

**PRAYER AT THE SENDING OUT OF THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS  
TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

*Priest:* Almighty and loving Father, as we have received your Son in this Holy Eucharist, we ask you to hear our prayer for our brothers and sisters:

*All:* **Give your healing, Lord, to those who are sick and housebound. May those who take the Body of Christ to them also be a loving sign of our prayers and thoughts. Keep us united with them in all their sufferings so that we will grow together as one community with the presence of Christ among us.**

*Please Pray For*

**SICK** Alison Coogan; Margaret Bachiller, Jim Traynor; Maria Walker; Maureen Boyle; John Hunter, Simon Logan, Ellen Madden, John O'Donnell, Les Mathew, Faye Adams, Cathie McConnachie, Brian Nolan, Rachel McGhee, Ellen Brown; Robert Houston; Harry Docherty; Jane Cameron; George O'Hara; Silvio Clemente; Mary Cairney; William Campbell; Anna McStay; John Kerr; Gordon Law; Linda Quinn; Ashley Law; Frank Slavin; Jim Simmons, James Burns, Tony Perkins; Ann Knight; Rosemary Wotherspoon; Teresa Clark; John McKenna; Sr Mary Inglis; Margaret Russell; Chrissie Rafferty; Barry Duncan; Donna & Patricia McGuire; Marie Laird; Sara Porcelli; Gordon Roberts; Fiona McCormick; Fiona McCall, Margaret Craigwell Charles Quinn; June Byrne, Lynne Waters; Patricia Pearson; Eileen Widdicombe; Pamela Brown; David Clegg; Rosa Stevenson; Joe Bulmer; Elizabeth Murdoch; Eleanor Hughes; Ewen McLean; Cathie McNulty; John Anderson; Fr Jim Casey; Candy Curran; Audrey Welsh; Peter McKenna; Catherine Anderson; Mauricio Puricelli, Margaret Hassan; Anne Mullins; Robbie McNaughton; Patti Brassington; Karen Derbyshire  
**Children:** Laila Hunt, Connor Simpson, Zak Matthew Thomson; Peter Convery; Corran Davidson; Jade Law; Megan Macauley; Chloe Docherty; Caoimhe Lamb



**RECENT DEATHS**

Mary Meechan (Mon 6:30, Tues 9:30), Betty Smith, Hugh McCann;  
Mary McGrogan; Michael Hogan

**ANNIVERSARIES**

David Burnett, William Mooney; John Francis Feenan; John Burns;  
Karen Donnelly; Mary Rowley; Catherine & William Ferries; Peter McAnaw;  
Michael Clarke; Helen Gallagher; Greta McManus

**Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes**

Hail Mary, woman of faith, First of the disciples!  
Virgin Mother of the Church, help us always to account  
for the hope that is in us, with trust in human goodness  
and the Father's love. Teach us to build up the world  
beginning from within: in the depths of silence and prayer,  
in the joy of fraternal love, in the unique fruitfulness of the Cross.  
Holy Mary, Mother of believers, Our Lady of Lourdes,  
pray for us. Amen

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**5TH SUNDAY OF YEAR A**  
4/5th February 2017

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Lord, teach me to be generous.  
Teach me to serve you  
as you deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight  
and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labour and  
not to ask for any reward,  
save that of knowing that I do  
your will.



**St. Ignatius'**



**SUNDAY MASSES:** Vigil: 5:30 pm (Sat), 10 am, 12 noon 6pm  
**WEEKDAY:** Mon-Fri 9:30am; Sat 10am *Thurs Exposition till 4pm*  
**CONFESSIONS:** *Saturday 9:30am and after the Vigil Mass*  
*Church open till 1pm Mon; Fri; till 4pm Tues, Wed, Thurs*

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**Charity no.**  
**SCO 11041**

### Months Mind Mass

for Canon McGovern will be celebrated by Bishop Toal on Thur 16th March at 7pm. All welcome


Parish Pilgrimage to Italy is now full. If it is your first time on trip please pick up a booking form in sacristy. If you have been before please send £350 deposit to Alba Tours directly or hand cheque into Fr Gerry

**P.4 Children** can uplift Catechesis Sheet 5, **P3 Children** Catechesis sheet 2 at back of Church

Thanks for Donations to Foodbank

### Annual Parish Quiz Night

Fri 3rd March at 7:30pm.  
Tickets on sale this week after Masses.

St Patrick's Dance Fri 10th March.  
Tickets on sale in Loyola Centre  
Sunday 11-1:30, 6-7, Thurs  
6-7 Lucky ticket wins £25  
Cards on sale also 

**RCIA: Please pray** for Aiden, Cheryl, John and Margaret who are participating in the RCIA faith journey of our parish.

### Parish Finances

Are on display at the back of the Church. Please have a look at see how much we give and spend!

