

**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** Harry Docherty; Jane Cameron; George O'Hara; Frank Slavin; Donna & Patricia McGuire; Marie Laird; Patricia Pearson; Pamela Brown; Fr Jim Casey; Peter McKenna; Catherine Anderson, Robbie McNaughton; Patti Brassington; Richard Hughes, Jean Reilly; Simon Logan, Gordon Law, Fiona McCall; Marion Fox; Margaret Bachiller; George McGowan; Brian Smith; Graeme Wood; Catherine Nolan; Catherine Hughes; Marie West; Alison Coogan; Gerard Corbett; Patricia Nolan; Danny Moran; Mary Graham; David Clegg; Rosanna & Joe Bulmer; Conor Jamieson; Jamie Hillen; Catherine Anderson; Dillon McLaulchlan; David Muir; Betty Wassell; Grace & Sandy Abernethy; Bernadette McLaughlin; Jean Pearson; Liam Benham; June Wood; Linda Russell; Sr Josephine McGuigan; John McGuigan; Cara Louise Jordan; Colleen Ras; James Lawley Frank McNulty; Janice Ball; Joe Reilly; Catherine McBroom; Mary Byrne; Zelia Simpson; Jeanette Murphy; Eileen Docherty; Kenny Steele; Colette Currier; Donna McCulloch; Kenny Lindsay; Jean McRorie; John McCann jnr; John O'Kane; Sheila Lennon; Alexander Coombe, Martin Burns; Margaret Bradley  
**Children:** Zak Matthew Thomson; Corran Davidson; Jade Law; Megan Macauley; Chloe Docherty; Caoimhe Lamb; Isabella Mooney; Connor Simpson; Avannah Baillie; Shay Nevans; Aeden, Louise Fraser

**DIED RECENTLY**

Michael McCauley; Christopher Kane; Kathleen Clark; Mary Kelly John Kane; Elizabeth McClair; Eddie Hattie, Margaret McGuinness Frew ; Tommy Starrs; Anne Hunter

**ANNIVERSARIES** Agnes Jamieson; Patrick Downs; Michael Macauley; Emma Louise Kirson; Patrick Mackle, Mary McCann, Mary & Edward Stewart; Eddie Power, Rosemary Wotherspoon; Mary Fullerton, George McCormick Lynne Marie O'Connor, Agnes Skiffington

**Christmas Remembrances** Daniel & Rose Quigley; Anne McCourt; Alex & Brian Purdie; Pat Muldoon; Ruth Muldoon Hawkins; Patrick & Madge Leonard; Leonard Family; Patrick & Ruth Muldoon; Muldoon Family; Elizabeth McFadyen; Agnes Grady; Eddie Toal; John McLaughlin; Edward & Jessica McGhee; Harding Family; Higgins Family; Eileen Prior, Peter & Annie Nolan; Ron Meldrum, Tilly & Daniel Stewart; Meg McConville

**We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign.**

**Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, voices raising, Worshiping God most high.**

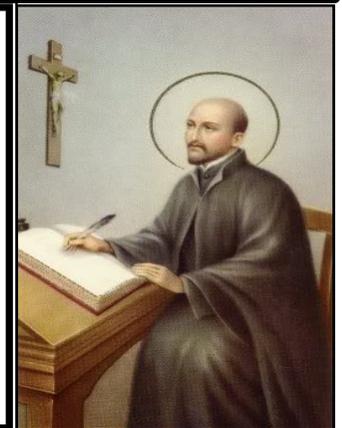
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**Feast of The Epiphany Year C  
5TH/6th JANUARY 2019**

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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 labor and not to ask for reward,  
save that of knowing that I do your will.



