



Please pray for those who died recently - Joseph Symington of Owen Avenue (Reception on Tuesday at 9.45am with Requiem Mass at 10.00am), George Reilly (Fraser River Tower - Reception & Vigil on Thursday at 6.00pm with Requiem Mass on Friday at 10.00am), Fr Thomas Colm Morris (Retired Parish Priest of St Cadoc's, Halfway, Cambuslang), Jim Mays (Carfin), Henry Magill, Sheila Watson, Philomena Donnelly, Iain Dunn, Frankie Brannan,

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of - Martin Breen, Mark O'Prey, Daniel Houston, Joseph Sweeney, Susan Kearney, Sally Anne Murphy, Joe Murphy, John Murphy, George O'Hagan, Willie O'Hagan, Peggy Conroy, John Magill, Hugh Ward, Anne Ward, Roseanne Dupree, Michael Peter Berry, Jimmy McAnsh, Mary & James Toal.

Please pray for the sick -



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS & FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH

Offertory Collection for 1st December 2019

GiftAid Envelopes £460.00 + Standing Orders £800.00 + Loose Plate £1159.81 Total Offertory Collection £2419.81
Stall £267.00 Votive Candles £345.19 Donation £200.00

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP AT ALL MASSES ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

THERE WILL BE ONE COLLECTION THAT DAY - AT THE OFFERTORY

If you GiftAid to the parish please use the white envelope marked 'Christmas'

You can also hand in your Christmas Collection at any time between now and the end of December

PARISH HALL THIS WEEK

- ⇒ Sunday Tearoom open today
- ⇒ Bingo on Tuesdays at 7.30pm
- ⇒ Mother & Toddler Group on Thursday mornings
- ⇒ Wednesday Tearoom after 10.00am Mass
- ⇒ Friendship Club on Thursday afternoons
- ⇒ OLOL Hiking Club on Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm. Carol singing and sign on for the first Walk of 2020!

The Wednesday Tearoom raised £106.06 for Kilbryde Hospice on 4th December. Thank you for your support and for all donations

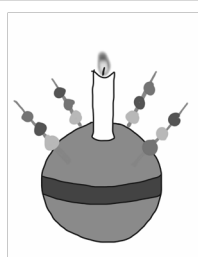
PARISH STALL

Thanks for giving your support to our Parish Stall. It's well stocked up with many religious and devotional items as well as the usual stock for Christmas. Have a wee look when you're at Mass today.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Celebrated this year tomorrow/Monday 9th December. Please make this a special day for our families and for our parish by coming along to Mass at 10.00am or 7.00pm.

There's also a Mass at St Francis Xavier Church, Carfin, tomorrow at 1.00pm with the Sacrament of the Sick.



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

If you would like your children to experience the true spirit of Christmas, why not bring them along to our Christingle Service on Christmas Eve? A peaceful half hour to focus on the real meaning of Christmas and prepare for celebrating Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Bring an orange for each child and our volunteers will be there to help you create your own Christingle.

All you need bring is an orange per child.

Service starts on Christmas Eve at 2.00pm. Meet in the downstairs hall to make your Christingles from 1.30pm. Process into the church carrying your lit Christingles.

If you would like your child to take part in any of the Readings and they are in P4 to P7, please contact Alana Barrie on 07804740183. Just text, giving your name, your child's name and which primary year your child is in.

The WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR for 2020 is on sale at the Stall (£3.20). THE CATHOLIC HERALD is also on sale at the Stall for a trial period of 5 weeks.

