

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; Elaine McCarren;
Laura McIntosh; Thomas Lally Snr; Peter Convery; Bill Wood;
Ciara Loughery; Nicholas McAnaw; Helen Woods; Mary Goodwin;
David & Elizabeth Cooper; Margaret Higgins; Jean Welsh;
Moira McDonald; Patrick Cook; John Miller; Patrick McEwan;
Kathleen McElhinney; George McGowan; Michael McMullen; Brigid Nolan.

Deaths: Elizabeth (Liz) Cuthbertson – formerly Campbell Street;
Frances Feeney – Stewarton Street; Tommy Goldie.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Cathie McMurray; Mary Sloey;
Agnes (Rosalyn) Thompson; Mary McCormick; Patrick O'Rourke;
Agnes Lees; Ann Brown; Marjory Pickering; John, Sarah, Francis Lynch;
Tom Lennon; Betty McSheffrey; Margaret Scott.

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – February:

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



**Takes place at the
10:00am Sunday Mass**

Weekly collection –

15th/16th February – £1432.00

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.

Pro Life Mass at Carfin - the National Marion Shrine

This Mass is organised by the Family Life group in the Diocese and is held on the last Thursday of every month. The time includes: 7.00pm - Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and 'Pro-life Rosary'; 7.00pm to 7.30pm - Opportunity for Confession; 7.30pm - Holy Mass; and after Mass - Refreshments in the Xavier Centre. See Poster at the entrance to the Church. The next Mass will take place on Thursday 27th February.

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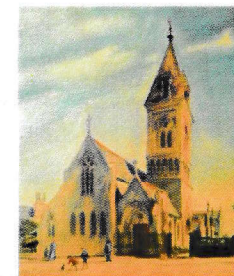
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THE 7th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 23rd February 2025

Sunday 23rd February 7th Sunday of the Year	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass
Monday 24th February	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Funeral Mass: Frances Feeney 12:00noon Angelus
Tuesday 25th February	9:00am Rosary 9:15am Mass 12:00noon Angelus
Wednesday 26th February	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 12:00noon Angelus
Thursday 27th February	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Funeral Mass: Elizabeth Cuthbertson 12:00noon Angelus
Friday 28th February	9:00am Rosary 9:15am Mass 12:00noon Angelus
Saturday 1st March	9:30am Mass 9:55am-10:30am Confessions 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 2nd March 8th Sunday of the Year	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass



"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." - St. Ignatius' Parish Mission Statement, 2025

Thank you to all who attended last Monday 17th February. Matters discussed included again the need to encourage many other parishioners to become involved in the activities of the Parish and to complete a "The Parish Needs You!" form available at the entrance to the Church." It was agreed that members of the group would reach out to people they think might volunteer and let Fr Kevin know. It was noted that over 50 parishioners are volunteering in the Parish with some carrying out more than one role and/or ministry. Specifically, it was acknowledged the volunteers who are helping with the operation of the Loyola Centre and those volunteering in the Church gardens. Discussion again took place on liturgies and services that could be provided in the Parish for the Season of Lent. Fr Kevin advised that services are being arranged across the Deanery looking to begin in Lent but also to continue throughout the Jubilee Year.

The next meeting will take place this week on Tuesday 25th March 2025 at 7:30pm in the Chapel House. A reminder that if any other parishioners would like to come along to the meeting, they would be most welcome.

Baptism of children at Primary School preparing for The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thank you to the three families who came along on Sunday 9th February as part of the arrangements that have been put in place to have their children baptised as they present their children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation - First Confession. The next session will be this Sunday 23rd February after the 11:30am Mass in St Thomas' Church.

Sacramental Preparation – The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr Kevin thanks all those families who came along to St Ignatius Chapel House recently to meet with him as part of their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation of their children. If any other families would like to arrange to meet with Fr Kevin, please speak with him before or after the weekend Masses. The Parish and Fr Kevin will continue to keep all the children and their families in prayer as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the 1st time on Tuesday 18th March.

Day by Day Booklets

The Lent 2025 edition of the Day by Day booklet is available from the Parish Stall. These booklets provide the daily readings at Mass as well as quotes from Saints.

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

Thank you to all who attended the coffee, tea, juices and all last Sunday. Thank you also to the volunteers who prepared for and provided everything.

The next Coffee, tea, juices and all will take place this weekend, Sunday, 16th March, the 3rd Sunday of the month, and we hope that many will come along and participate in this important part of Parish life at St Ignatius.

Parish Social Events

The following social events are confirmed to take place at the Loyola Centre during March:

Friday 7th March – A Parish Quiz night starting at 7:30pm. BYOB. Tickets priced £5 available at all Masses this weekend; and

Friday 21st March – A St Patrick's Celebration 7:30pm-11:30pm including SeinErin an Irish Folk Band and display by group of Irish Dancers. Licensed Bar. Tickets £10 including pie and peas are all on sale this weekend at all Masses.

