

**Please remember in your prayers**

**Those who died recently:** Fr Patrick Walsh (Retired priest of the Diocese of Motherwell – former Parish Priest of Holy Trinity & All Saints, Coatdyke and St Joseph's, Cardowan, Stepps), Mary Doherty of Chalmers Crescent (Funeral Service at 12 noon on Thursday 7th January at South Lanarkshire Crematorium) Margaret Goudie, Craig Logan, Patricia Martin (Sydney Drive), Isobel McLaughlin, Ian Allan, Mary Farrell (Coatbridge).

**Christmas Remembrances, the Months Minds and Anniversaries of:** William Magill, Agnes Magill & Family, Len Astell, Jim McGhee, John & Celia Cooper, Pat Rae, John Rae (Snr & Jnr), Margaret Cooper, Billy Murphy, Wilma Murphy, Alex Cooper, Len Mitchell, Angela Mitchell, Philip McCaffrey, Greta McCaffrey, Maureen McCaffrey Somerville, Jim Martin, Anne Boyd, Gerry Docherty, The Hannah Family, The McKerracher Family, Nan & Andrew Curren, Sandra Brown, Margaret Hannah, Cathie Graham, Betty Cunningham, The Muldoon Family, Fr John Muldoon (Birthday Remembrance), The McKay Family, The O'Hagan Family, The Toal Family, The Price Family, Betty & Joe Canning, Margaret Brannan, William James, Mary, Anne, Margaret & Mary Smyth, Tony, Roseann & Harry Carroll & Family, Norman & Catherine Blackburn, Josephine McLarnon, James Walker, James Hislop, John McCartney, Catherine McCartney, Charles McCartney, John Quinn, Barbara Quinn, James Hislop (Snr), Agnes Hislop, James Docherty, Margaret McMillan, Gertrude Branagan, William & Agnes Magill, Elizabeth & William Kirk, John Tennyson, Margaret Reilly, Thomas & Annie Traynor, Gerry McMorrow, Mary McMorrow, James Traynor, Duncan McIntosh, Austin & Norah Toner, Frank & Mary McWilliams, Teresa Woodside, Ann Little, Christina Samson, Edgar Croser, Agnes McDonald, Patrick McDonald, Joseph McDonald, Helen & Joseph Wyllie (Glasgow), Mary & Willie O'Brien (Cumbernauld), Thomas McIntyre, Josh Irvine, Ross McGowan, Johnny Morrison, Canon Noel Carey, Fr Joseph Martin, Paul & Cathie Millar, Johnny Nolan, Janice Marie Millar, Paul & Pranee Millar, Mary Nolan, Michael & Bridget Fahey, Fr Marius Mollard, Fr Michal Sadowski (Poland), John Findlay, Joseph Findlay, Jim Findlay, Jenny Findlay, Bishop Joseph Devine, Bishop Francis Thomson, Fr John Kelly, Sister Stanislaus (SSJA), Fr Joseph Brannigan, Fr Michael Bagan, Fr Michael Purcell, The Hayden & Duffy Families (Tullamore, Ireland), Rose Millar, Thomas Millar, Mary Cusack, Margaret Duffy, Marianne Gorman, Philip Bell, John Kelly, Jan Moore, Joe Gallacher, Charlie and Ellen O'Kane, Dave Charlesworth, Andy and Jan Sproul, Graham Pearson, Thomas Wales Snr, Frank Wales, John Harris, Jimmy McAnsh, The McAnsh Family, The Gribbin, Hill & McNally Families, Frances Doyle, Margaret Lennon, Margaret Shields, John & Margaret McAuley, Hugh & Teresa Docherty, Shuggy Docherty, Gerry O'Connor, Cathie O'Connor, George & Betty McNally, Joe Cook, Benny Colston, George & Mary Taylor, Alec Coyle, Robert & Alice Craig, Kira Jackson, Michael Peter Berry (and also a Birthday Remembrance), Rose McLean, Robin Bloy (Hove), Robert McDermott, The McHugh Family, The McDermott Family, Phyllis Rush (Hamilton, Ontario), Teddy & Helen Hand, James & Agnes McDonald, Tommy & Mary Lee, Elizabeth Murphy.