**McMillan Care Afternoon Tea** in Loyola Centre on Sat 18th Feb 1-4pm  
Tickets £5 Raffle, tombola, bingo.  
Donations of homebaking most welcome

**Last Week's Collection £1745**  
**2nd for Hall Renovation £825**  
**No winner New Lotto Total £5570**  
**Many thanks for your generosity**

Donations for flowers most welcome. Box at Our Lady's Altar 

### Feasts this Week

Mon 6th **Japanese Martyrs**  
Tues 7th **St Josephine Bakhita**  
Fri 10th **St Scholastica**  
Sat 11th **Our Lady of Lourdes ;World Day of Prayer for the sick & carers**

A wee reminder to bow your head just before receiving Holy Communion

New Eucharistic Ministers Rota out now

**Congratulations** to Jessica & Molly McBride baptised this weekend and to their family



Agnes Kelly thanks everyone for prayers/cards. Holy Mass offered for all.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 3-8th Oct  
Tel Alba Tours 262941 for more info

**G4 (X Factor Finalists) in Concert** on Thurs 16th March 2017 at Fruitmarket  
Tickets/Bus £33. **Money now due**

**Please keep** in your prayers Sean Wylie to be ordained a deacon on 13th Feb at Oscott College and all studying for the priesthood in our diocese.

Mass Carfin Grotto Sat 11th Feb Our Lady of Lourdes, at 1pm with Anointing

Do you feel called to the priesthood? contact Fr. Brian Lamb 01698 823896 to discuss the way ahead. Meeting on 9th Feb at 7:30 in St Joseph's Blantyre

**Facebook St. Ignatius' RC Church**  
**1312 likes** Have a look and comment!

**Wishaw Hospital** Chaplain Fr Ricklan for emergency/visit please ask nurse to contact chaplain or call 263945

**SVDP Tel: 07840142894 for help.**

**Furniture Collection Diocesan SVDP**  
07773731123 Or 07749467335

**GIFT AID- please use white envelope in porch for 2nd collection.**

**Loyola Centre: booking and enquiries tel: 07939606107 10am-2pm Mon-Fri, Bingo Sunday 7:15pm; Tea Room Mon- Fri after Mass Beavers/Cubs/Scouts Mon 5:45**

**The Japanese Martyrs** The faith arrived in Japan in 1549, when St. Francis Xavier landed at Satsuma. He was recalled to India in 1551, but he converted more than three thousand Japanese. Thirty years later there were 200,000 Christians and 250 churches in Japan, with Jesuits and other missionaries working to spread the faith. Hideyoshi, the acting highest-ranked official of the emperor, the governor, called a taiko, had tolerance for the faith, despite the fear of his court. Many in Japan believed that the Europeans intended to invade the country, and that the Church was only a vanguard. On Feb 5, 1597, twenty-six Christians, were publicly crucified at Nagasaki. Hideyoshi died the following year, a period of cooperative calm prevailed. For the next decade and a half the Christians flourished, with 130 Jesuits, joined by 30 Dominicans, Franciscans, Augustinians, and some secular priests staffing missions. Unfortunately, Tokugawa Ieyasu, a virulent enemy of the Church, became the shogun of Japan and published an edict abolishing Catholicism. Persecution began again, furthered by Tokugawa's sons and heirs. In 1622, the "Great Martyrdom" took place at Nagasaki, claiming the lives of more than fifty Japanese and Europeans. Between 1624 and 1627, hundreds more were slain, imprisoned, or exiled. Most were burned alive, crucified, or beheaded, some with small children in their arms. In 1637, 37,000 Japanese Catholics and their allies entered a fortress on Shimabara Peninsula in northern Kyushu to protest persecution of the Church and tyranny of the local daimyo, or hereditary clan lord. They were slain to a man by the shogun's troops, aided by a Dutch ship's cannons. In 1640, four Portuguese ambassadors were arrested and martyred for the faith. In 1642 and 1648, Jesuits and Dominicans tried to enter Japan and were martyred with unspeakable cruelty. The last known priest who tried to enter Japan was an Italian, Abbe Sidotti, who was arrested in 1708. He was imprisoned on the Kirishitan Zaka, the "Hill of the Christians," and died there in 1715. The first party of martyrs was headed by St. Paul Miki, who received canonization in 1862 by Pope Pius IX. (Martin Scorsese's latest film, **Silence**, is about the Japanese Martyrs)

How lovely is this mission to give light to the world! It is a mission that we possess. It is beautiful! It is also beautiful to keep the light that we have received from Jesus, to guard and care for it. The Christian should be a luminous person, who brings light, who always gives light! A light that is not one's own, but is a gift from God; it is the gift of Jesus. And we carry this light. If the Christian puts out this light, their life has no meaning: they are Christian in name only, without light, a life without meaning. But I would like to ask you now, how do you wish to live? As a lamp switched on or turned off? Switched on or turned off? A lamp switched on of course! It is God who gives you this light and we in turn pass it on to others. A lamp switched on! This is the Christian vocation. **Pope Francis Feb 2014**

**A criminal with a long record** of transgressions was on trial for his latest crime. The jury found him guilty on 33 counts and the judge sentenced him to 189 years. Realizing that even with time off for good behaviour he would be over one hundred when he was released, the prisoner burst into tears. Noting this display of remorse, the judge reconsidered. He said, "I didn't mean to be so severe. Thinking it over, I can see that I've imposed an extremely harsh sentence. So you don't have to serve the whole time." The prisoner beamed with new found hope until the judge leaned toward him and said, "Just do a much as you can."