rosary 9.30am Requiem Mass for Cathie Wilson 10am
Saturday	Holy Rosary 9.30am Holy Mass 10am Vigil Mass 4pm
Sunday	Holy Mass 10am, 12 Noon & 5.00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 9.55am	

**Wishing you a Holy and Peaceful Sunday**