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# The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ B 2nd June, 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 Personal prayer: from 10.30am Rosary & Solemn blessing: 6PM

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: Ex 24: 3-8

 Responsorial Psalm: The cup of salvation I will raise: I will call on the Lord's name.

Second Reading: Hb 9: 11-15Gospel: Mk 14: 12-16.22-26

### **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: £846.42 Second Collection: £590.63

There is a second collection next weekend for our Building fund.

Thank you for your generosity.

#### 500 Club Winners!

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: E Jordan (291) 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: E McDonald (97) 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: M McCann (60)

#### Please keep in your Prayers

Sick: Mary Cunningham, Sr Kathleen Owens, Peter Alexander, Alice Gallagher, Carol McGuinness, Caroline Miller, Matt Miller, John, Ann McShane & Family, Catherine McPhee, John Lannigan, Thomas Lally, Jim, Pat, Grace & Felix Dillon, Patricia McGhee, James Brown, Mathew Miller, Robert McKirdy, Georgette O'Neill, Mary Hughes, Christine Clelland, Carrie Miller, Mathew Miller, Ann McAlinden, Andrew Maxwell, Margaret Trower, Maria Bolton, Mary Torbet, Elizabeth McKenna

RIP: Margaret McLaughlin (Requiem Mass Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 10am) Kay McDonagh (Requiem Mass Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm) Hugh Kelly

Month's Mind: Bernard, Lily & Brian Loney, Ann Loney, Jim Kane, Jim & Margaret McAuley, Sam & Anne Black, John Black, Margaret Maxwell, Ellen Madden, Ita Bolton, Charlie & Kevin Trower, Doreen Forsyth, Rev Cornelius Xavier O'Leary, Helen, Margaret & Agnes Docherty, William & Patrick Docherty, Mary & Edward Drummond, Anna & Joseph Pearson, Alex Thain,

Anniversaries: Cecilia Gallagher, John Loney, Liam Loney, Margaret McDonagh, Daniel Starrs, Annie McGeough

**Birthday Remembrance:** Sam Black

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

# THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

We will meet on <u>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm</u> in the parish house. This group is for men, married or single and for all ages. It has been established to provide men with an opportunity to reflect on their faith in the company of other men. We look forward to seeing there.

#### **Church Roof Repair**

The work on our church roof has been postponed again, but it is hoped that it will start in the coming weeks

#### Reflection: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ B

In today's First Reading we see how Moses ratified the covenant before the people entered the Promised Land. But the people did not keep the covenant. They fell into idolatry. Even then God did not abandon them. Again and again he offered a covenant to them, and through the prophets taught them to hope for salvation. And in the fullness of time God sent his Son to be our saviour. Through him God established a new and everlasting covenant with us. Jesus sealed the covenant anew in his own blood.

Jesus is the head of the new people of God. The land to which he is leading us is not some piece of earthly land, but the land of eternal life. Through him we have a closer bond than ever with God. We are not just God's people, we are God's son and daughter; we are God's family. In and through Christ, God has formed a bond with us, a bond that can never be broken. We may be unfaithful, but he remains faithful. This is what we are celebrating when we celebrate the Eucharist. The Eucharist is a perpetual reminder of the intimate bond we enjoy with God, thanks to the saving death of Jesus. As a community we are in covenant with a God who is always faithful to us. We are invited to live in a way that is consistent with such a relationship. We are not called to be successful, only to be faithful.

#### **The Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Please join us on **Friday 7 June at 10am mass** to celebrate the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

#### Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Lord Jesus Christ, your heart was moved with love for those who came for help in their need. You healed the sick, you fed the hungry, you forgave sinners, you cried over Jerusalem. Above all, you showed to those who were prepared to listen the way to true life, for you are the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Lord, your heart is still moved today by your people and their many needs. Open my heart to hear your word, to accept your love and to respond to your call. In particular, I beg you to grant me the favour I ask during this Novena (make request silently), provided that it will contribute to my own eternal good and to the building up of your kingdom of love, peace and justice here on earth.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

#### Thank You!

Thank you to one of our parishioners who donated £1000 to our church building fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

# St Monica's Corpus Christi Procession Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June,2024 12 Noon Mass

Refreshment, will be available in the hall afterwards

#### The Mass

Directed by the M.C., at the end of prayer after communion the cross bearer and candle bearers take up a position in the aisle of the church, where they will lead the procession from the church. The children who made the sacraments this year follow them and line up in front of the altar, genuflect and then kneel.

#### **The Procession**

All kneel while a hymn of adoration is sung. Incense is prepared as at exposition, but in thurible. The Host is incensed as usual. Then the celebrant goes to the altar to take the monstrance in his veiled hands.

All taking part in the procession stand. The celebrant turns or comes around to the front of the altar. he slowly walks forward to a point, where those bearing the canopy meet him and raise it over him. The thurifer takes their place in front of the canopy. As the first hymn begins, the procession proceeds in this order: cross bearer carrying the cross or banner, flanked by the candle bearers; First Communicants strewing flower petals; the book bearer and corporal bearer; the thurifer in front of the canopy customarily swinging the thuribles with their inside hands; the people.

The procession should move at a slow and reverent pace, so that it does not become disordered. Children trained to strew flowers are arranged according to local custom, but they are not mingled with the clergy or servers.

As the procession goes through the garden it will pause 4 times at suitably decorated "altars" for Benediction.

## Altar Server's Day Out

There will be a day out at the bowling for all our altar servers on **Sunday 16th June**. We will leave from the Church at 1pm and return at 5pm. If you are an altar server and would like to go, please add your name to the list in sacristy.

#### **Novena to the Sacred Heart**

Will start on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May and continue until Friay 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart will take place in St Francis' Xavier's, Carfin on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.30pm, The Novena will conclude at this Mass.

# Have a lovely Weekend!