

**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: Fr Jim Casey; Sr Josephine McGuigan; Grace & Sandy Abernethy; Catherine Anderson; Margaret Bachiller; Janice Ball; Liam Benham; Paul Brassington; Pamela Brown; Rosanna & Joe Bulmer; Martin Burns; Mary Byrne; James Cameron; David Clegg; Mary Cliens; Desmond Coyle; Colette Currier; Annie Devine; Eileen Docherty; Harry Docherty; Marion Fox; Mary Graham; Cathleen Hendry; Catherine Hughes; Conor Jamieson; Cara Louise Jordan; Gordon Law; Simon Logan; Catherine McBroom; Fiona McCall; Louise Foley; Donna & Patricia McGuire; Peter McKenna; Dillon McLauchlan; Bernadette McLaughlin; Robbie McNaughton; Frank McNulty; Jean McRorie; Danny Moran; David Muir; Jeanette Murphy; Elizabeth Murray; Patricia Nolan; George O'Hara; Paul O'Hara; John O'Kane; Patricia Pearson; Colleen Ras; Joe Reilly; Linda Russell; Zeila Simpson; Frank Slavin; Colin Slevin; Brian Smith; Millie Smith; Kenny Steele; Andrina Thomson; Jim Doyle Betty Wassell; Marie West; Graeme Wood; Andrew Brown; Thomas McIlvaney; Rose McQuade **CHILDREN:** Aeden, Louise Fraser; Avannah Baillie; Corran Davidson; Jade Law Chloe Docherty; Sean Patrick Goss; Caoimhe Lamb; Megan Macauley; Evanna Ras Iona McMillan; Isabella Mooney; Shay Nevans; Connor Simpson; Zak Matthew Thomson; Edward Whitfield



REQUIESCANT IN PACE

DIED RECENTLY

Gerald Weisfeld

ANNIVERSARIES

John & Mary Meechan; Tague McFadden

MONTHS MIND

Bill McQuade

PRAYER OF AN EXPECTANT MOTHER

**LORD JESUS, I LOVINGLY PRAY FOR THIS SWEET HOPE
THAT I KEEP WITHIN MY WOMB.**

**YOU HAVE GRANTED ME THE IMMENSE GIFT
OF A TINY LITTLE LIFE, LIVING IN MY OWN LIFE,
AND I HUMBLY THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING ME**

AS AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR LOVE.

**IN THIS SWEET WAITING, HELP ME TO LIVE IN A CONSTANT ATTITUDE
OF SELF-SURRENDER TO YOUR WILL. AMEN**

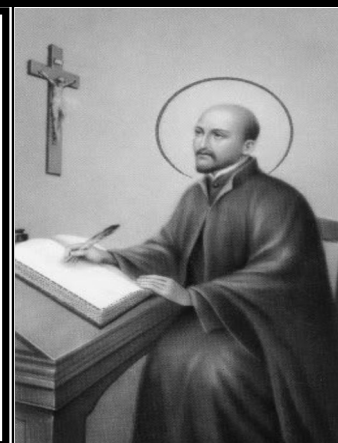
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The Presentation of Our Lord 1ST/2ND FEBRUARY 2020

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



St. Ignatius'

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IF Candlemas Day BE
FAIR AND BRIGHT, Winter WILL
HAVE ANOTHER FIGHT. IF
Candlemas Day BRINGS
CLOUD AND RAIN, Winter
will not come again.



SUNDAY MASSES: Vigil: 5:30 pm (Sat), 10 am, 12 noon, 6pm
WEEKDAY: Mon-Fri 9:30am; Sat 10am
CONFESSIONS: Saturday 9:30am and after the Vigil Mass
Church open till 1pm Mon; Fri; till 3pm 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 3rd St Blaise blessing of
 throats after 9:30am Mass
Wed 4th St Agatha
Thurs 6th St Paul Miki & companions
 the Japanese Martyrs
Sat 8th Feb St Josephine Bakhita

Sacrament of Confirmation 2020
 . Bishop Toal will celebrate the
 Confirmation on Wed 11th March
 please pray for P6/7 pupils

Congratulations to John & Linda
 McTaggart on their Golden Wedding

No Collection for Foodbank till March

Cards in stall for Confirmation/ First
 Reconciliation

First Friday Padre Pio Mass 7:30pm
 First Saturday devotion to our Lady of
 Fatima after 10AM Mass