Our Lady of Lourdes

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Parish Clergy Monsignor Thomas Millar Father Seán G. Wyllie Father Charles P. Coyle

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT/YEAR A
8th December 2019**

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- A new rota is soon to be distributed by email or by collection from the sacristy. You will see one or two administrative changes in that rota. This means we will now distribute Holy Communion at the Vigil, 9.00am and 11.00am Masses in the following manner: there will be a priest and Extra-ordinary Minister distributing the Host at the sanctuary steps and one Extra-ordinary Minister on either side with the Chalice containing the Precious Blood; at the back inside doors of the church there will be a priest distributing the Host with an Extra-ordinary Minister on either side with the Precious Blood. (This has been the practice at 11.00am Mass for some time now and we are now applying the same to the Vigil and 9.00am Masses.)
- It would also be helpful for us to update our lists with regard to visits to the Sick. If you take Holy Communion to one of our sick and housebound parishioners, please let Mary Gallacher or Angie Abernethy know who it is you visit as soon as possible. You can also speak to Mgr Millar or Fr Coyle on this matter. With our thanks in advance.
- There is a list in the sacristy for signing up for duties on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It would be helpful to have that completed over the course of this week.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION AT SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES

We now distribute Holy Communion first to those who process for Holy Communion and then, after that, we will bring Holy Communion to the sick at the front and back of the church.

SUNDAY READERS

Please collect your new rota from the sacristy after Mass today. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS



Please sign up for Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Once the lists are completed, Mgr Millar and Len Kelly will arrange rehearsals for the Servers. Please do your best to sign up this weekend or next weekend.

LOCAL FOODBANK



This is our weekend collection for the Community Foodbank and the final one for 2019 and by a growing tradition has become our Christmas offering. All donations will be well used by the Foodbank. Last year, it issued around 200 hampers allowing families to have, at least, a fully cooked Christmas meal. Much of this was enabled by the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes. The same exercise is scheduled for 23rd December this year. Thank you so much for your remarkable kindness throughout the year and, in anticipation, of helping to make Christmas for those most in need in our community.

THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday 8th December (Readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Psalm 121; Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24: 37-44)

- 9.00am Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent/Year A
- 11.00am Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent/Year A with Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer of the Church for Advent & Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Oratory)
- 6.30pm Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent/Year A

Monday 9th December (Readings: Genesis 3: 9-15. 20; Psalm 97; Ephesians 1: 3-6. 11-12; Luke 1: 26-38)

- 10.00am Mass for the Solemn Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm
- 7.00pm Mass for the Solemn Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 10th December (Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 95; Matthew 18: 12-14)

- 8.15am Mass for Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent
- 9.45am Reception of Joseph Symington R.I.P.
- 10.00am Requiem Mass for Joseph Symington R.I.P.

Our church is open from 7.30am until 4.00pm or until after the Evening Mass or Service.

Wednesday 11th December (Readings: Isaiah 40: 25-31; Psalm 102; Matthew 11: 28-30)

- 8.15am Mass for Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent
- 8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
- 10.00am Mass for Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent

You are invited to tea/coffee in OLOL School tomorrow/Thursday 12th December after 10.00am Mass.

Thursday 12th December (Readings: Isaiah 41: 13-20; Psalm 144; Matthew 11: 11-15)

- 8.15am Mass for Thursday of the Second Week of Advent
- 9.30am Morning Prayer for Advent
- 10.00am Mass for Thursday of the Second Week of Advent
- 6.00pm Reception & Vigil of George Reilly R.I.P.
- 7.00pm Confessions until 7.30pm

SCHOOL CONFESSIONS
Mgr Millar, Fr Boyle and Fr Coyle will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in St Louise School on Thursday morning in preparation for Christmas.

Friday 13th December (Readings: Isaiah 48: 17-19; Psalm 1; Matthew 11: 16-19)

- 8.15am Mass for the Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
- 9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
- 10.00am Requiem Mass for George Reilly R.I.P.

Our Lady of Lourdes Men's Group meets on Thursday 19th December at 7.45pm in the Oratory. Fr Charles Coyle will give a reflection for Advent as part of the evening's proceedings.

