

Please pray for those who died recently - Cathy Reynolds, Edgar Croser, Sadie McDonald, Jim McArthur.

Pray also for the Christmas Remembrances, Months Minds and Anniversaries of - Mgr Gallagher, John Clark, John Clark (Jnr), Patrick Boyce, The Hill, Gribbin & McNally Families, Rose Tierney, May McKeown, Campbell McAdam, The McKerracher & Hannah Families, Nan & Andrew Curran, Annie & Joe Kelly, Sandra Brown, Ian Porter, Charles McManus, Gertrude Branagan (Dublin), Ian Stevenson, Frank & Mary McWilliams, Teresa Woodside, Ann Little, Christina Samson, The Muldoon Family, The McKay Family, The O'Hagan Family, The McAnsh Family, The McCracken Family, The Keen Family, the McBrearty Family, Jimmy, Ray & James O'Brien, Fr Joseph Brannigan, Fr Joseph Martin, Fr Marius Mollard, Fr Michael Bagan, Paul & Nee Millar, Janice Marie Millar, John Findlay, Joseph Findlay, Jim Findlay, Jenny Findlay, Thomas McIntyre, Ross McGowan, Margaret Duffy, Paul & Cathie Millar, Johnny Nolan, The Duffy & Hayden Families (Tullamore, Ireland), Edward Houston, Eileen Robertson, Susan Kearney, Annie, Tommy & Thomas Flaherty, Charlie O'Kane, Dave Charlesworth, Andrew Sproul, Graham Pearson, Thomas Wales (Snr), Joe McEwan (Jnr), John Harris, Austin & Norah Toner, William McEvoy, Molly McEvoy, Michael & Bridget Fahey, Mary Nolan, Margaret Millar, Thomas Millar, Rose Millar, Michael & Josephine Galvin, Joseph Canning, John McKay (Birthday Remembrance), William (Willie) Connelly, Joseph & Ann Nugent, James & Elizabeth Connelly, The Connelly Family, The Nugent Family, William & Agnes Magill, Daniel McKinney, Jane Fairie, Elizabeth McAvoy, Mary & Frank Clayton, John & Cathie Fairie, Philomena Fairie, Josh Irvine, Joseph Wilson, Charlie Bradley, Danny Tiffney, Sister Stanislaus SSJA, Patrick McDonald, Joseph McDonald.

Please pray for the sick -



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection £1608.92 Stall £334.59 (includes CTS Stall)
Votive Candles £185.25 Second Collection (SCES) £935.24 Lourdes Fund £50.00

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Taken up at all the Christmas Masses - the Vigil Mass on Monday at 5.00pm; Midnight Mass; and Masses at 9.00am and 11.00am on Tuesday. There will be only one collection - 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. If you GiftAid to the parish please use the *WHITE* Envelope for Christmas. Thank you.

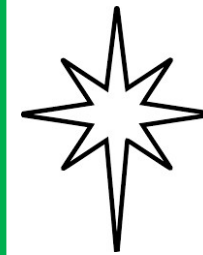
DIOCESAN COURAGE APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLICS WITH SAME SEX ATTRACTION

Motherwell Diocese has set up a Courage Chapter of pastoral ministry for those in our Diocesan community with same sex attraction, who are looking to live faithfully their Catholic faith. Courage is an international apostolate with over 100 Chapters worldwide and endorsed by the Holy See. It aims to help members find peace through fellowship, prayer, the Sacraments and an appreciation of the Church's teaching on chastity. It extends the Church's invitation to mature in Christ, seeking his grace and peace.

For information or advice please email in confidence our Diocesan priest chaplain at Courage@rcdom.org.uk

ST MARGARET'S CHILDREN & FAMILY CARE SOCIETY

All donations given at the Crib will be donated to St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society - the UK's only Catholic adoption agency. You can further help the work of the society by taking one of the Wee Boxes at the Crib to your home and returning it to us at the end of the Christmas Season in the middle of January.



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23rd DECEMBER 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR C

CHRISTMAS DAY
and
THE SEASON OF CHRISITMAS

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

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF MOTHERWELL

I recently enjoyed going on Pilgrimage to the Holy Land for the first time. One memorable moment was the visit to Bethlehem and in particular to the site of Jesus' birth marked by the Basilica of the Nativity. There is certainly a sense of joy at being at the spot where Our Lord was born and an opportunity to ponder the Mystery of the Incarnation and to give thanks to God for the gift of his Son's birth and the faith we have in the truth handed on to us by the evangelists and the tradition of the Church. Imitating those who first gathered to greet the Infant King - Mary and Joseph, shepherds and wise men - a sense of wonder and humble adoration on my, or our, part seems to be a fitting response to God's love for us, made present in the child in the manger. Wherever we are in the world, the mystery of Bethlehem is recalled and comes alive each Christmas as we look into our own cribs and celebrate our faith in the Birth of Our Lord and Saviour in the Church's Liturgy. Thank God we are free to do so and we pray for those who are not as they suffer persecution for their faith, like the Innocents of Bethlehem killed by Herod after Jesus was born.

