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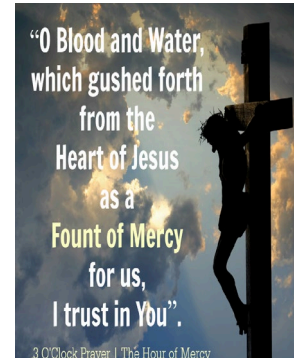
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3rd Sunday of Easter B 14th April 2024

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: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19
- Responsorial Psalm: **Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord**
- Second Reading: 1 Jn 2: 1-5
- Gospel: Lk 24: 35-48
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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: £1047.70

There is a second collection this weekend for the White Flower Appeal

Thank you for your generosity.

500 Club Winners

1st Prize: B Docherty (69)

2ns Prize: N Healy (193)

3rd Prize: B McKenna (100)

Please keep in your prayers



Sick: Mary Cunningham, Sr Kathleen Owens, Peter Alexander, Alice Gallagher, Kay McDonagh

Month's Mind: Robert, Anthony & Isabella Clarke, James, John, Elizabeth & Isabella Docherty, Alice Rea, Stephen Henry, Frank & Cathie Wilson, John & Bridie Docherty, Eddie McGonigal

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

Family Mass

Sunday 5th May at 12 Noon

We do not attend mass for our own personal fulfilment, instead we attend to praise God and give thanks for his blessings. The St. Monica's Family Mass Ministry offers parents and children the opportunity to actively participate in the Mass. Participating helps children and adults develop an understanding and appreciation for the Mass and Catholic traditions. Since every family is different and unique, there are several opportunities to participate in our parish Family Mass.

We encourage children to participate in readings, in the procession of Bread and Wine and singing

I look forward to welcoming all our families in the Parish to this Mass.

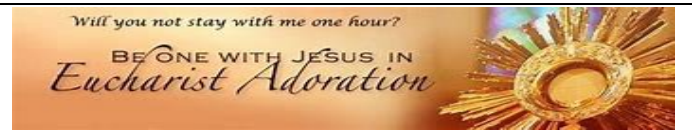
Reflection: 3rd Sunday of Easter B.

The resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our Christian faith. The empty tomb in itself is not a direct proof of the resurrection. Nevertheless, it was the first step towards establishing the truth that Jesus had escaped the bonds of death, and prepared the disciples to encounter the risen Lord. The shock caused by his death was such that the disciples were slow to believe in the news of the resurrection. Even when faced with the reality of the risen Lord, they still doubted, thinking they were seeing a ghost. Their faith in their resurrection was born from the direct experience of the risen Jesus. The bodily resurrection of Jesus is different from the belief that human spirit is naturally eternal and continue after death of the body and that the body dies and the soul is released into new life. Nowhere does the bible teach this.

The Christian belief is that the body will share in the triumph of the resurrection. Jesus rose with his body: the tomb is empty, the apostles touched him, he eats with them and walk with them. Jesus is the same person, yet somehow changed, and therefore not immediately recognisable. The resurrection is not a return to earthly life as before. Jesus has risen to a new life beyond death, a life with God. He is the same, yet transformed.

He was not a resurrected corpse, but had a body not subject to the human boundaries of time and space. And when he appeared to his crushed disciples he said: Peace be with you. We need his peace, the peace which this world cannot give, a peace no one can take away from you, a peace which can exist in the midst of a troubled world, and even in the midst of turmoil, conflict and unresolved problems of life. The peace Jesus offers us is not the peace of escape from reality.

Peace is God's gift to us, but it can also be our gift to one another. Some people have a lot of anger inside them with the result that they lack peace of mind and serenity of soul. Nothing is a greater obstacle to being in good terms with others than being **ill-at-ease** with oneself. Instead of giving peace, encouragement to others, we inflict on them our own unrest and unhappiness.



Our church will be **open every Monday from 11am to 6pm** for anyone who wishes to come along for private prayer & Adoration.

I am looking for people to keep watch over the church during this time. **If you can spare an hour, please add your name to the schedule in the church porch.**

There will Holy Rosary at 6pm each Monday to conclude.

Diocesan Adults Group

Please join the diocesan young adults group on Sunday 14th April in Motherwell Cathedral at 7.30pm.

We will spend some time in prayer and then gather afterwards to socialise.

Service Schedule

Monday

10am Holy Mass

11am - 6pm Church is open for Private Prayer & Adoration

6pm Holy Rosary

Tuesday

10am Holy Mass

Wednesday

10am Holy Mass

Thursday

10am Holy Mass

Friday

10am Holy Mass

Saturday

10am Holy Mass

4pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

10am, 12 noon & 5pm

Holy Mass

Have a lovely weekend!