

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The sick and housebound:

Kara Louise Jordan; Mary Graham; Nina Brown; Pauline & Michael Wilson;
Alice Ann Bjorn; Ann Paterson; John Dobbin Jnr; Baby Alfie James Milligan;
Rosanna Bulmer; Joseph Bulmer; Catherine Donnelly; Evelyn Ringer;
Elaine McCarren; George O'Hara; Angela McLaughlin; Laura McIntosh;
Thomas Lally Snr; Peter Convery; Bill Wood; Ciara Loughery;
Nicholas McAnaw; Hugh Windsor; Helen Woods; Mary Goodwin;
David & Elizabeth Cooper; Margaret Higgins; Jean Welsh;
Moira McDonald; Patrick Cook; John Miller;
Anne McCrossan; Patrick McEwan.

Deaths: Mary McCulloch; Sean O'Neill; Milda Murphy; Janette Verrecchia.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Catherine Gallagher (Nee Clarke);
Arthur & Kathleen Kennedy; David Ness; John Kane;
Joseph Wilson; Vera Dougan.

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – December:

For Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis requests this month's prayers "so that this Jubilee strengthens us in faith, helps us recognize Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

The Parish Hall – Loyola Centre

Thank you to all who attended the meeting on Wednesday 27th November. Fr Kevin provided an update on the ongoing works, specifically, that Scottish Power Tuesday reconnected the mains electricity supply on 26th November. As a result, specific works including the laying of the new floor was able to begin as part of Phase 2. Unfortunately, the completion of Phase 2 didn't take place, as planned, on 29th November. However, every effort is being made for completion prior to 20th December. Further discussion took place regarding the operation of the Hall. It was agreed that meetings would continue to take place for the foreseeable future to confirm bookings of the Hall as well as planning future Parish events. Forms continue to be available at the entrance to the Church to enable other parishioners to volunteer for the running and operation of the Hall. Completed forms can be handed to Fr Kevin or placed in the Offertory Collection bags. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 18th December at 5:30pm in St. Ignatius Chapel House.



**CHILDREN'S
LITURGY**

**Takes place this Sunday
at the 10.00am Mass**

200 Club Winners for November

1st Prize – No. 21 – Pauline Hepburn, 2nd Prize – No. 29 – Patricia Sharkey.

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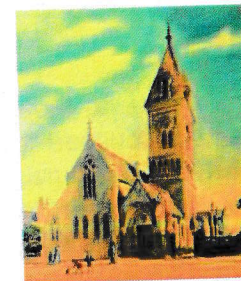
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THE 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 8th December 2024

Sunday 8th December <i>The 2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass
Monday 9th December <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 12:00noon Angelus
Tuesday 10th December	9:00am Rosary 9:15am Mass 12:00noon Angelus 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 11th December	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 12:00noon Angelus 6:30pm Reception – Mary McCulloch
Thursday 12th December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Funeral Mass – Mary McCulloch 12:00noon Angelus
Friday 13th December <i>St Lucy</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:15am Mass 12:00noon Angelus
Saturday 14th December <i>St John of the Cross</i>	9:30am Mass 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 5th December <i>The 3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass



Thank you to those who attended the meeting last Tuesday 3rd December. Items discussed including how to implement our Mission Statement – **“We want to encourage and support people in the practise of their faith, especially by attending Church, with the aim of helping people to grow in their faith and their relationship with the Trinity; God the Father, Jesus and The Holy Spirit.”** Specifically, attendance at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses and encouraging participation by those currently attending Masses in the ministries and roles within the Parish were seen as priorities. Subsequently, it was agreed that suggestion should be made to parishioners currently attending Masses to pass a Bulletin to parishioners who are not currently attending Masses. Also, it was agreed that a “The Parish Needs You!” form would be printed on colour paper, to differentiate between the similar form for the Loyola Centre, looking for parishioners to use to facilitate involvement by themselves in ministries and roles within the Parish. The development of a questionnaire being used in other Parishes was proposed to reach-out to those parishioners not attending Masses, perhaps asking our associated schools to help with the distribution of the questionnaires. Also, specific initiatives were discussed including encouraging attending Mass by young people attending St Aidan’s and Our Lady’s High Schools and sharing in a pizza afterwards. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 7:30pm in the Chapel House.

Coffee, tea, juices and all after 10:00am Sunday Mass

Thank you to all those who attended the coffee, tea, juices and all last Sunday 24th November, after the 10:00am Mass, in St Ignatius’ Primary School. It is anticipated the next coffee, tea, juices and all will take place in the newly repaired Loyola Centre on Sunday 16th January 2025 after the 10:00am Mass and thereafter on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Thank you once again to all who volunteered to help plan and provide the Coffees, tea, juices and all.

Christmas Cards and Calendars and Christmas Stamps

The Parish Stall has on display a selection of Christmas Cards and Calendars available to buy. Please buy and send Christian cards and use Christian Stamps that are available from Post Offices, you may need to ask for them. All help to remind everyone of the true meaning of Christmas.

