



Please pray for the sick — Jackie Fleming, Eileen Robertson, Mary McGuire, Carole Gaffney (Australia), Samuel Ruddy (age 20), Marianne Doherty, Douglas McDonald, Kerr Gildie, Charlotte Jordan, Eileen Mullan, Dick Cohen, John Watson, Ann Gough, Catherine Watson, Susan Gough, Roseanne Dupree, Tony Slaven, Lena Connochie, May McCormack, Marie Docherty, Leslie Docherty, Linda Hogg, Joseph Berry, Anne Adams, Gerry Kelly, Nancy McLellan, Terry McLellan, Paul Gallagher, Mary Johnstone, William Ellis, Elizabeth Hunter, Gian Adjuda, Betty McKenna, Sister Margaret Conroy FMM (Thatcham, Berkshire), Mary McManus, Margaret (Rita) McKay, Ryan Forrest, Margaret Steele, William Oliver, Stephen Hart, Canon Michael Walsh (retired Parish Priest of St Aloysius', Chapelhall), Canon Noel Carey (Retired Administrator of Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell), Mary Higgins (Wishaw), Robert Dunlop (Northfield, East Kilbride), Maria Christie, Maureen Cockburn (Montreal Park).



Please pray for those who died recently — Ian Stevenson of Tasman Avenue (Reception & Vigil today/Sunday 2.00pm with Requiem Mass tomorrow/Monday at 10.00am. Thereafter Philipshill Cemetery), Philomena Boyle of Edmonton Terrace (Reception on Wednesday 17th January at 9.45am with Requiem Mass following at 10.00am. Thereafter, South Lanarkshire Crematorium), Nancy Canning, George Clare (Glasgow), Alan Brennan, Ann Thomson (Blantyre).

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of — James Magill, Robert & Alice Woods, Donald & Agnes Fitzpatrick, Douglas & Dorothy Sutherland, John Reynolds, Patrick Kilcullen, Mary Robertson, Mrs Annie McClure, Moira McClure.

THE WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2018 On Sale (£3.20) from the Stall this weekend.

PARISH INCOME LAST WEEKEND

Offertory Collection £ 1225.29
Votives £ 126.00
Stall £ 160.00

Thank you for all offerings to the parish

Fr Sean will be away for a few days this week.
Fr Sean needs a rest and Mgr Millar needs a break!
And perhaps you feel the need of a break as well ????

DIOCESE OF MOTHERWELL

POST OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ESTATES DEPARTMENT

The Diocese of Motherwell is seeking to recruit an Administrative Assistant to be responsible to the Estates Manager for the provision of a comprehensive, confidential and professional service to assist in the efficient operation of the department, based in the Diocesan Office, Coursington Road, Motherwell.

The post is offered on a full-time basis of 35 hours per week and a salary of £18,375.00 per annum is offered.

To request an application form and job description for the post, please email vicechancellor@rcdom.org.uk

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Monday 15th January 2018.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2018

- **Monday 15th January at 6.30pm.** Mass & Enrolment Ceremony for First Communicants and their families from Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School.
- **Monday 22nd January at 6.30pm.** Mass & Enrolment Ceremony for First Communicants and their families from St Louise Primary School.
- **Wednesday 14th February.** Ash Wednesday. (Fasting & Abstinence). The Season of Lent.
- **Tuesday 13th March at 6.30pm.** First Reconciliation for Primary 3 of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School.
- **Wednesday 14th March at 6.30pm.** First Reconciliation for Primary of St Louise Primary School.
- **Friday 30th March.** Good Friday. (Fasting & Abstinence).
- **Sunday 1st April.** Easter Sunday. The Easter Season.
- **Thursday 10th May.** Ascension Thursday. (Holyday of Obligation)
- **Saturday 12th May at 12 noon.** First Holy Communion for Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School.
- **Saturday 19th May at 12 noon.** First Holy Communion for St Louise Primary School.



DONATIONS AT THE CRIB

This is the final weekend for donations at the Crib for St Margaret's Adoption Society. Please consider making a donation to assist the work of the Society. Thank you.