Check out the new Website for the
 Loyola Centre
www.theloyolacentre.com

St Patrick's Dinner Dance
 Fri 13th March Tickets £20 out now
 Celebrate Mother's Day with Carvery
 in the Loyola Centre Sun 22nd March
 See website for more details

Loyola Centre
 Bookings are now being taken on the
 following number **07939 501916**

Lining of the Car Park Will take
 place on Wednesday 5th Feb Please
 do not use the car park on that day

Last week's 1st Collection £1783
2nd Church Redecoration £764
Lottery No winner New Total £3473
Many thanks for your generosity

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



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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in
 the Church after 9:30am Mass on Monday
 until 12:30pm concluding with
 Miraculous Medal Novena and
 Benediction. Please come along

Motherwell Diocese Lourdes
Pilgrimage 3rd to 10th July 2020.
 Booking forms available in the sacristy

Men who feel called to serve God and his
 Church as priests or permanent deacons
 are asked to contact their parish priest to
 discuss the way forward for beginning
 studies in 2012

Congratulations to Magnus
 Richardson baptised this
 weekend and to his family
 & to Dean John McNally
 Baptised during the week



HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY TO JIM DEVINE

St Ignatius Primary workshops for
Parents for Sacraments

Confession Tues 4th Feb 6:30pm
 Confirmation Tues 4th Feb 7pm
 Holy Communion Tues 3rd Mar

Facebook for parish now at **1668 likes**
St. Ignatius' RC Church Wishaw
 Have a look and comment!

Wishaw Hospital
 Chaplain Fr Louis Mendy
 For emergency/visit please ask nurse to
 contact chaplain or call
 01698 263945/07767 392234

SSVP Furniture Project
 If you have any unwanted, good quality
 furniture you would like to donate please
 call the number below between 11.00am
 and 3.00pm, Tuesday-Thursday
 01698 375291/07483 363888

SSVP Tel: 07840 142894 for help

I am moving on to my new role as general secretary to the Bishops of Scotland on 7th Feb. he primary school will join us for Mass on Friday. I leave you with many happy memories of celebrating Mass, baptisms, weddings, First Holy Communions, First Confessions and Confirmations. I also remember fondly the sick I have visited in their homes, nursing homes and Wishaw General, the many people for whom I offered their Requiem Masses and their families. I hope I have given you the Good News of the Gospel, brought you closer to Jesus Christ and helped you advance on your journey of faith. Thanks for your support and please keep me in your prayers as I will surely do for you

FR GERRA

The Presentation of the Child Jesus: Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and he prophesied to Mary about the destiny of this child and the suffering she would undergo for his sake. There is a certain paradox for those blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross She received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. But her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fuelled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises. Jesus promised his disciples that "no one will take your joy from you". The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away. Do you know the joy of a life fully surrendered to God with faith and trust?

Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord's presence in the temple. Anna, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was found daily in the temple, attending to the Lord in prayer and speaking prophetically to others about God's promise to send a redeemer. Supernatural hope grows with prayer and age! Anna was pre-eminently a woman of great hope and expectation that God would fulfil all his promises. She is a model of godliness to all believers as we advance in age. Advancing age and the disappointments of life can easily make us cynical and hopeless if we do not have our hope placed rightly. Anna's hope in God and his promises grew with age. She never ceased to worship God in faith and to pray with hope. Her hope and faith in God's promises fuelled her indomitable zeal and fervor in prayer and service of God's people. What do you hope for? The hope which God places in our heart is the desire for the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. How do we grow in hope? By placing our trust in the promises of Jesus Christ and relying not on our own strength, but on the grace and help of the Holy Spirit. Does your hope and fervour for God grow with age?

Top ten signs you're getting older:

10. You and your teeth don't sleep together.
9. Your try to straighten out the wrinkles in your socks and discover you aren't wearing any.
8. At the breakfast table you hear snap, crackle, pop and you're not eating cereal.
7. You wonder how you could be over the hill when you don't even remember being on top of it.
6. When you're on vacation and your energy runs out before your money does..
5. The pharmacist has become your new best friend.
4. Your back goes out but you stay home.
3. The twinkle in your eye is merely a reflection from the sun on your bifocals.
2. When you step off a curb and look down one more time to make sure the street is still there.
1. When you wake up looking like your passport picture