



**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 Connachie, 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, Baby Lucy Patricia Malcolm, 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), Alice Narozanski, Susan Kearney, Mary Higgins (Wishaw), Jim Quirk, Robert Dunlop (Northfield, East Kilbride), Maria Christie.



**Please pray for those who died recently** – Susan Kearney (Alberta Park), Jane McNamara, Alexander Frame (8 years of age from Giffnock), Alistair Pettigrew, Gerard Donnachie, Lizzie Nugent (Newarthill), Agnes McMurray (Inchinnan),

**For the Months Minds of** – Rose Tierney, May McKeown, Tommy Flaherty, Thomas Flaherty.

**And for the Anniversaries of** – John Magill, Charles McManus, Rose Millar.

### AGNES MCDONALD R.I.P.

James and the family of the late Agnes McDonald would like to thank Mgr Millar, Fr Wyllie and the whole parish community for the overwhelming support received over the last weeks of Agnes's life. The family would like to thank everybody for their prayers, kind words, Mass Cards and expressions of sympathy. In particular, for the love and support shown by attendance at the funeral in such large numbers.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.



### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES

Please hand in any Christmas Remembrances you wish included in next Sunday's Bulletin to the sacristy or Parish House by Friday 12 noon of this week.

#### MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday after 10 o'clock Mass

#### PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Resumes after Christmas

#### PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Oratory

#### ROSARY

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

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE THE WINNING STRIP IS NUMBERS

186 187 188 189 190

The winner can collect the Hamper from the Parish Office by presenting the winning numbers to claim their prize.

*(We think the ticket is off white in colour or perhaps a light mint green! Someone needs to go to Specsavers!)*

Total donations raised £400.00 for parish funds. Thanks to all who bought raffle tickets.

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

*The traditional Christmas Collection for the parish will be taken up as a Second Collection at all the Christmas Masses - Christmas Vigil and "Midnight Mass" and morning Masses on Christmas Day. If you have envelopes please use them for this purpose.*

#### PARISH INCOME LAST WEEKEND

Offertory Collection	£ 1646.85
Votives	£ 130.00
Stall	£ 120.00

*Thank you for all offerings last weekend.*

#### THE WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2018

On Sale (£3.20) from the Stall this weekend.

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES JULY 2018

If you are interested in joining the Motherwell Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 20th – 27th July next year you can obtain further details from Tangney Tours on 01732 886666 or contact the Pilgrimage Director, Fr Gerry Maguiness, on 01698 296550 or the Pilgrimage Secretary, Miss Mairi-Fiona Mackay, on 0141 771 2437.

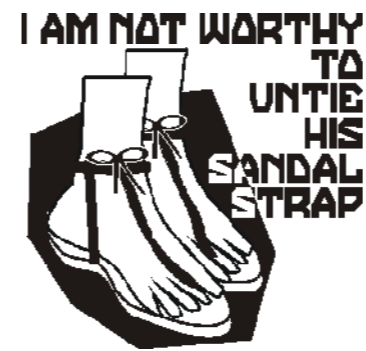
If we have sufficient interest from our parish for a group of us to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage then we will arrange a meeting for January. In the meantime have a word with Fr Sean if you are thinking of going on the Diocesan Pilgrimage next year.

Booking forms are now available from the Parish House along with a 4 page brochure giving information about the Pilgrimage.

#### THE INNOCENTS ANNUAL RAFFLE RESULTS

1st prize (£1000.00)	- S. Henderson, Uddingston.
2nd prize (£500.00)	- M. Wilson, Airdrie.
3rd prize (£100.00)	- J. McGurk, Chapelhall.

*Many thanks to all who gave their support to the Innocents' Annual Fund Raising Event*



# Our Lady of Lourdes

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT/YEAR B

17th DECEMBER 2017

### Sunday 17th December

*The church will be opened today from 8.00am until after Evening Prayer*

9.00am	Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent
11.00am	Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent (Children's Liturgy of the Word for - Group 1. First Communicant Children Group 2. All other children)
6.00pm	Evening Prayer of the Church for Advent

### Monday 18th December

*The church will be opened today from 9.00am until after Evening Mass*

10.00am	Mass for Advent by date
10.30am	Confessions until 11.00am
6.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.25pm
6.45pm	Confessions until 7.15pm
7.30pm	Mass for Advent by date

