

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; Kathleen McElhinney.

Deaths: May McCulloch; James Coyle.

Months Minds: Ellis Clapperton.

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Joseph Wilson; Rev James Naughton;
 Esther Muir; Daniel Mooney & Margaret Cowan; Mairead Cassidy;
 Rose Forrest; John Joseph (Jackie) Groome; Luke Devine;
 John Sharkey; Maragret Dolan.

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

The next meeting will take place this Wednesday 18th December at 5:30pm in St. Ignatius' Chapel House. At the meeting on 27th November, Fr Kevin provided an update on the ongoing works, specifically, that Scottish Power reconnected the mains electricity supply on 26th November. As a result, specific works including the laying of the new floor began 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.

Western Catholic Calendar 2025

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



**CHILDREN'S
LITURGY**

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

St Ignatius of Loyola

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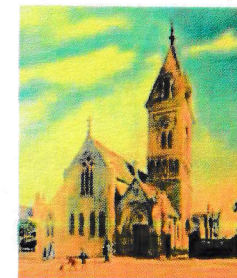
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THE 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 15th December 2024

Sunday 15th December <i>The 3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass
Monday 16th December	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 12:00noon Angelus
Tuesday 17th December	9:00am Rosary 9:15am Mass 12:00noon Angelus 5:30pm-7:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30pm – 6:30pm Confessions
Wednesday 18th December	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 12:00noon Angelus
Thursday 19th December	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 12:00noon Angelus
Friday 20th December	9:00am Rosary 9:15am Mass 12:00noon Angelus
Saturday 21st December	9:30am Mass 10:00am-11:00am Confessions 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 22nd December <i>The 4th Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass



Thank you to those who attended the meeting on 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 a 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

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 this 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 5:30pm to 7:00pm which includes a simple Benediction just before 7:00pm.

Confessions for Christmas

This Tuesday – 17th December, additional Confession times are available in St Ignatius’ Church between 5:30pm – 6:30pm with a visiting priest and until 11.00am this Saturday - 21st December after the 9.30am Mass until 11:00am. This Thursday – 19th December, additional Confession times are available in St Thomas’ Church between 6:00pm – 6:50pm with a visiting priest.

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.

Weekly collection –

7th/8th December – £1142.00

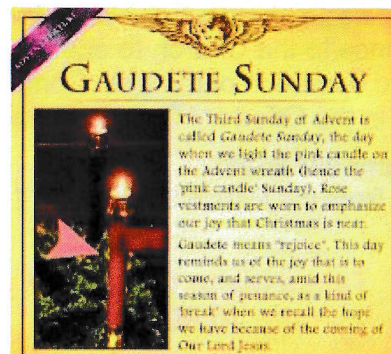
Thank you once again to everyone who contributes to the Offertory Collection and to all those who make payments direct to the Parish Bank Account.

Carol services - Motherwell Diocesan Choir

‘**Silent Night**’ is the title of this year’s Carol Service by the Diocesan Choir. The 2nd and 3rd performances are: this Sunday - 15th December at 7:30pm in St Mary’s Lanark and this 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 and the Senior Citizen’s Christmas Concerts taking place at St Aidan’s High School this Monday, 16th and Tuesday, 17th December are available on the posters on the notice board at the entrance to the Church.



Parish Bulletin continued ...

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 this 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.”



Jubilee Year 2025

A further update message from Fr. Parkes regarding the Jubilee Year 2025; ‘The Holy Year opens in our diocese with a pilgrimage moving towards the Cathedral behind the cross prepared by Holy Cross High School for the jubilee – a pilgrim people behind the cross of Christ which remains the anchor of salvation.

People are invited to gather at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Carfin at 1pm on Sunday 29th December for a short gathering that introduces the pilgrimage and the opening of the Holy Year. Bishop Toal, with a small group of young people, will then make the first part of the pilgrimage towards the Cathedral.

At 2.30pm, all people from across the Diocese are invited to gather in St Bride’s Hall (across from the Cathedral) for another gathering time on the journey behind the cross and for the short pilgrimage to the Cathedral, the veneration of the Cross, a memorial of our baptism and the celebration of Mass on the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

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

We continue to benefit from the use of the replacement organ and speakers. The envelopes marked Organ Fund continue to be 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.

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.*

COLLECT

O God, who see how your people
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
enable us, we pray,
to attain the joys of so great a salvation
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Zephaniah 3:14-18a

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the judgements against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
'Fear not, O Sion;
let not your hands grow weak.
The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.
I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Isaiah 12:2-3. 4b-d. 5-6 R. 6

**R: Shout aloud and sing praise,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

1. Behold, God is my salvation!
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD is my strength and my praise,
and he has been my salvation.
With joy you will draw water
from the springs of salvation. **R.**
2. Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;
make known among the peoples his deeds;
proclaim that his name is exalted. **R.**
3. Sing to the LORD for he has wrought wonders;
let this be known through all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing praise, you who dwell in Sion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord
is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be
made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ
Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the LORD is upon me,
he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: The crowds asked John, 'What, then, shall we do?'
And he answered them, 'Whoever has two tunics is to share with
him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.' Tax
collectors also came to be baptised and said to him, 'Teacher,
what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Collect no more than you
are authorized to do.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what shall
we do?' And he said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by
threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.' As
the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning
in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ,
John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he
who is mightier than I is coming, 'I baptise you with water, but he
not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and
to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with
unquenchable fire.' So with many other exhortations he preached
good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,
be offered to you unceasingly,
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord,
that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults
and prepare us for the coming feasts.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.