The Parish Hall – Loyola Centre

Thank you those who attended the meeting on Tuesday 11th February. Confirmation of up and coming bookings took place and noted that the Parish in the process of obtaining new mobile phone to assist with the making of bookings, number will be advised in due course. Outstanding matters relating to Health & Safety requirements within the Centre were discussed and necessary actions agreed. Also, confirmed that planning permission application continues to be with North Lanarkshire and that five companies have submitted tenders as part of Phase 3 of the reinstatement of the Centre.

Youth Group Meetings – Diocese of Motherwell

The next meeting takes place on Sunday 9th March at 7:30pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell. A poster with details of all the Diocese of Motherwell Youth Group Meetings for the following three months is on the notice board at the entrance to the Church.

Pilgrimage to Iona

A pilgrimage to Iona is being organised to mark the 2025 Holy Year and is being led by Bishop Joseph Toal. The trip will take place on the weekend of 17th/18th May 2025, and the cost will be £199 per person, with a £20 single room supplement. Pickup points will be Motherwell and Glasgow Cathedrals. Mass will take place in Iona Abbey at 1:00 pm on the Sunday. The following are included in the price: Coach travel and ferry crossings to Mull and Iona; 1 night Dinner, Bed and Breakfast at the Royal Hotel, Oban; and Entry to Abbey. For more details, contact Jim McKelvie on 07957 847290 or email j.mckelvie@holyyear2025.org.uk.

Thank you

Monica Gray would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes during her journey. Holy Mass will be said for all.

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Parish Bulletin continued ...

Blessed Carlo Acutis' Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

St Athanasius Parish Carlisle are hosting a Blessed Carlo Acutis' Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition on Friday 28th February, Saturday 1st March & Sunday 2nd March. A timetable is on display on the notice board at the entrance to St Ignatius Church.

World Day of Prayer

Wishaw New Kirk are hosting the World Day of Prayer in Wishaw Old Parish Church Buildings, 110 Main Street Wishaw ML2 7LU on Friday 7th March at 2:00pm and warmly invite all to attend. See poster on notice board at entrance to St Ignatius Church.

Wellspring Parish Renewal

A message from Bishop Toal, "One of the key elements of Wellspring is to promote renewal in all our parishes. As part of this quarterly events will run across the Diocese of Motherwell. All the Clergy in the Diocese are invited along with 3/4 members of the parish lay faithful, to discuss Parish Renewal, with a strong accent on spiritual growth. The events will be a time to pray together and learn from each other as we all strive for renewal. I am reminded that there was significant support for such events at the Wellspring event when the Papal Nuncio was with us in August 2024. It is desirable to build on that energy and enthusiasm. The first event will be Monday 10th March from 7pm – 9pm in St Bernadette's Parish Hall in Motherwell. In addition to hearing the experience of 3 parishes who have initiated their renewal programmes, there will be opportunity to pray and reflect together, as well as discussion and listening." If anyone is interested in attending, please speak with Fr Kevin.

Church Organ

Thank you to all who have made donations towards the purchase of the replacement organ and associated items, this is greatly appreciated. A total of £1643.00 has been received to date. The envelopes marked Organ Fund continue to be available at the entrance to the Church, allowing Parishioners, where able, to make a financial contribution to assist with the cost of the replacement organ and associated items. Envelopes can be placed in the Offertory Collection bags.

Our Lady's High School 150th Anniversary

A message from Our Lady's High School in Motherwell – "We will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the school this year. Planning for the commemorative celebrations is underway and, as part of this, we are looking for any pictures, memorabilia or stories from former pupils. If any former pupils or their families have anything they wish to contribute, or if they are happy to be interviewed about their experiences at Our Lady's, then please contact us by email at nmcgheej@northlan.org.uk Thank you in advance of your help."

Foodbank Appeal

As you are aware, the foodbank at Wishaw South Parish Church provides vital support in our community. They have been in touch with the Parish through the St Vincent de Paul Society and highlighted a shortage of specific items and subsequently ask for donations of long-life milk, hotdogs and custard at this time. Donations can be left at the entrance to St Ignatius Church and this will be forwarded on to the foodbank. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Jubilee Year 2025

More information on events for the Jubilee Year within the Diocese of Motherwell including the Deaneries and individual Parishes will be provided in due course. In the meantime, copies of The Prayer for the Jubilee Year 2025 continue to be available at the entrance to the Church.

Aid to the Church in Need: Scottish Conference - 'Courage to be Catholic'

A short message from Aid to the Church in Need (Scotland) – "Saturday 29th March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am - 4:00pm. Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organisations from around Scotland, and help build Catholic community. For more information go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register." See Poster at the entrance to the Church.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.*

COLLECT

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, always pondering spiritual things,
we may carry out in both word and deed
that which is pleasing to you.
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 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

In those days: Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.' But David said to Abishai, 'Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the LORD's anointed and be guiltless?' So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen upon them.

Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. David said, 'Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the LORD gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the LORD's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 8. 10.
12-13. R. 8a

R: The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion. **R.**
3. The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**
4. As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions.
As a father has compassion on his children,
the LORD's compassion is on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL John 13:34

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

'If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord,
with the observance that is your due,
we humbly ask you,
that what we offer to the honour of your majesty
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.*

Or

*Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we may experience the effects of the salvation
which is pledged to us by these mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.