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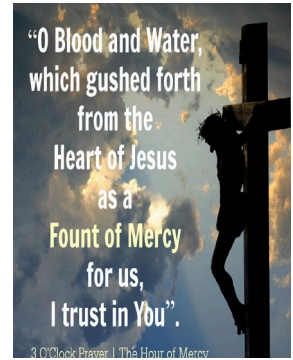
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5th Sunday of Easter B 28th April 2024

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 9: 26-31
- Responsorial Psalm: **You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly**
- Second Reading: Jn 3: 18-24
- Gospel: Jn 15: 1-8

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: £754.17

There is a second collection this weekend for the Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity.



Sick: Mary Cunningham, Sr Kathleen Owens, Peter Alexander, Alice Gallagher, Kay McDonagh, Carol McGuinness, Caroline Miller, Matt Miller, John, Ann McShane & Family, Anne Wedlock McCann, Catherine McPhee, John Lannigan

RIP: Jim Gallacher

Month's Mind: Sadie Slowey, Patsy Robertson, Freddie Thomson, Agnes Gordon, Joseph Gordon, John & Isobel Daisley, Pat & Ronnie Daisley, Donnie, Paul, & Janet Daisley, Joan Keirnan, Margaret Ferguson, Arthur, Sadie & Ann Craig, Anne Holmes, Fr Frank Kelly, James Smith, Jenny & Jimmy Docherty, Danny Watson Jnr, John Clarke, James McParland, Martin Coyle, Lawrence, William & Mary Brankin, William, Ellen & Annie Brankin, Joseph, Agnes, Eddie & Joe Mina, Brian, Patricia & Brian Jnr Sharkey, John & Anna McGrath, Kathleen Smith, David Hayton, Mary McSwiggan, May & Jimmy McLaughlin, Peter McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Mattie, Tommy & Thomas Collins, Jim Boyle

Anniversaries: Hugh Clark, Mary Conway, Vincent McKeown, Peter Irvine, William Gordon, Alice (Gordon) Brown, Lynne Thomson, James McGraw, Margaret Smith, Neil Lannigan, Eliz McParland, Mary Kelly, Margaret Ross, Danny Watson Snr, May Conway, Kevin McGrath, Tom Sharp, Mary Carr

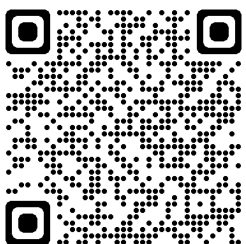
Please also remember the souls who have no-one to pray for them.

Reflection: 5th Sunday of Easter B. Our need of a supportive community

There is much loneliness in the world. People today are crying out for recognition. They want to be noticed, not in a showy way, or because they have money or status, or just because they are human beings. The greatest need of all is the need to be loved. But often we pass one another by without the slightest sign of recognition. People can come to church and leave again without meeting anyone. Is that right?

The world is crying out for community. There should be no such thing as a solitary Christian. The fruit which Jesus desires from us is primarily that of unity among ourselves. The vine and its branches are one. There is a mutual interdependence of branch and vine, and branch with branch. To say, 'I will follow Jesus, but not the Church,' is to separate Jesus from the Church, to cut off the branches from the vine. The first disciples of Jesus had seen him, eaten with him, and spoken with him after his resurrection. As consequence they had a deep sense of connectedness with him, a connectedness from which they drew great strength. Jesus made them his friends, and sent them out to bear fruit, the fruit of love. By this all will know that we are living branches of the Vine- by the bond and the care we show for one another.

Assisted Suicide - Called to Care, Not to Kill. Please contact your MSPs today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Use the QR code to access an online resource created by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, including guidance on contacting your MSPs. You can also visit rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email us at office@rcpolitics.org for more information.



Men of St. Joseph In St Monica's

We would like to establish the men of St Joseph, which is an association of Christian men, united under the Catholic Church, who meet weekly to pray together and encourage each other to be spiritual leaders of their families. The purpose of men of St Joseph is to inspire and to be spiritual leader in their homes, become stronger in our relationship with Christ and in our faith so we can help get ourselves and our families to heaven.

What's in it for you?

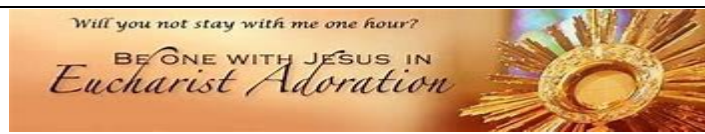
You will Find support to grow your faith in gaining new wisdom or in becoming a better man?

Strengthen your marriage: want valuable wisdom on how to strengthen your relationship with your wife! Or need to know what the catholic church teaches? Or how to live a life that is Christ centred?

Foster family values: Need encouragement to discover new ways to engage yourself, your wife or your children to live and understand your faith every day?

Engage your community: Looking for ways to become an active participant in your Catholic community or to aid others by showing them how to live the Catholic faith and how it can help them live happier and holier lives?

We know every man needs support to attain these goals. The Men of St. Joseph create an environment where you can thrive, grow, and become the spiritual leader God intended you to be. If you are interested, start by attending a meeting which we will launch on **Tuesday 30th, at 6.30pm in the Hall.** on St Joseph's life and conclude with the Adoration.



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

If you can spare a hour to keep watch over the church during this time, please add your name to the schedule in the church porch.

There will Holy Rosary at 6pm each Monday to conclude and I would encourage you to come along and join us.



Please complete our parish questionnaire and return it to box at the back of the church before Monday 6th May.

Please take the time to complete the survey and thank you in advance for your co-operation.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday **1st May at 7.00pm** in the Church Hall and everyone who is currently on a Parish Committee or involved in a group including readers, eucharistic ministers are invited to attend.

500 Club Winners!

- 1st Prize E McDonald (360)
- 2nd Prize E McAdams (352)
- 3rd Prize R Ferguson (62)



In preparation for our First Holy Communion Service on 19th May, I am looking for some help in the church grounds over the coming weeks to do a general tidy up. If you can spare some time to come and help, it will be greatly appreciated.

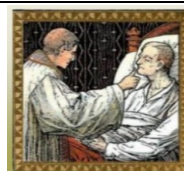


If you know of anyone who can play the organ or any other instrument and would be interested in helping us at our weekend services, please speak to Father Ghislain.



There will be Rosary, Adoration and Reflection on the Holy Spirit on Friday 10th, Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th & Friday 17th May at **6.30pm.**

I would invite everyone to attend this in the lead up to Pentecost on the 19th May.



Mass for the Anointing of the Sick

We will be having a mass for the sick on Saturday 1st June at 12 Noon. I am looking for people to volunteer to transport anyone who would like to attend this mass, but is unable to get here by themselves. There is a list in the Church porch for any volunteers who would like to help.

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. Those who want to read, please talk to Fr Ghislain to get the reading.

St Monica's Mini Vinnies are asked to be at the church for 11.30am to help distribute the liturgy books and assist with the offertory collections during the mass.

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

Poverty Relief

There is a box at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to make a donation to our Poverty Relief Fund.

Thank You!

We would like to thank Saltire for their very generous donation of £300 to our Poverty Relief Fund.

SVDP

It is with great sorrow but with the age and illness of members of the Saint Vincent De Paul Society and no new members coming forward! We have to disband.

A big thank you to everyone over the years for your contributions enabling us to help the poor so well.

God bless you all
SVDP Members



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!