Our thanks to those who set up the Crib and the Christmas Tree and to those who assisted with the decoration of the Church for the festivities. It all looked very good. Thanks!

LOLO HIKING CLUB

7.30pm on Thursday 11th January in the Hall.
Sign-on for walks in Blanefield area.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th–25th January 2018

Ecumenical Service in St Bride's Church, Platthorn Drive, on Sunday 21st January at 4.00pm. All welcome to attend to mark the Week of Prayer. Tea and coffee served afterwards in St Bride's Hall.

Our Lady of Lourdes

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7th January 2018 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord A Day of Prayer for Justice and Peace



PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP WILLIAM NOLAN FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE SUNDAY

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We like to think that we are a welcoming people, and indeed we are. Towns and villages throughout Scotland have shown a warm welcome in recent months to asylum seekers and refugees seeking safety and a new life.

But many never get to set foot in our country to experience that welcome. The UK government controls immigration and that control ensures that many who wish to come here are hindered from doing so.

Last month I visited Calais and met people who have fled war and persecution. They hope for a better life in the UK, but meanwhile they endure harassment from the authorities designed to chase them away. Police remove their tents, confiscate their sleeping bags and move them on during the night as they sleep rough in the woods. There are unaccompanied children among these migrants. Their welfare is of particular concern.

Thankfully there are some who recognise a fellow human being in need and treat migrants with the kindness their human dignity demands. Secours Catholique and volunteers from a variety of aid agencies supply food and clothing. Many of the volunteers are not Christian, but they certainly act as Christians should.

The number of those in France wanting to get to the UK is not large compared to the great number of refugees in Europe and the vast numbers throughout the world.

There have always been refugees. Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus were refugees in Egypt. But we have a refugee crisis for our time that is on an unprecedented scale worldwide.

Perhaps if we spent less money funding wars and more funding peace; perhaps if we put less effort into selling arms and more effort into eradicating poverty; then fewer people would be forced to leave their homeland and their families.

Military spending worldwide is \$1.7 trillion annually. If that was reduced by only 10%, and that money spent on development, then the United Nations' development goals could be reached and poverty and hunger eradicated.

Meanwhile, there are many in our country who would like to welcome refugees. I know of people who, at no cost to the state, would happily house and support refugees while their asylum application was being heard. This is something the Scottish Government should seriously consider.

But it is the UK government which controls the numbers allowed to enter the country. So far the UK response to the global refugee crisis has been less than generous.

Pope Francis speaks of the world as being our common home, may the part of that common home where we live be a place of welcome for those in need.

May I wish you every blessing as we begin the new year, and may God bless our efforts as we work and pray for peace and justice for all.

Yours in Christ,

+ William Nolan, President of the Bishops' Justice and Peace Commission.

THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

Sunday 7th January

9.00am Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany
11.00am Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany

Monday 8th January 2018

10.00am Requiem Mass for Ian Stevenson R.I.P.
7.30pm Mass for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Today's Feast brings the Christmas Season to a close

NO 8.15AM MASS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9th January

10.00am Mass for Tuesday in the First Week in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 10th January

10.00am Mass for Wednesday in the First Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday 11th January

10.00am Mass for Thursday in the First Week in Ordinary Time

Friday 12th January

9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
10.00am Mass for Friday in the First Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 13th January

9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
10.00am Mass for the Feast of St Kentigern (Mungo)
10.30am Confessions until 10.45am
5.15pm Confessions until 5.45pm
6.00pm Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 14th January

9.00am Mass for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
11.00am Mass for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

The church will be open from 9.00am until 4.00pm this week

READINGS FOR TODAY/SUNDAY

7th January 2018

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12.

ALL NATIONS SHALL FALL PROSTRATE BEFORE YOU, O LORD.

READINGS FOR TOMORROW/MONDAY

8th January 2018

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28: 1-4, 9-10;
Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-38; Mark 1: 7-11.

THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE

WEEKDAY READINGS IN ORDINARY TIME FROM TUESDAY (Year 2)

I Samuel 1: 9-20; Psalm: Samuel 2: 4-8; Mark 1: 21-28.

