



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, Mary Higgins (Wishaw), Robert Dunlop (Northfield, East Kilbride), Maria Christie.



Please pray for those who died recently – Helen Devine (Hamilton), Archie Angus, Anthony MacIsaac, Joe Gallacher, Alice McLeish (Castlemilk), Chris Hennigan, Alistair Pettigrew, Agnes McMurray (Inchinnan), Gertrude MacDonnell, Alice Narozanski, Denise Burke, Jim Quirk.

Pray also for the Months Minds, Anniversaries and Christmas Remembrances of – Tony & Peg Conroy, John & Rosena McLaughlin, Anne Conroy, Willie McCann, Patricia Conroy, John Burgess, Catherine Deerin, Bill & Theresa Murray, Gerard Wyllie, Martin Wyllie, George Wyllie, Hugh & Margaret Wyllie, David James, Canon Kieran O'Farrell, John McKay (Birthday Remembrance), Charlie O'Kane, Dave Charlesworth, John Harris, Thomas Wales (Snr), Patricia Wales, Gertrude Branagan (Dublin), Jenny & Willie Gillespie, Mary & Ted Wheeler, Pat (Sonny) Kelly, Jim Colquhoun, Edgar Croser, Frank & Mary McWilliams, Teresa Woodside, Anne Little, Jim & Annie Flanagan, Jim (Jnr) & Anne Flanagan, George Kelly, Michael Murphy, Jim Murphy, Bridget Murphy, Sally Murphy, John Murphy, Mary Higgins, Teresa Mullen, Eddie Murphy, James Mullen, Lyndsay Conway, Liz Conway, Michael Conway, Sally McBride, Jim & Michael McBride, Michael Murphy, Deceased priests and Sisters who served in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Joe & Sally Anne Murphy, John & Annie Conway, John, Mary & Patrick Conway, Brian, Joe & Sylvia

Conway, Tom, Mike, Owen & Mary Mannion, Mary Finn, Rev Frs Edward & William King, Annie & Owen Jones, Teresa & Jim Sweeney, Margaret & Robert Harper, Kath & Andy Collins, John Higgins, Margaret & Jim McBride, Margaret & Jim McBride, Margaret Gillen, Rev Fr John Kelly, The Muldoon Family, Malcolm Docherty, Mary McAleenan, Phil McCaffrey, Greta McCaffrey, Jim Martin, Anne Boyd, Campbell McAdam, The Hill, Gribben & McInally Families, The Byrne Family, Gerry O'Connor, George & Betty McInally, Cathy O'Connor, Charles McManus, Maureen Smith, John McManus, Alec Coyle, Tommy Gallagher, Tommy Nelson, Agnes Nelson, John Gallagher (Snr & Jnr), May Gallagher, Mick Gallagher, The Nelson & Gallagher Families, Grace Keenan, The McKay, O'Hagan, Price & Toal Families, Robert McDermott, Rosina & Hugh McGinty, Marion & Matthew Henderson, Ian Porter, Peter Smith, Annie & Stewart Hannah, Annie & Neil McKerracher, Cathy McKerracher, Sally & Neil McKerracher (Jnr), Sandra Brown, Margaret Ferns, Nan & Andrew Curran, Thomas McIntyre, Joseph Wilson, Josh Irvine, Ross McGowan, Owen Martin, Brian Balloch, Paul Fitzpatrick, Rev Fr Marius Mollard, Rev Fr Joseph Martin, Rev Fr Colman McGrath, Rev Fr Joseph Brannigan, Very Rev Monsignor James Clancy, Rev Fr Gerald O'Callaghan, Rev Fr Donald McKay, Paul & Catherine Millar, Janice Marie Millar, Paul & Pranee Millar, Michael & Bridget Fahey, Dominick McEvoy, Michael & Josephine Galvin, Mary Nolan, Peter Nolan, Thomas Millar, Rose Millar, Margaret Millar, Sister Stanislaus, The Hayden & Duffy Families, Charlie Bradley, Danny Tiffney, Rev Fr M. Bessemans OMI, Rev Fr Addemar OMI, The Sago Family, Dorcas Keppel, Anthea Smith, Johannes Booi, Patrick September, William & Agnes Magill, Rose Kirk, Daniel McKinney, Paul Tobia.



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 sacristy and Stall along with a 4 page brochure giving information about the Pilgrimage.

THE WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2018

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

PARISH INCOME LAST WEEKEND

Offertory Collection	£ 1267.00
Votives	£ 130.00
Stall	£ 139.99

One again our thanks for your financial support for our parish.



