



Please pray for those who died recently - Hugh Ward of Bryce Place (Reception & Vigil tomorrow/Monday at 6.45pm with Requiem Mass on Tuesday at 10.00am. Thereafter to Philipshill Cemetery), Monsignor J. Noel Woods (Archdiocese of Glasgow - Requiem Mass on Thursday 20th December in St Joseph's, Tollcross at 12 noon), Elizabeth Burns, Trevor Corbett, Mary Coyle (St Bride's, Cambuslang).

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of - Rose Millar, Gerry Duffin, Pauline Shiels, Roberts & Alice Woods, Donald & Agnes Kilpatrick, Douglas & Dorothy Sutherland, Danny McGinn, Eileen & Len Mochan, Joseph Kilroy, Tom & Kareen Kilroy, Angela & Fraser Stott.



Please pray for the sick -

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH**

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection £ 1563.14      Stall £210.00      Votive Candles £204.86

**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** today/Sunday after 11.00am Mass  
**Mother & Toddler Group** on Thursday from 10.30am  
**Friendship Club** on Thursday at 1.30pm  
**OLOL Indoor Bowling Club**, 4.00pm until 6.00pm on 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**

Final meeting of this year on Tuesday after 10.00am Mass. Rosary in the church and prayers for families in the Oratory afterwards.

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP**

Next meeting in the Oratory on Wednesday at 8.00pm.

**PRAYERS FOR LIFE**

On Wednesday in the Oratory. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6.40pm followed by Prayers for Life at 7.00pm.

**FRIDAY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

Resumes in the New Year.

**THE CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY STALL**

- Words for the Advent and Christmas Season by Bishop Hugh Gilbert of Aberdeen
- The Hope of Christmas with Pope Francis
- A Simple Prayer Book

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

A reminder that on Thursday 20th December our group meets again. This month there will be an evening of recollection appropriate to Advent. This meeting will be held in the Oratory, instead of the Church Hall, at the usual time of 8 pm.

Last month, David came to the rescue after Margo Uprichard had to cancel at short notice because of ill health. Last month, we watched and discussed an online presentation by Brene Brown on the Power Of Vulnerability which, for those who missed it, can be found on [www.Ted.com](http://www.Ted.com)

Margo has agreed to reschedule her talk for February's meeting. I am presently pursuing a possible speaker for March, which would be during Lent, a speaker Bill Shaw put me on to. We may be able to tune into another online discussion in January.

Please come along to this month's meeting and, if you possibly can, please try to persuade another male parishioner to attend too. We need to build up our numbers.  
*John Burns*

**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.



**Our Lady of Lourdes**

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Monsignor Thomas Millar

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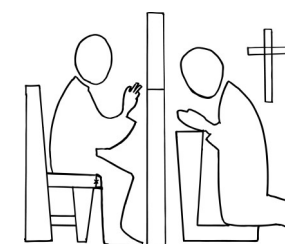
**The Third Sunday of Advent/Year C**

**16th December 2018**

**SCOTTISH CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE**

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

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)**



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

**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.

**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. Fr Ivan Boyle will hear Confessions from 6.00pm until 7.00pm and Fr Rafal from 6.30pm until 7.30pm. Mgr Millar and Fr Sean will also hear Confessions during these times.

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

⇒ We have extended the opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of next weekend. If you look at the daily schedule on page 2, you will see the times for Confessions in the closing days of Advent. Please take the opportunity to go to Confession before the Feast of Christmas.

**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 today/Sunday 16th December. Gifts will go to Fr Kenneth O'Brien, Parish Priest of St Dominic's, Craigend, for children in Craigend/Garthamlock. We thank so many of you for giving generously to this appeal. **We regret that we are unable to take any more of these gifts after today/Sunday.**

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES**

If you wish any Christmas Remembrances included in next Sunday's Bulletin, please hand them in to the sacristy or Parish House by Friday of this week.

## THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

### 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)  
 6.30pm Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent Year C

### Monday 17th December

- 10.00am Advent Mass by date of the month  
**NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
 6.45pm Vigil & Reception for Hugh Ward R.I.P.  
 7.00pm Mass for Advent feria by date

### Tuesday 18th December

- 8.15am Advent Mass by date of the month  
 9.30am Morning Prayer for Advent in the Oratory  
 10.00am Requiem Mass for Hugh Ward R.I.P.

