

**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 McLaughlan; 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; Jimmy 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; Jean Hughes
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; Edward Whitfield

REQUIESCANT IN PACE



DIED RECENTLY

Sean Buchanan; Marie McCabe, Martin Gallacher; Harry Murphy;

ANNIVERSARIES

John Brennan; Fiona McDonald; Kathleen Caffrey; Bobby Tait; Peter Quigley;
William Nimmo; John McCluskey jnr; Isabella, James, Ann & Kathy McAvoy;
Jim McGinty

Why baptize a child who does not understand?" "When we baptize a child, the Holy Spirit enters that child, and the Holy Spirit makes... the Christian virtues grow in that child, who will then flourish."

Though we hope that when a child grows up he or she will understand and desire Baptism for themselves, to withhold the sacrament from a child "means not trusting in the Holy Spirit,"

"We must always give this opportunity to everyone, to all children, to have inside of them the Holy Spirit that will guide them throughout their lives. Do not forget to baptize children!" **Pope Francis**

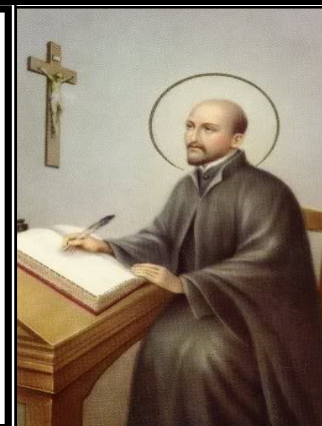
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Feast of The Baptism Year C 12th/13th JANUARY 2019

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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

Parish Priest Fr. Gerard Maguiness
Pastor Emeritus: Mgr Michael Conway
Website: www.saintignatiuswishaw.org.uk

**Charity no.
SCO 11041**

Feasts this week
Mon 14th St Mungo/Kentigern
Thurs 17th St Anthony the Abbot

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
 From Fri 18th to Fri 25th January
 Please pray for this intention
 Primary Children will join us for Mass on the 25th. All welcome

Registration for St Ignatius Primary
 Mon/Tues 10-11:30;
 Wed/Thurs 1—2:30pm

Next Baptism evening on Tuesday
 29th Jan at 7pm in the Church. All parents and godparents are invited to attend

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.

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 Krzysztow 351 921

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

Last Week's Collection £1
2nd for Hall extension £
No winner New Lotto Total £24
Many thanks for your generosity

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



This Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus
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 their Guardian Angels
Please keep them in your prayers
There were 50 baptisms in St Ignatius in 2018

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

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

St Ignatius PTFA Race Night on Fri 1st Feb at 7pm in Wishaw Bowling Club. Tickets on sale after Masses. Thanks to all who bought Raffles, Celtic top won by Martin O'Brien

Les Miserables Wed 13th Feb 2019

Lost property will be on display at the back of the Church for the next 2 weeks.

Facebook for parish now at **St. Ignatius' RC Church 1541 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

Confirming our baptism

Baptism is such a happy occasion when a child's birth is publicly celebrated and cheered, and here they are received into a larger family, the family of the church. In being received into our church-family, these children become our brothers and sisters in the Lord, sons and daughters of God, and temples of the Spirit. The joy of faith and hope is palpable, especially when the parents and godparents come up to the baptismal font and the water is poured over the head of the child by the celebrant. Each child is anointed before and after baptism with special oil of catechumens and the oil of chrism; the baptismal shawl is placed around the child and the baptismal candle is lit. The whole occasion is uplifting in a way that is unique to that sacrament. Of course, the majority of baptisms are of children, who are oblivious to what is happening around them. A big decision is being made on their behalf without their knowing anything about it. Yet, just as parents make all kinds of other big decisions for their children without consulting them, so they happily make this significant decision on their behalf. There is a story in the gospels of parents bringing little children to Jesus. When the disciples tried to stop parents doing this, Jesus rebuked his disciples and said to them, 'let the children come to me and do not stop them, for to such as these the kingdom of God belongs.' Parents continue to bring their children to Jesus today whenever they present them for baptism, because in baptism they are being baptized into the person of Christ; they become members of his body; Jesus begins to live within them through the Spirit. When parents bring their children for baptism they are making a decision for them that is very much in keeping with the Lord's desire. 'Let the children come to me and do not stop them.' Today we celebrate the feast of the baptism of Jesus. It is a good day to reflect on our own baptism and its significance for us. The day of Jesus' baptism was a watershed in his life; it was a day of new beginning. On that day he began his public ministry during which he gave himself fully in the service of God and all of God's people. On that day Jesus launched forth as the one who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. As he set out on that momentous journey for all of us, he was assured of God his Father's favour, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you', and he was empowered by the Holy Spirit, who descended upon him like a dove. Though Jesus was baptised as an adult and we were baptised as children, our baptism was also a day of new beginning for us. On that day we were launched on the great adventure of becoming disciples of Jesus in our own time. On that day, we too were given an assurance of God's love and favour, and we too were empowered by the Holy Spirit for the journey ahead of us. On that day we were caught up into Jesus' own very special relationship with God and we became a member of Jesus' family of disciples, the church. It is a moment of grace that has the potential to shape our lives in a very fundamental way, in a way that is in keeping with God's purpose for our lives.

A little story about finding direction: A Dubliner was down the country travelling along by-roads where the signposts were few and far between. After a while, unsure of his directions, he decided to ask the first person he saw. When he came across a farmer driving his cows home for milking he stopped the car and asked if he was on the right road to Mallow. The farmer told him that he certainly was on the Mallow road. The driver thanked him and was about to move forward when the farmer added, in a nonchalant way, "You're on the right road, but you're going in the wrong direction!" Let's look into our own lifestyle today, to see if our direction is right.