**Those of the parish who died this year:** Vincent Doherty, Joseph Symington, George Reilly (Snr), Kathleen McGinn, Alexandrina McCahill, John Campbell, Henry Connor, Margaret Brannan, Jane (Jean) MacKay, Thomas Quinn, Theresa Boyle, Rose Little, Selina Catherine Nugent, Frances Doyle, Henry (Harry) Docherty, Ann McLellan, Anne MacDonald Reilly, Theresa Dunnery, Rose McLean, Joseph Black, Mathew McCombe, Joseph McGrotty, Joseph Rock, William John Tennyson, Daniel Reynolds, Joseph O'Hare, Andrew Mason, Ellen O'Kane, Catherine McLaughlin, Patrick Hughes, Elizabeth (Betty) Ingram, John Kelly, Bernadette McTavish, Thomas Duffy, Francis McDermott, Mary Fitzsimmons, Bridget (Bridie) McLean, Margaret Corrigan, James McDonald, Patrick Park, Anne Mullen, Brian (Joseph) Reid, Jane Pattie, Elizabeth (Betty) Goundry, Alice Comerford, Margaret Hannah, Gerry Docherty, Brian Reid, Nancy Moffat, Isabel Gordon, Karen Mochan, James Little, Philip Cowan, Frank McKenna.

**Please remember the sick and housebound in your prayers. Thank you.**

**COLLECTION & DONATIONS**


<b>Offertory Collection</b>	£1649.40 +
<i>Sunday 20th December</i>	GiftAid/Standing Orders £900.00
<b>Votive Candles</b>	£36.00
<b>Stall</b>	£192.60
<b>Catholic Education</b>	£20.00
<b>Flowers for the altar</b>	£50.00, £170
<b>Kilbryde Hospice</b>	£100.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Your Offertory Collection and donations to SSVP can be made at Sunday Masses and also at weekday Masses.


**The Christmas Collection for the Parish can be made at anytime. Please place your Christmas Offering in the Box marked CHRISTMAS COLLECTION.**

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE**



Always celebrated in Scotland on the Solemn Feast of the Epiphany which this year is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. A Second collection for Justice and Peace is normally taken up on the Epiphany. This year, we will have a box marked JUSTICE AND PEACE for offerings to help the Church promote the Gospel teaching of justice and peace for all.

**CONGRATULATIONS**



One of our parishioners- Betty Sweeney- formerly of Strathcona House, celebrates her 95th birthday on Christmas Day. We offer her our best wishes and prayers.



# OUR LADY of LOURDES

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**The Nativity of the Lord** **25th December 2020**

**BOOKING FOR ALL MASSES**

**MASS WITH A CONGREGATION OF 20 PERSONS THIS WEEK**

**Phone bookings** for Masses from 28th December to 3rd January inclusive can be made from this Sunday between 3.00pm and 5.00pm and on Monday between 12noon and 2.00pm - or later in the week, if you wish.

**On-line bookings** have been suspended during the Tier 4 restrictions.

**LIVE STREAMING**

Masses are live-streamed on YouTube at the following times:

<b>Christmas Vigil</b> (Thursday)	4.00pm
<b>Christmas Day</b>	11.30am
<b>Vigil Mass</b> (Saturday)	5.00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	11.30am
<b>Monday - Saturday</b>	10.00am

To access the live-stream, visit our website and click on the link: [ourladyoflourdeschurch.org.uk](http://ourladyoflourdeschurch.org.uk) > live-streaming > click You Tube link

**THANK YOU**

Mgr Millar, Fr Charles and Christopher thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness to us in this very unusual Christmas Feast. We thank you for the cards, gifts and good wishes extended to us in spite of the challenges many are experiencing at this time. Thanks for your generosity and for your words of appreciation, support and encouragement. We will be remembering you in our prayers throughout the Christmas Season. May God bless all of you and richly reward you when the Day of the Lord comes.

We also take this opportunity to wish all our parishioners every happiness as we celebrate the Birth of Christ, Our Saviour. May the Christ Child fill our hearts with hope and joy as we rejoice in the love God has shared with us in giving us his only Son who came not to condemn the world but to save it.

Our parish has kept going through the months since March when we went into 'lockdown' and we are grateful for the way our parishioners have participated in Mass and the other liturgies celebrated in our church and Oratory, whether by their physical presence or by joining us virtually by live-stream.

Under the leadership of Phil McMahon, our team of stewards has kept us safe and well over these months and we thank them for their skilled organisation of all the celebrations in our church – Sunday and weekday Masses, Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings as well as the First Communion celebrations last September and October. They have also made sure we adhere to the regulations stipulated by government and Church for our own safety and health. We are grateful for their cleansing of the church and for the regular sanitisation that has become part of the 'new normal' of 2020 and 2021. Giving of their time is an essential and important part of what stewarding is all about and we very mindful of how time consuming this can be and how much it does eat into their personal and family life. No one takes this for granted and our community has shown again and again just how much the stewarding operation is not only essential but is appreciated by all of us. Thank you.