Saturday 14th December (Readings: Dedication of a Church - at choice of the priest celebrant)

- 8.15am 'Rorate Mass' for the Feast of the Dedication of The Cathedral (Oratory)
- 9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
- 9.30am Novena in honour of the Miraculous Medal & Rosary
- 10.00am Mass for the Feast of the Dedication of The Cathedral
- 4.00pm Confessions until 4.45pm
- 5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent/Year A

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES of our dead will be intimated in the Parish Bulletin of 22nd December. If you wish the names of your dead relatives and friends placed in the bulletin and prayed for at Christmas, please hand in the names by Thursday 19th December.

Sunday 15th December (Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-6.10; Psalm 145; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 21: 2-11)

- 9.00am Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent/Year A
- 11.00am Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent/Year A with Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer of the Church for Advent & Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Oratory)
- 6.30pm Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent/Year A

This week the Rosary will be recited after 10.00am Mass except on Monday, Friday and Saturday when it will be recited at 9.30am

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

Every Tuesday after 10.00am Mass with Rosary in the church and prayers for families and those in any kind of need in the Oratory afterwards

PRO LIFE PRAYERS

On Wednesday in the Oratory. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6.40pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7.00pm with Prayer for Life. Benediction at 7.50pm.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS & FOR PRIESTS

On Fridays in the church at 2.00pm

JOE'S DEVOTIONS

At St Francis Xavier's Church, Taylor Avenue, Carfin, on Thursday 12th December from 7.30pm until 8.00pm. Rosary, Reflection and refreshments afterwards in the Xavier Centre, Carfin. See the posters on the noticeboard. Visit JOESFAITH.COM

FAITH SHARING GROUP

"A Priestly People, Baptised and Sent"

Meets on Wednesdays in the Oratory after 10.00am Mass - probably at about 11.00am. All welcome.

MOTHERWELL DIOCESAN CHOIR A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

The Christmas Story in word and carol



- ⇒ St Leonard's Church, East Kilbride, on Sunday 15th December at 7.30pm
- ⇒ St Andrew's Church, Airdrie, on Monday 16th December at 7.30pm
- ⇒ The Cathedral, Motherwell, on Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm
- ⇒ St Athanasius, Carluke, on Sunday 22nd December at 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

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

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

- 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 open from 7.30am on Christmas Day and close at 3.00pm

CTS - A YEAR WITH THE BIBLE

- 365 daily reflections for 2020. Cost: £16.95. Please place your order at the Parish Stall.
- Pope Francis declared on 30th September 2019 (Feast of St Jerome, saint of the scriptures) that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time each year (26th January in 2020) will be given the title - Sunday of the Word. The Pope is stressing the importance of the Scriptures in our lives of faith and urging us to acknowledge the sacredness of the texts at our Sunday and daily Masses. The CTS publication ('A Year With The Bible') is one way of enhancing our appreciation and understanding of the scriptures as nourishment for our lives of faith.

PREPARE YE THE WAY

Please celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at some point during Advent in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord.

CONFESSION TIMES DURING ADVENT IN OLOL CHURCH

- Thursdays 7.00pm - 7.30pm
- Fridays 9.15am - 9.45am
- Saturdays 9.15am - 9.45am
4.00pm - 4.45pm

Saturday 14th December

Confessions in St Bride's Church 10.30am - 5.30pm with one or two priests available throughout the day.

Sunday 15th December

Confessions in Our Lady of Lourdes Church after all Sunday Masses, including the Vigil Mass. Also on Sunday from 8.00am until 8.45am.

Tuesday 17th December

Confessions in St Leonard's Church from 6.00pm until 8.00pm

Penitential Service in St Vincent's at 7.00pm with Confessions

Saturday 21st December

Confessions in St Columbkille's Church, Rutherglen, from 10.30am until 5.00pm with one or two priests available throughout the day.

Sunday 22nd December

Confessions in Our Lady of Lourdes Church after all Sunday Masses, including the Vigil Mass. Also on Sunday from 8.00am until 8.45am.