LOCAL FOODBANK

We start our campaign for 2018 this weekend 6th/7th January. Given the response during the whole of 2017 and, in particular, your incredible generosity for December, you have set exceptionally high standards. However, you have never failed to selflessly consider the most needy among us.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

On Tuesdays in the Oratory after 10.00am Mass

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

On Fridays at 2.30pm in the church

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting on Wednesday 17th January at 7.30pm

ROSARY

Recited after 10 o'clock Mass from Monday to Saturday with Novena in Honour of the Miraculous Medal on Saturdays

THE PARISH HALL

Sundays Tea Bar open today after 11.00am Mass

Indoor Bowling 2.00 - 4.00pm (Main Hall). All welcome.
Contact 01355 267009.

Tuesdays Bingo – At 7.30pm in the Hall

Wednesdays Tea Bar after 10.00am Mass

Thursdays Mother and Toddler Group. 10.30am until 12 noon

Thursdays Friendship Club Resumes later in January

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We offer our congratulations to Kiernan Benjamin Miles of Fairlie, Stewartfield, who was baptised yesterday by Fr Paul Denney. Please pray for Kiernan and for his parents and godparents at Mass today.

SUNDAY READERS



Please collect your new duty lists from the noticeboard while you are at Mass today. Thank you.

REGISTRATION OF CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL

Please bring child's full Birth Certificate and, if appropriate, Baptismal Certificate. Please also bring 2 items of proof of address.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY

Children who attain the age of 5 years between 1st March 2018 and the end of February 2019 should be registered for school during the week beginning Monday 15th January 2018. These are the Registration Times for OLOL Primary School:

Monday 15th January 9.30am–11.30am
Wednesday 17th January 1.30pm–3.30pm
Friday 19th January 9.30am–11.30am

If the above times are unsuitable please contact the school on 01355 221983 to arrange for enrolment during the week of 15th January 2018.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES NURSERY

Please note, you should complete only one application for your child.

There are three intakes in a year. Eligibility for each intake is as follows:

Intake 1 – August Children turning 3 between 1st March and 31st August 2018

Intake 2 – January Children turning 3 between 1st September and 31st December 2018.

Intake 3 – March Children turning 3 between 1st January and 28th February 2019.

The closing date for all intakes will be 30th April 2018.

ST LOUISE PRIMARY

Children who attain the age of 5 years between 1st March 2018 and the end of February 2019 should be registered for school during the week beginning Monday 15th January 2018. These are the Registration Times for St Louise Primary School:

Monday 15th January 1.00pm–2.30pm
Wednesday 17th January 9.30am–11.30am
Thursday 18th January 9.30am–11.30am

DIOCESAN CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GROUP

It has been suggested on a number of occasions over many years that the Diocese might offer an opportunity for those music groups ("Folk Groups") in the Diocese to come together as one large contemporary music group to sing at the odd diocesan occasion.

In recent weeks, Kris Thomas, Choirmaster at St Joseph's, Cardowan, Stepps, has kindly agreed to coordinate this and take charge of this project.

The music group would hopefully comprise singers and musicians (guitarists, flautists, violinists . . .) who would gather for a fortnightly rehearsal. The music chosen would be of a more contemporary genre but with the possibility of descants and even four-part choral work.

We looked for a central location and it was agreed that Holy Family Parish Centre in Mossend ticked all the boxes.

There will be an initial meeting/music rehearsal on Monday 15th January 2018 at 7.30pm in Holy Family Parish Centre.

Those interested in forming such a group are invited to come along (instrumentalists are encouraged to bring along their instruments). A special invitation is extended to CARITAS participants who might want to use their musical talents for the worship of God.

You can just turn up on the night or contact Kris Thomas on 07747 867 003 for more information.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/CONFESSIONS/NIGHT PRAYER

- We will resume our opportunities for public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Lent.
- No Confessions on Thursday evenings until Lent.
- Night Prayer on Thursday evenings will resume in Lent.