Our Lady of Lourdes

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24th DECEMBER 2017

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/
YEAR B**

**CHRISTMAS DAY
&
CHRISTMAS SEASON**

**A Happy and Holy Christmas
to all our parishioners
and to all our visitors**

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 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

Monday 1st January 2018

10.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

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

Tuesday 2nd January

11.00am Mass for the Memorial of St Basil
and St Gregory Nazianzen

Wednesday 3rd January

8.15am Mass for weekdays in the Christmas Season

10.00am Mass for weekdays in the Christmas Season

CHURCH OPENING TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday	8.00am until 3.30pm 5.00pm until after the Vigil Mass 10.30pm until after Mass During the Night
Monday to Friday	8.00am until 3.00pm
Saturday	8.00am until after the Vigil Mass

Next Sunday, 31st December, Fr Parkes will return to our parish and lead the celebration of 11 o'clock Mass. A Presentation from the parish will be made to Fr Parkes at the end of Mass. Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall afterwards.

READINGS FOR TODAY/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.

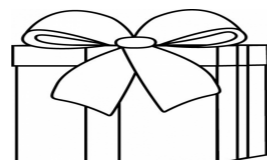
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

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.

If you GiftAid you can choose to put your Offertory & Christmas Collection in the one envelope at the Offertory.

The Christmas Collection is your "Christmas Gift" to the parish to help with the upkeep and maintenance of our parish.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM CHILDREN TO CHILDREN



Thank you to all who gave a gift from children to children. All the gifts have been delivered. Your thoughtfulness and generosity has been greatly appreciated.

THE PARISH HALL

Sundays Tea Bar today/Closed until January
Indoor Bowling 6.00 - 8.00pm (Main Hall). All welcome.
Contact 01355 267009.
Indoor Bowling on holiday this week

Tuesdays Bingo is on holiday this week

- 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.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

On holiday this week and next

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Resumes after Christmas

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting on Wednesday 18th 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

"I would like to thank all of the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes for all their prayers, generosity and support for my ordination. I am so privileged to be part of such a wonderful parish; my heartfelt thanks to you all. God bless.

Fr Paul

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.

Total donations raised £400.00 for parish funds. Thanks to all who bought raffle tickets and thanks to those who donated the hamper.

ORBIS

On behalf of the people treated for preventable blindness because of your generosity I would like to thank you all. This year we raised £1196.00.

New contact phone number: 01355 239875.

Josephine Docherty

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.

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, violinist) 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.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Fr Paul Denney who is home on Christmas holidays from the Pontifical Scots College in Rome. It's a well earned rest for Father Paul. Fr Paul plans to concelebrate the 11.30pm Mass for Christmas and he will preside at 9.00am Mass on Christmas Day.

Today we also welcome to our parish and to East Kilbride a visitor from Nigeria – Fr Daniel Aigbona, CSsR, a Redemptorist priest who lectures at a seminary in his native Nigeria as well as giving lectures at University and is a much sought after Retreat Leader, especially for priests and seminarians. Mgr Millar first met Fr Daniel when he was assigned to Holy Redeemer Church in Bangkok and served there for several years. His first visit to Scotland was in June 2012 when he preached a Mission in the Cathedral Parish in Motherwell. The past two Christmases he has holidayed in the UK spending a few days in Motherwell and this year he asked to come to Scotland again for Christmas and savour the delights of East Kilbride! He will be with us until Wednesday when he heads south to spend a few more days with friends in and around the London area.

We look forward to the company of Fr Paul and Fr Daniel over the Christmas festivities.

(And, as you might expect – Fr Sean has been asked to be on his best behaviour! Mm! Well, you can always try!!)

DONATIONS AT THE CRIB

You are invited to make an offering at the Crib over the Christmas Season in support of the work undertaken by St Margaret's Adoption Society, the only Catholic adoption agency in the UK. The Society undertakes work in the Dioceses of Galloway, Glasgow, Motherwell and Paisley. They rely on your support to keep the Society solvent. Please give your support when you pray at the Crib.

THANK YOU

Mgr Millar and Fr Sean are so grateful for the way you have welcomed them into parish life in Our Lady of Lourdes over the past five months. Both are very settled in the parish and are enjoying every minute of parish life whether that be with pastoral concerns in and around the parish, visiting and attending the sick at Hairmyres Hospital and the other places of Care within our parish boundaries, visiting our schools or celebrating Mass or hearing Confessions. Thank you for easing us into East Kilbride life! We are particularly thankful for the Christmas Cards, Christmas gifts and many words, spoken and written, encouraging us in our priestly work. We are very grateful to all of you and we look forward to celebrating our first Christmas in Our Lady of Lourdes with all of you. Thank you for your commitment to our parish and to the faith!