

**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 (Thattham, 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** – Jean Keogh of Melbourne Avenue (Reception & Vigil on Thursday at 6.00pm. Requiem Mass on Friday at 10.00am), Archie Angus, Christopher Heneghan, James Dowds, Hughie Doherty, Alice McLeish, Evelyn Conroy, George McCormack (Pollokshaws), William McEvoy (Tullamore, Ireland).

**Pray also for the Months Minds, Anniversaries and Christmas Remembrances of** – Frank Martin, Bridget O'Hara, John & Celia Cooper, John Rae, Jane Fairie, Elizabeth McAvoy, Mary & Frank Clayton, John & Cathie Fairie, Philomena Fairie, George Tait, Jack & Elizabeth McAuley, Michael & Jessie Leonard, John Findlay, Joseph Findlay, Jim Findlay, The Findlay Family, Fr Joseph Brannigan, Mary & James Toal, Mary & Alexander McAnsh, Jimmy McCabe, Joseph McCabe, Joseph McDonald.

**GEORGE TAIT R.I.P.**

Theresa and family would like to express sincere gratitude to Mgr Millar, Fr Wyllie, our family, friends and the whole parish community for support during George's illness, and for expressions of sympathy and cards received. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

**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 for the Fourth Sunday of Advent	£ 1357.46
Votives	£ 254.63
Stall	£ 100.00

Christmas Collection	£ 4632.97
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The Christmas Collection, taken up on Christmas Day, includes the offertory Collection and Second Collection on 25th December.

We are very grateful for a generous collection on Christmas Day for the upkeep of the parish and we thank you for your offerings. We know there are many demands placed on you at this time of the year, especially financial ones, and so we appreciate all you give us for the smooth-running of our parish. May God bless your generosity.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE**

**SECOND COLLECTION**

Monday 1st January is a Day of Prayer for Peace throughout the world and Pope Francis, following the tradition of his predecessors, issues a special message for this Day every year. In Scotland, we observe the Day of Prayer for Peace on the feast of the Epiphany which is celebrated this year on Sunday 7th January.

Bishop Nolan, in his capacity as Bishop President of the Scottish Bishops' Justice and Peace Commission has written a pastoral letter for the Day of Peace. This letter will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

Please note that we are asked to take up a Special Collection for Justice and Peace. This collection will be taken up as a Second Collection next weekend at all our Sunday Masses. Please keep this in mind for next Sunday's Masses.

# Our Lady of Lourdes

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**31st DECEMBER 2017**

**Feast of the Holy Family**



**We wish all our parishioners and visitors  
a Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous New Year 2018**



**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

**Thursday 4th January**

8.15am Mass for weekdays in the Christmas Season  
10.00am Mass for weekdays in the Christmas Season

**Friday 5th January**

8.15am Mass for weekdays in the Christmas Season  
10.00am Requiem Mass for Jean Keogh R.I.P.

**Saturday 6th January**

8.15am Mass for weekdays in the Christmas Season in the Oratory  
10.00am Mass for weekdays in the Christmas Season  
6.00pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany

**Sunday 7th January**

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

We offer you this Family Prayer to be recited in your home today and perhaps tomorrow at your main meal of the day.

**A FAMILY PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Heavenly Father,  
bless every member of our family.  
Help us to cultivate in our home  
the values of faith, hope, love and service.  
Like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit,  
may we reach out to others  
building your Kingdom of justice and peace,  
joy and love. Amen.



We extend a very warm welcome to Fr Stuart Parkes as he returns among us to lead the celebration of 11 o'clock Mass today, Feast of the Holy Family. A Presentation from our parish community will be made to Fr Parkes at the end of Mass to show our gratitude for his priestly ministry in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. There will be an opportunity to catch up with Fr Parkes in the Hall afterwards over a cup of tea or coffee. In addition to our thanks to Fr Parkes we also assure him of our prayers in his new assignment as Vice-Rector of the Scots College in Rome.

#### CHURCH OPENING TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday	8.00am until 3.00pm
Monday	10.00am until 1.00pm
Tuesday	10.00am until 1.00pm
Wednesday to Friday	8.00am until 3.00pm
Saturday	8.00am until after the Vigil Mass

#### CONFESSION TIMES THIS WEEK

Thursday	6.30pm until 7.00pm
Friday	9.15am until 9.45am
Saturday	9.15am until 9.45am After 10.00am Mass 5.00pm until 5.30pm

#### READINGS FOR TODAY/SUNDAY

31st December 2017

Feast of the Holy Family

Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6, 12-14.; Psalm 127: 1-5 2-5;  
Colossians 3: 12-21; Luke 2: 22-40.

**O BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD  
AND WALK IN HIS WAYS**

#### TODAY/SUNDAY



Please pray for Rielly Alan Matthew Gowran of Bank Park, who will be baptised today after 11 o'clock Mass. We also ask you to remember his parents and godparents in your prayers that they will give good example to the newly baptised and help him to grow in the faith of the Church.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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](mailto:vicechancellor@rcdom.org.uk)

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

#### FOODBANK

We start our campaign for 2018 next 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. As we think of "FAMILY" today and at Christmas it is good to know that our parish sees beyond the needs of our individual families and parish family to the wider family locally in EK.

#### MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

On holiday this week

#### PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Resumes in the New Year

#### 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

#### SUNDAY READERS



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

#### 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.

#### REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL

Is your child due to start school in August 2018?

Our bulletin provides information about Registration times for Our Lady of Lourdes and St Louise Primary Schools.

We have also put on our church noticeboard the notice from South Lanarkshire Council Education Resources and Support Services giving further information.

#### 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

#### A WORD OF APPRECIATION AND THANKS

Mgr Millar and Fr Sean thank all those who prepared the church for the Christmas celebrations and also those who prepared the liturgies of the Season and led us in our celebration of the Lord's Nativity. We thank our church cleaners for keeping the church spick and span throughout the year but especially for Christmas. Thanks also to the "flower arrangers" for giving us such a beautiful display at Christmas on our sanctuary; our Altar Servers (young and old or, if you prefer, junior and senior!), singers and musicians, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers, Passkeepers and Sacristans and our congregation for entering so wholeheartedly, joyfully and generously into the celebration of the Birth of Our Lord. We also thank everyone for their generosity to the Christmas Collection. Perhaps a special word of thanks to the Children's Liturgy Group for their work throughout the year and for arranging and organising the Christingle Family Service on Christmas Eve. We are also very grateful to all who organise the different groups in our parish to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in parish life in the church and in the Hall. For a parish to work effectively it takes a lot of time, generosity and commitment. Thankfully we are not short of any of these in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Finally, we thank you for your kindness and generosity to us over the Christmas period and for the way you have welcomed us to the parish. We are very grateful for your support and encouragement. **Thank you!**