The people of Bethlehem today continue to bear their trials as the Palestinians seek to protect their presence and their rights while the State of Israel imposes its control over them. To a visitor, the restrictions they live under seem excessive and demoralising and make one wish that a just and lasting settlement may be found to allow Palestinians and Israelis to live harmoniously together. The Child Jesus was hailed as the "Prince of Peace" prophesied by Isaiah and at Christmas we pray that peace may reign in his own land and in the troubled countries close by.

In our country, also, we pray for an attitude of peace and tranquility and for an acceptance of one another whatever our nationality or creed. May we who celebrate our Saviour's birth reach out to our neighbours and help build up and protect his kingdom among us.

I ask God's blessing for you and your families as we honour and adore Jesus, the Word made Flesh and Son of God.

+ *Joseph Toal*

THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT AND THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

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

Monday 24th December

7.00am Advent Mass by date of the month
 8.15am Advent Mass by date of the month
 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary
 10.00am Advent Mass by date of the month
 2.00pm Christingle Service

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

5.00pm Vigil Mass for Christmas
 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

Wednesday 26th December

11.00am Mass for the Feast of St Stephen, Martyr

Thursday 27th December

10.00am Mass for the Feast of St John, Evangelist

Friday 28th December

10.00am Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Saturday 29th December

10.00am Mass for the Feast of St Thomas Becket, Martyr
 5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday 30th December

9.00am Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family
 11.00am Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family
 6.30pm Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family

Monday 31st December

10.00am Mass for the Octave of Christmas by date
 6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7.00pm Holy Hour in Thanksgiving for the Year 2018 & Prayers for Peace

Tuesday 1st January

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

We are looking for some volunteers to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at the Christmas Masses. The list is in the sacristy. Thank you.

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

SUNDAY READERS

Please call into the sacristy when you are at Mass today and collect the new rota. Thank you.

SCRIPTURE READINGS CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

Isaiah 62: 1-5
 Acts of the Apostles 13: 16-17. 22-25
 Matthew 1: 18-25

MIDNIGHT MASS

Isaiah 9: 1-7
 Titus 2: 11-14
 Luke 2: 1-12

DAWN MASS

Isaiah 62: 11-12
 Titus 3: 4-7
 Luke 2: 15-20

DAY MASS

Isaiah 52: 7-10
 Hebrews 1: 1-6
 John 1: 1-18

SCRIPTURE READINGS FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The book of Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6. 12-14
 Colossians 3: 12-21
 Luke 2: 41-52

CHURCH OPENING TIMES THIS WEEK

Monday Open at 6.45am
 Closed at 10.30am
 Open at 1.30pm
 Closed at 2.30pm (after Christingle)
 Open at 4.00pm
 Closed after the Vigil Mass
 Open at 11.00pm

Tuesday Open at 8.00am
 Closed at 12.30pm

Wednesday Open at 9.00am
 Closed at 12 noon

Thursday Open at 9.30am
 Closed at 12 noon

Friday Open at 9.30am
 Closed at 12 noon

Saturday Open at 9.00am
 Closed after the Vigil Mass

CHRISTMAS 2018



Mgr Millar and Fr Seán, along with Fr Paul and Fr Daniel, wish all visitors to our parish and, of course, all our parishioners every blessing for the Feast of Christmas and the gift and joy which comes from our faith in Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem. May he find a welcome in our hearts, our homes and our community.

While we celebrate here at home with our families, relatives and friends, let us be mindful of those in less fortunate situations than many of us. We think of the many families, especially children, whose lives are shattered by warfare and violence in many parts of the world and those who face a Christmas of hunger and starvation.

Our local community, too, has its fair share of hardship for many at this time where, sadly, there will be divisions within families as well as personal losses and sufferings for a good number of people.

While we celebrate let us not be indifferent to so many people who are without love and affection at this time of year. Let us be mindful in prayer of all who suffer.

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who supported Orbis during the year. This year we raised £1129.00 which will have saved many from preventable blindness.

SSVP

Next Sunday, 30th December, Our Lady of Lourdes St Vincent De Paul Society will hold a Retiring Collection at all Masses. The money raised will be used to give the elderly and housebound of our parish an afternoon out in the near future. Please be as generous as your means allow, especially at this time of year when many are struggling financially.

A LETTER OF THANKS

Thomas McNeil has written a very generous letter of thanks to the parishioners of our Lady of Lourdes for the outstanding support given to the East Kilbride Community Food Bank, particularly over the past year. You can read the letter on the church noticeboard.

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.

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.

THE ROSARY

Recited before Mass this week
 except on Tuesday

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP

PRAYERS FOR LIFE

FRIDAY PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Resume in the New Year

PARISH HALL

All quiet this week!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM CHILDREN TO CHILDREN

Thanks for another generous response to the appeal earlier in Advent to bring some Christmas cheer to poorer children living in the Parish of St Dominic's, Craigend, where our diocese borders the Archdiocese of Glasgow. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have been much appreciated.