



Please pray for those who died recently - Andrew Galbraith (formerly Rockhampton Drive. Funeral Liturgy at South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Tuesday at 3.30pm), Jim McShane (St Francis Xavier, Carfin), Anthony McCadden, Frances McLaughlin, Jim Ward (St Columbkille's, Rutherglen), Rosemary Finnigan, Mary O'Hare,

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of - Bishop Francis Thomson, Canon Noel Carey (Birthday Remembrance), Tom & Margaret Brown, Lizzie Nelson, Jimmy McAnsh, Alice Pakula, Joseph Sweeney, Mary Mulligan (Birthday Remembrance), Pat Long.



Please pray for the sick -

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection £ Stall £ Votive Candles £

WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR

On sale at the Stall. Cost: £3.20

PARISH HALL THIS WEEK

Bingo on Tuesday at 7.30pm
 Wednesday Tearoom after 10.00am Mass
 Sunday Tearoom closed today/Sunday
 Mother & Toddler Group on Thursday from 10.30am
 Friendship Club on Thursday at 1.30pm
 OLOL Hiking Club 7.30pm, on Thursday 13th December. Meeting & Christmas Carols
 OLOL Indoor Bowling Club, 4.00pm until 6.00pm, every Sunday

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Monday to Friday after 10.00am Mass and at 9.30am on Saturdays, beginning with the Novena in honour of the Miraculous Medal.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP

On Tuesdays after the recitation of the Rosary in the church. Prayers after the Rosary in the Oratory. All welcome.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting in the Oratory on Wednesday 19th December at 7.30pm.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Resumes in the New Year.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
 MEN'S CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

Our next meeting is on Thursday 20th December at 8.00pm. This will be an Advent Recollection Evening and will take place in the Oratory.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy Group are looking for some volunteers to help with the children during the 11 o'clock Mass on Sundays. Some of our volunteers have been helping for over 30 years. If you feel you can give some of your time during Mass to help with escorting the children to and from the Hall or want to find out more about the Children's Liturgy, please contact Alana Barrie under no obligation. Telephone: 01355 233457/07804740183.

St John of the Cross (1542-1591) was born in Fontiveros, near Salamanca. He became a Carmelite Friar in 1564 and in 1567 he met St Teresa of Avila who persuaded him to join her in reforming the Carmelites, male and female. He suffered much opposition, including a period of detention in a religious house. This was when he began to write deeply on spiritual things, including using poetry. He is regarded as the foremost poet of the Spanish language. He experienced visions of Christ. After one vision, he did a line drawing of Christ on the Cross which inspired Salvador Dali to paint "Christ of St John of the Cross" which was bought in 1951 by the City of Glasgow for the Kelvingrove Art Gallery.

The Memorial of St John of the Cross is celebrated in Motherwell Diocese on 15th December because we celebrate the anniversary of the Dedication of our Cathedral on 14th December every year. Elsewhere, St John of the Cross is celebrated on 14th December.

St Lucy (283-304) lived on the island of Sicily. She consecrated herself to Christ as a virgin. When she turned down marriage with a pagan aristocrat during the persecution instigated by the Emperor Diocletian, he reported her to the authorities as a Christian and she was put to death.



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Parish Clergy

Monsignor Thomas Millar

Father Seán G. Wyllie

The Second Sunday of Advent/Year C 9th December 2018

COMMUNITY FOODBANK

Well, I genuinely thought that last December's figures of 192 bags and £945.00 would be difficult to match. However, the figures from last weekend's donations amounted to a staggering 220 bags and £2217.00, bringing our 2018 contributions to 1103 bags and £8909.00!

Thank you so much for all this exceptional generosity and please allow me to refer to a local business person who donated £250.00 towards this. All of the people who coordinate the Foodbank activities are overwhelmed by your Christian charity and unerring considerations. They are sensational!

I would also like to thank John Burns for his invaluable help in transferring the bags to the Foodbank's "nerve centre".

The Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes has certainly lived up to the Foodbank's motto of "It is more blessed to give than to receive". Thank you. *Phil McMahon.*

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM CHILDREN TO CHILDREN

We invite the children of the parish to give something they already own, as a gift, 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 anytime between now and Sunday 16th December. Gifts will go to Fr Kenneth O'Brien, Parish Priest of St Dominic's, Craigend, for children in Craigend/Garthamlock.

**JUST A FEW OF THE ITEMS AT THE
 CTS STALL**

- ⇒ 25 tough questions on the Catholic Faith
- ⇒ Catechism of Catholic Doctrine (Penny Catechism)
- ⇒ My Simple Mass Book (Children's book)
- ⇒ Praying with Mary (Children's book)
- ⇒ Credo - The Catholic Faith Explained
- ⇒ Quarter Hour before the Blessed Sacrament
- ⇒ Going to Confession
- ⇒ Prayers for my Family
- ⇒ Holy Hour & Benediction
- ⇒ The Holy Rosary
- ⇒ Daily Prayers
- ⇒ Prayers before & after Communion

NEW THIS WEEK

- ⇒ Our Lady, Untier of Knots
- ⇒ Finding God when a loved one loses faith
- ⇒ Message of Bernadette

THE CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Please meet today/Sunday after 6.30pm Mass in the Oratory.

CARITAS GROUP

Next meeting on Sunday 16th December after 6.30pm Mass in the Oratory.

SCOTTISH CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

There will be a Second Collection next weekend at all Sunday Masses in support of the work of SCES.