Vocations Evening

A Vocations Evening takes place on Tuesday 17th December at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral Motherwell. Anyone who is considering a vocation to the priesthood is invited along to this evening to join a time of prayer and getting to know more about the discernment process and priesthood. See poster on notice board at the entrance to the Church.

The Advent Season

We continue our journey of Advent 2024 in preparation for the celebration of Christmas. If you are able, why not come along to the Morning Mass on Mondays to Saturdays at 9.30am and/or come along to Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Ignatius Church on Tuesday between 6:00pm to 7:00pm which includes a simple Benediction just before 7:00pm. Also, this and next Tuesday – 10th & 17th December, additional Confession times are available in St Ignatius Church between 6.05pm – 6:35pm and until 11.00am on the next two Saturdays mornings – 14th & 21st December after the 9.30am Mass.

Christmas and New Year Mass Times

A leaflet is available this weekend detailing the Christmas and New Year Mass times, please take a copy for your home. As you will note times are also included for the Mass times at St Thomas’ Church to enable everyone to attend Mass suited to their situation.

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Youth Group Meetings – Diocese of Motherwell

The next meeting takes place this Sunday 8th December at 7:30pm. A poster with details of the Diocese of Motherwell Youth Group Meetings is on the notice board at the entrance to the Church.

Weekly collection –

30th November/1st December – £1613.00

Thank you once again to everyone who contributes to the Offertory Collection and to all those who make payments direct to the Parish Bank Account.

Carol services - Motherwell Diocesan Choir

‘**Silent Night**’ is the title of this year’s Carol Service by the Diocesan Choir. There will be three performances: Wednesday 11th December at 7:30pm in Our Lady & St John’s Blackwood; Sunday 15th December at 7:30pm in St Mary’s Lanark and Wednesday 18th December in The Cathedral, Motherwell. Admission is free and all are encouraged to support these events as part of their preparation for Christmas.

St Aidan’s High School – Christmas Concerts

Details of the Christmas Concert and Senior Citizen’s Christmas Concert taking place at St Aidan’s High School on the 16th and 17th December are available on the posters on the notice board at the entrance to the Church.

Western Catholic Calendar 2025

The Western Catholic Calendar is available from the Parish Stall priced £3.70.

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Parish Bulletin continued ...

Proposal to legalise assisted suicide in United Kingdom

Bishop John Keenan said the following words after the UK Parliament's decision last Friday, 29th November, to pass Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill at second reading: "This is a sad day for the sick, the vulnerable and the disabled in society. Today's vote strikes a blow against the foundational principle of medicine "do no harm". Since parliamentarians have voted to create a category of people that the state will help to commit suicide, doctors will now be invited to help their patients to kill themselves. As we have seen across the world, once enacted these laws are rapidly and dangerously expanded."

It is essential that we continue our prayers and take part in all efforts to try to stop the Bill progressing any further. Also, it highlights how equally important it is to seek to stop the progress of a similar Bill in Scotland.

The New Lectionary

The use of the new Lectionary began last Sunday 1st December. Bishop Toal has written a letter to the faithful regarding this, copies of the letter are available from the entrance to the Church. Also, a leaflet 'The New Lectionary Explained – A Brief Introduction,' continues to be available from the entrance to the church. A booklet 'Hearing Christ's Voice – A New Lectionary for the Church,' written by Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB, the Bishop of the Diocese of Aberdeen, is also available from the Parish Stall priced £3.95.

St Ignatius Primary School – Coffee Morning

A message from Mrs Pearson – "St Ignatius Primary School extends a welcome to everyone at St Ignatius Parish to come along to the School on Thursday 19th December at 10:00am after the 9:30am Mass when the children will sing some of their concert songs and all can share in the Christmas spirit."

Catholic Families for Life

The latest newsletter from the Bishops' Commission for Marriage, Family & Life can be found and/or downloaded by clicking on www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk See poster on the notice board at the entrance to the Church and also some copies of the newsletter letter are available from the entrance to the Church

Church Organ

Following the first use of the replacement organ at last weekend's Masses many parishioners commented on how nice the organ sounded. The envelopes marked Organ Fund are now available at the entrance to the Church, allowing, Parishioners where able, in light of their own circumstances, to make a financial contribution to assist with the cost of the replacement organ and associated items. Thank you to everyone for the support given to the Parish up until now and in anticipation of ongoing support. Envelopes can be placed in the Offertory Collection bags.



Jubilee Year 2025

A message from Bishop Toal with regard to the up and coming Jubilee Year – "Pope Francis will begin the Jubilee Year 2025 on Christmas Eve in St Peter's in Rome as he opens the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica. The Opening in all Dioceses across to the world is to be on the Sunday after Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family, 29th December. The Opening Ceremony in Motherwell Diocese will begin at 1pm at St Francis Xavier's, Carfin, from where a group of young people will process with the Holy Year Cross to Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral. The rest of those attending will join the procession behind the Cross at St Bride's Centre and proceed to the Cathedral. The Opening Mass will begin then at 3pm.

An invitation is extended to everyone in the Diocese and it hoped it will be a great beginning for this special year under the logo Pilgrims of Hope."