### Tuesday 19th December

*The church will be opened today from 7.45am until 4.00pm*

8.15am	Mass for Advent by date
8.45am	Confessions until 9.15am
9.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church
10.00am	Mass for Advent by date
10.30am	Confessions until 11.00am

### Wednesday 20th December

*The church will be opened today from 7.45am until 4.00pm*

8.15am	Mass for Advent by date
8.45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
10.00am	Mass for Advent by date
10.30am	Confessions until 11.00am

### Thursday 21st December

*The church will be opened today from 7.45am until after evening Confessions*

8.15am	Mass for Advent by date
8.45am	Confessions until 9.15am
9.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church
10.00am	Mass for Advent by date
10.30am	Confessions until 11.00am
7.00pm	Short Service of Penance followed by Confessions (Priests from East Kilbride Deanery available for Confessions)

*The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar during the time of Confessions*

### Friday 22nd December

*The church will be opened today from 7.45am until 4.00pm*

8.15am	Mass for Advent by date
8.45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
9.15am	Confessions until 9.45am
10.00am	Mass for Advent by date
10.30am	Confessions until 11.00am

### Saturday 23rd December

*The church will be opened today from 7.45am until after the Vigil Mass*

8.15am	Mass for Advent by date in the Oratory
9.15am	Confessions until 9.45am
10.00am	Mass for Advent by date
10.30am	Confessions until 12 noon
4.30pm	Confessions until 5.45pm
6.00pm	Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE  
FOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH  
EAST KILBRIDE**

**Sunday 24th December**

9.00am Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent  
11.00am Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent  
3.00pm Christingle Family Service



6.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas  
**11.00pm Christmas Carols**  
**11.30pm Mass During the Night**

**Monday 25th December**

9.00am Dawn Mass of Christmas  
11.00am Day Mass of Christmas

**Tuesday 26th December**

11.00am Mass for the Feast of St Stephen

**Wednesday 27th December**

8.15am Mass for the Feast of St John, Evangelist  
10.00am Mass for the Feast of St John, Evangelist

**Thursday 28th December**

8.15am Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents  
10.00am Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents

**Friday 29th December**

8.15am Christmas Octave Mass of the day  
10.00am Christmas Octave Mass of the day

**Saturday 30th December**

8.15am Mass Christmas Octave Mass of the day  
in the Oratory  
10.00am Christmas Octave Mass of the day  
6.00pm Vigil Mass  
for the Feast of the Holy Family

**Sunday 31st December**

9.00am Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family  
11.00am Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family  
(Fr Stuart Parkes - Principal Celebrant.  
Parish Presentation to Fr Parkes at the  
end of the Mass)

**Monday 1st January 2018**

11.00am Mass for the Solemnity of Mary,  
the Mother of God

**READINGS FOR TODAY/SUNDAY**

17th December 2017

**Third Sunday of Advent/ Year B**

Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11; Psalm Luke 1: 46-50, 53-54;  
II Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28.

**MY SOUL REJOICES IN MY GOD.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

24th December 2017

**Fourth Sunday of Advent/ Year B**

II book of Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 ; Psalm 88: 2-5, 27, 29;  
Romans 16; 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38.

**I WILL SING FOR EVER OF YOUR LOVE, O LORD.**



**READINGS FOR THE VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS**

24th December 2017

6.00pm

Isaiah 62: 1-5; Psalm 88: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;  
Acts of the Apostles 13: 16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1: 18-25.

**I WILL SING FOR EVER OF YOUR LOVE, O LORD.**

**READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE NIGHT**

24th December 2017

11.30pm Mass

Isaiah 9: 1-7; Psalm 95: 1-3, 11-13;  
Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14.

**TODAY A SAVIOUR HAS BEEN BORN TO US;  
HE IS CHRIST THE LORD.**

**READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS DAWN MASS**

25th December 2017

9.00am

Isaiah 62: 11-12; Psalm 96: 1, 6, 11-12;  
Titus 3: 4-7; Luke 2: 15-20.

**THIS DAY NEW LIGHT WILL SHINE UPON TH EARTH;  
THE LORD IS BORN FOR US.**

**READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE DAY**

25th December 2017

11.00am Mass

Isaiah 52: 7-10; Psalm 97: 1-6;  
Hebrews 1: 1-6; John 1: 1-18.

**ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH HAVE SEEN  
THE SALVATION OF OUR GOD.**

**PREPARATION FOR THE BIRTH OF CHRIST**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in our local churches in preparation for Christmas on the following dates and times:

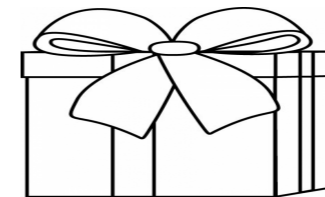
- Monday 18th December at 7.00pm in St Bride's Church.
- Tuesday 19th December at 7.00pm in St Vincent's Church.
- Thursday 21st December at 7.00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

At each celebration several priests will be available for Confession.

In addition, Our Lady of Lourdes Church will offer an opportunity for Confession during this week and particularly on Saturday 23rd December from 10.30am until 12 noon. Mgr Millar, Fr Sean Wyllie and Fr Paul Denney will all be available for Confessions at this time.

Please make sure you set aside time for the Sacrament of Confession as an important part of preparations for Christmas. We are, of course, happy to hear Confessions on request at any time.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM CHILDREN TO CHILDREN**



We invite the children of the parish to give as a gift something they already own to children less fortunate than themselves. All gifts should be of good quality, gift wrapped and marked as suitable for a child of a particular age and sex. Please hand these in during the last two weeks of Advent. Gifts will go to Fr Kenneth O'Brien, Parish Priest of St Dominic's, Craigend, for children in Craigend/Garthamlock.

**BISHOP TOAL'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2017**

One question I have been asked as we approach Christmas this year is whether Catholics are obliged to go to Mass on both the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (24<sup>th</sup> December) and on Christmas Day (25<sup>th</sup> December). The answer of course is yes, recognising of course that the Sunday obligation may be fulfilled at the Saturday Vigil Mass. Many may choose also to attend a Vigil Mass of Christmas or the traditional Mass During the Night on Christmas Eve having already been at Sunday Mass earlier in the day. Whatever you choose - not forgetting either the Masses on Christmas Day itself - it does seem to me that there is some added spiritual expectation placed upon us with Christmas falling on a Monday. I would also venture to suggest that this is good as it does give opportunity to intensify the spiritual celebration of our great feast through our presence at and participation in the Holy Mass.

Throughout Advent our spiritual expectation at the Lord's coming grows as we prepare to meet Jesus with joyful and loving hearts, and when Christmas arrives our hope is fulfilled as we again greet our Saviour with the same wonder and awe as we see in the images of Mary, Joseph and the shepherds in our cribs. In our celebration of Holy Mass we experience the living, loving presence of the Lord within and among us, and this heightens our awareness of the mystery we celebrate at Christmas - the same Lord's birth and the salvation he came to offer us all. It is the mystery of God's love for humankind and we rejoice in the consolation and hope we receive from him as we are united with him in the Eucharist. This experience of welcoming the Lord and rejoicing in his presence in the Eucharist extends beyond Christmas Day into the other lovely Feast Days of Christmastide - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Epiphany of the Lord; The Baptism of the Lord. Through all of them we ponder anew the wonder of the Incarnation and give thanks to God for all that we have received.

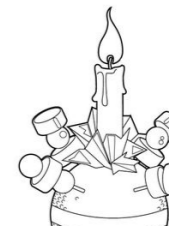
I wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas and pray that you and all your family and friends will be richly blessed both in celebrating at home and at Holy Mass.

+ Joseph Toal

**FAMILY CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

**Sunday 24th December**

**Christmas Eve at 3.00pm.**



All Readers please collect their Readings from the notice board in the church porch.

Families please meet in the Hall at 2.40pm to make Christingles.

Please bring an orange for each child.

**THE PARISH HALL**

**Sundays** Tea Bar today/Sunday.

Indoor Bowling 6.00 - 8.00pm  
(Main Hall). All welcome.  
Contact 01355 267009.

**Tuesdays** Bingo at 7.30pm.

- Tea Bar closed for Christmas Holiday.
- Resumes on 10th January 2018.
- Mother and Toddler Group.
- Closed for Christmas Holiday.
- Resumes in January.
- Friendship Club closed.
- Resumes in January.