TEA/COFFEE MORNING

The school community of Our Lady of Lourdes invite our parishioners to tea/coffee in the school after 10.00am Mass this Friday. Entry is free.

PRO-LIFE FUNDRAISING

Many thanks to all who helped and contributed to the success of the Cabaret Night. Funds of £1,200.00 were raised from the evening and the hamper. Proceeds to SPUC and the Sisters of the Gospel of Life.

THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday 9th December

- 9.00am Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent Year C
 11.00am Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent Year C with Children's Liturgy of the Word
 12.30pm Sacrament of Baptism
 6.30pm Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent Year C

Monday 10th December

- 10.00am Mass for Monday in the Second Week of Advent
 6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm
 7.00pm Mass for Monday in the Second Week of Advent

Tuesday 11th December

- 8.15am Mass for Tuesday in the Second Week of Advent
 9.30am Morning Prayer for Advent (Divine Office)
 10.00am Mass for Tuesday in the Second Week of Advent

Wednesday 12th December

- 8.15am Mass for Wednesday in the Second Week of Advent
 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
 10.00am Mass for Wednesday in the Second Week of Advent

Thursday 13th December

- 8.15am Mass for the Memorial of St Lucy
 9.30am Morning Prayer for Advent (Divine Office)
 10.00am Mass for the Memorial of St Lucy

NO CONFESSIONS AND NO ADORATION TODAY/THURSDAY 13th December

Friday 14th December

- 8.15 am Mass for the Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Good Aid, Motherwell
 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
 9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
 10.00am Mass for the Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Good Aid, Motherwell

Saturday 15th December

- 8.15 am Mass for the Memorial of St John of the Cross in the Oratory (A Rorate Advent Mass by candlelight)
 9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
 10.00am Mass for the Memorial of St John of the Cross in the church
 4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm
 5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent Year C

Sunday 16th December

- 9.00am Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent Year C
 11.00am Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent Year C with Children's Liturgy of the Word
 12.30pm Sacrament of Baptism
 6.30pm Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent Year C

SCRIPTURE READINGS SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT/YEAR C

The prophet Baruch 5: 1-9
 Psalm 125
 St Paul to the Philippians 1:3-6.8-11
 Luke 3:1-6

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Anna Mack, one of our First Communicants, with her family, will bring the gifts to the altar at 11.00am Mass today/Sunday 9th December.

The church is open every day from **7.45am until 4.00pm** or until after the Evening Mass or Service.



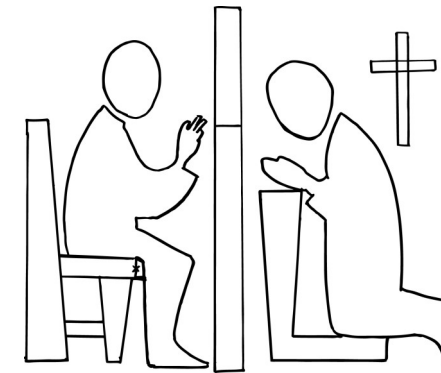
The Scripture Readings for weekdays in Advent can be found in your Missal under the Second Week of Advent except on the Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of Motherwell Cathedral.

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT/YEAR C

The prophet Zephaniah 3:14-18
 Psalm - Isaiah 12
 St Paul to the Philippians 4: 4-7
 Luke 3:10-18

A Baptism Preparation Meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 11th December at 7.30pm in the Oratory. If you have arranged or if you will soon make arrangements for the baptism of your child, then we ask parents and godparents to attend this meeting on Tuesday evening. If you are unsure whether or not you are expected to attend, please have a word with Mgr Millar or Fr Wyllie.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)



The Rutherglen and East Kilbride Deanery has arranged Confessions as follows:

Saturday 15th December at St Bride's Church, East Kilbride. There will be two or three priests from within the deanery available from 10.30am until 5.30pm to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Saturday 22nd December at St Columbkille's Church, Rutherglen. There will be two or three priests from within the deanery available throughout the day from 10.30am until 5.00pm to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar in both churches throughout the time of Confessions.
- On these two Saturdays before Christmas, we hope that many will take the opportunity to make time to prepare for the Feast of Christmas by going to Confession and receiving the forgiveness of God and the absolution of the Church for the sins we have committed.

Tuesday 18th December at 7.00pm in St Vincent's Church, Greenhills. An opportunity for Confessions with FOUR priests available.

Thursday 20th December in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar in the church from 6.00pm and there will be an opportunity for Confessions from 6.00pm until 7.30pm with THREE priests.

The period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with Night Prayer at 7.45pm and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018

Monday 24th December

- 2.00pm Christingle Service
 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Christmas
 11.30pm Carols and Readings for Christmas
 12.00am Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th December

- 9.00am Dawn Mass for Christmas
 11.00am Day Mass for Christmas

The Music Group will lead the singing at 11.00am Mass on Christmas Day



A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

An evening of sacred choral music with St Augustine's Choir on Monday 17th December 2018 at 7.30pm.

St Augustine's Church, Dundivan Road, Coatbridge.

FREE admission. Donation only. Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.

MOTHERWELL DIOCESAN CHOIR presents Mary's Child

The Christmas Story in word and carol

St Mary's, Hamilton, on Wednesday 12th December 2018, at 7.30pm

St Athanasius, Carluke, on Sunday 16th December, at 7.30pm

The Cathedral, Motherwell, Wednesday 19th December, at 7.30pm