### Wednesday 19th December

- 8.15am Advent Mass by date of the month  
 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am  
 10.00am Advent Mass by date of the month

### Thursday 20th December

- 8.15am Advent Mass by date of the month  
 9.30am Morning Prayer for Advent (Divine Office)  
 10.00am Advent Mass by date of the month  
 6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church  
**Confessions from 6.00pm until 7.30pm \*\***  
 7.45pm Night Prayer & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

### Friday 21st December

- 8.15am Advent Mass by date of the month  
 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am  
 8.45am Confessions until 9.45am \*\*  
 10.00am Advent Mass by date of the month  
 10.30am Confessions until 11.00am \*\*

### Saturday 22nd December

- 8.15 am Advent Mass by date of the month (A Rorate Advent Mass by candlelight)  
 8.45am Confessions until 9.45am \*\*  
 10.00am Advent Mass by date of the month  
 10.30am Confessions until 11.00am \*\*  
 4.00pm Confessions until 4.45pm \*\*  
 5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

### Sunday 23rd December

- 8.00am Confessions until 8.45am \*\*  
 9.00am Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C  
 10.00am Confessions until 10.45am \*\*  
 11.00am Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C  
 12 noon Confessions until 12.30pm \*\*  
 5.30pm Confessions until 6.15pm \*\*  
 6.30pm Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

**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

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**  
 With their family, Aiofe & Michael Murphy with her family, will bring the gifts to the altar at 11.00am Mass today/Sunday 16th December.

The church is open every day from 7.45am until 3.00pm.  
 When we have an Evening Mass or Service, the church will open 30 minutes beforehand.

**SUNDAY READERS**  
 Please call to the sacristy when you are at Mass today and collect the new rota. Thank you.

The Scripture Readings for weekdays in Advent can be found by date all this week (17th December until 22nd December). There are no feasts observed in these closing days of Advent as the church invites us to pray and ponder the mystery of the First Coming of the Lord.

Once again, we welcome Fr Daniel Aigbona C.S.s.R. from Nigeria who will be with us from next weekend and spend Christmas with us. Fr Paul Denney is also home from Rome for Christmas and we look forward to Fr Paul joining us for the Christmas Masses.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS  
 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/YEAR C**  
 The prophet Micah 5: 1-4  
 Psalm 79  
 The letter to the Hebrews 10: 5-10  
 Luke 1: 39-44

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018

### Monday 24th December

- 7.00am Advent Mass by date of the month  
 8.15am Advent Mass by date of the month  
 10.00am Advent Mass by date of the month

The Church will be closed after 10.00am Mass until 1.30pm and after the Christingle Service until 4.00pm



- 2.00pm Christingle Service  
 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Christmas

The church will be closed after the Vigil Mass and re-open at 11.00pm

- 11.30pm Carols and Readings for Christmas  
 12.00am Mass During the Night

### 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  
 The church will be closed on Christmas Day after 11.00am Mass

### MOTHERWELL DIOCESAN CHOIR presents

#### Mary's Child

#### The Christmas Story in word and carol

St Athanasius, Carlisle, on Sunday 16th December at 7.30pm  
 The Cathedral, Motherwell, Wednesday 19th December at 7.30pm

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Please meet next Sunday (23rd December) after 6.30pm Mass in the Oratory.

### CARITAS GROUP

Next meeting at 1.15pm in the Hall on Christmas Eve for the Christingle Service.

### A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

#### St Augustine's Church, Dundyan Road, Coatbridge

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

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

### DAY BY DAY FOR JANUARY

Subscribers, please collect your copy at the Stall at Mass today. There are a few extra copies available to buy at the Stall.

### COMMUNITY FOODBANK

As a follow-up to last week's amazing donations, the generosity has not stopped. This week we received a remarkable sum of £350.00 from EK Shamrock CSC in addition to a further £100.00 from parishioners. This money has already been passed on to the Foodbank and will be included in our January figures. Many thanks to all concerned.

This Friday (21st December) sees the Foodbank having its busiest day of the year. It is prepared for issuing 200 Christmas Hampers to those in need in our community. This, minimally, enables families to have a full (and fully cooked) Christmas Dinner. Of course, much of this would not have been possible without your outstanding kindness, especially during the month of December.

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

We will take up the Christmas Collection at all Masses on Christmas Day. There will be only one collection taken up at the Offertory. There's usually a Second Collection for Christmas but if you can give your normal offering plus your Christmas gift to the parish at the Offertory this will mean one collection instead of two at our Christmas Masses.