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**SUNDAY MASSES:** Vigil: 5:30 pm (Sat), 10 am, 12 noon 6pm  
**WEEKDAY:** Mon-Fri 9:30am; Sat 10am *Mondays Exposition till 1pm*  
**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**

Fr Gerry and Mgr wish you a very Happy New Year and thank you for all your support and kindness during the festive season

**Renewal of Baptismal Promises** for P4 children preparing for First Holy Communion will now take place at 10am Mass on Sunday 20th Jan

Congratulations to Grace Anderson and Vincent James Kennedy baptised last weekend and to their families



RCIA will recommence next Mon 14th Jan at 7pm in the Parish House

**Western Catholic Calendars** containing times of all Masses in the West of Scotland on sale in the stall

Please hand in any boxes for retired priests and seminarians soon

**Donations at the crib for St Margaret's Family Care.** Boxes also available at the back of the Church

A Pilgrimage to Poland, "Step by step, John Paul II, 9th -16th Oct 2019. £815 H/ B or £695 for bed/bwith a single supp £175 Tel Fr Krzysztof 351 921

Les Miserables Wed 13th Feb 2019

**Dates for Marriage Courses 2019** now ready. Please uplift forms from Fr Gerry

**Last Week's Collection £1629**  
**2nd for Hall extension £657**  
**No winner New Lotto Total £2411**  
**Christmas Collection £4804**  
Many thanks for your generosity

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



Next Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus

### **BLESSING OF BABIES**

Next week we welcome in a special way all the babies/ children who were baptised in our parish during the past year. They will be presented with a cross at the 12noon Mass as we entrust them and their families to the care of Our Lady. There were 50 baptisms in St Ignatius in 2018

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

Congratulations to Paula Cassidy and Kris McNamara married last week



January rotas can be uplifted now

### **Loyola Centre Update**

Updates and photos of the work are posted weekly on the parish Facebook page Work due until Feb 2019

**HYMN BOOK AMNESTY- PLEASE RETURN BORROWED HYMN BOOKS**

Facebook for parish now at **St. Ignatius' RC Church 1533 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 07749467335** Volunteers welcome

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

**Beavers/Cubs 6:30 Scouts 7:30 Monday Evenings in St Ignatius Primary**

### **Guided by the stars**

As far back as history records, people have been fascinated by these tiny lights in the sky. They engage us at many different levels. For some they are portents and omens to predict future events. Others focus on calculating the ages and distances to faraway stars. For some of us they are simply beautiful but beyond our reach. We try to catch them in the joy of language. Stars flicker everywhere in our love stories and poems. We even use them as a description for our role-models. Stars are inspiring.

Peace to people of good will – the Prince of Peace welcomes everyone who seeks peace. Shepherd and king, rich and poor, local and stranger all seek the same thing, a life of peace and fulfilment. "All humans seek peace" is a generalisation that is close to being true. Breaking peace is always a decision. Anger, nastiness, belligerence and unkindness are not natural to the human person. In our better instincts, we desire peace and benevolence. The symbols of universalism in the Magi story speak to an audience far wider than just Christians. It is for all those who have gazed beyond the senses and dreamed for something better, something that is both natural and common to us all.

Unlettered shepherds and learned Magi alike took inspiration from the skies as near Bethlehem when Jesus was born. We may explain them off as tales of omens and calculation and seldom think of the inspiration that set them on a journey. It was an early example of a peace march. The recurring wish of the star-gazer is a place of peace that lies maybe somewhere beyond the stars. Across the ages every culture has stared up and the stars and wondered. There must be something else out there in the vastness beyond our understanding. Part of us inexplicably believes that whatever is out there is good or at least better than what we have here. In most cases our desire for inspiration asks the one thing we feel entitled to expect here on Earth. We feel it but rarely seem to get it – peace! Let us pray that a peaceful spirit between nations, families and individuals will prevail throughout this year.

**A new bus** fare system in Aberdeen required passengers to give their destination when paying their fare. One old age pensioner, unfamiliar with the system, asked for a "14p concession, please." The conductor demanded "What's your destination?" The lady looked puzzled and said she didn't understand. The driver insisted he needed to know where she was going. "I'm ga'in to my daughter's for my dinner!" she replied.

**Hamish and Hector** were on a parachute training course. Hamish jumped first, pulled the rip-cord and started to float down. Hector followed but when he pulled his cord, nothing happened. When he pulled the emergency cord, again nothing happened. As he plummeted past his companion, Hamish called out "So we're in a race are we?" and ripped off his own parachute. **In a London street**, two Highlanders stood looking at the imposing front of a large building. The corner-stone bore the date in Roman characters, "MCMIV." "Look at that, Jock," said Sandy proudly, "Ah don't know what clan he came from, but he's got his name on one of the finest buildings in London. You canna keep oor boys doon, can ye?"