It is only right to mention how grateful we are for the financial support given to our parish over these difficult months as well as your generosity to other calls on your charitable giving. Elsewhere in this bulletin, very specific figures regarding the East Kilbride Local Foodbank show how you put faith into action with outstanding charity towards the very many people in need who look to us for practical help for the very basic necessities of life. You have risen to the challenge to show that our love is not just words or mere talk but something real and active.

Finally, for the moment, thank you, too, for your response for the appeal for gifts to the children of Craigend and Garthamlock in the eastern area of Glasgow and part of our Diocese of Motherwell. Another very generous show of concern and compassion for those most in need in our wider diocesan family, deserving of any help we can give them. Thank you.

Wishing you a Happy and Holy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year of 2021.



## THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

### THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER

4.00pm **Vigil Mass for Christmas** (and also on live-stream)  
 5.00pm **Vigil Mass for Christmas**  
 6.00pm **Vigil Mass for Christmas**

### FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER

8.45am Morning Prayer of the Church on live-stream only  
 9.30am **Dawn Mass for Christmas**  
 10.30am **Day Mass for Christmas**  
 11.30am **Day Mass for Christmas** (and also on live-stream)

### SATURDAY 26TH DECEMBER (Readings: Acts of the Apostles 6:87-10; 7:54-59; Psalm 30; Matthew 10: 17-22)

10.00am Morning Prayer of the Church and Mass for the **Feast of St Stephen** (on live-stream only)  
 4.15pm Evening Prayer of the Church on live-stream only  
 5.00pm **Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family** (and also on live-stream)

### SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER (Readings: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 127; Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23)

8.45am Morning Prayer of the Church on live-stream only  
 9.15am Church open for **9.30am Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family**  
 10.15am Church open for **10.30am Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family**  
 11.15am Church open for **11.30am Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family** (and on live-stream)  
 12.15pm Church open for **12.30am Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family**

### MONDAY 28TH DECEMBER (Readings: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Psalm 123; Matthew 2:13-18)

9.30am Morning Prayer on live-stream only  
 10.00am **Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents** and also on live-stream

### TUESDAY 29TH DECEMBER (Readings: 1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 95; Luke 2:22-35)

9.30am Morning Prayer on live-stream only  
 10.00am **Mass on fifth day of the Christmas Octave** and also on live-stream

### WEDNESDAY 30TH DECEMBER (Readings: 1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 95; Luke 2:36-40)

9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church on live-stream only  
 9.45am **Church open for 10.00am Mass on sixth day of the Christmas Octave** and also on live-stream

### THURSDAY 31ST DECEMBER (Readings: 1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 95; John 1:1-18)

9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church on live-stream only  
 10.00am **Mass on seventh day of the Christmas Octave** and also on live-stream  
 7.00pm Evening Prayer of the Church, Rosary and Benediction on live-stream only

### FRIDAY 1 JANUARY (Readings: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 66; Luke 2:16-21)

9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church on live-stream only  
 10.00am **Mass on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** and also on live-stream  
 11.00am **Mass on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
 12.00noon Angelus and Rosary on live-stream only  
 4.00pm Evening Prayer of the Church on live-stream only

### Prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Here is a prayer you can say at home with your family today and at other times:

**JESUS**, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

**MARY**, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

**JOSEPH**, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the centre of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.



## THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

### SATURDAY 2ND JANUARY (Readings: 1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 97; John 1:19-28)

10.00am Morning Prayer of the Church and Mass for the **Memorial of St Basil and St Gregory Nazianzen** (on live-stream only)  
 4.15pm Evening Prayer of the Church on live-stream only  
 5.00pm **Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord** (and also on live-stream)  
 6.00pm **Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

### SUNDAY 3RD JANUARY (Readings: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 127; Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23)

8.45am Morning Prayer of the Church on live-stream only  
 9.15am Church open for **9.30am Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**  
 10.15am Church open for **10.30am Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**  
 11.15am Church open for **11.30am Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord** (and also on live-stream)

### THE LOCAL FOODBANK

After last weekend's remarkable figures, please allow me to update you regarding an eye-watering contribution from Paul Abrams CSC amounting to £1800.00 (yes, £1800.00).

My profound thanks go to all the members of the club for this and, in particular, to the two office-bearers from our Parish who facilitated and promoted this. Outstanding! In what has been the strangest of years, your generosity has been boundless. A total of £5125.00 was donated this month to the Foodbank via our Parish, bringing the 2020 figure to £20,037.00. These figures are incredible! Thank you so much! *Phil McMahon*.

### THANK YOU

Our thanks to Fr Gerard Maguinness for his help in recent weeks and for his availability to help with Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

### ST MARGARET'S CHILDREN & FAMILY CARE SOCIETY



There will be an opportunity to give a donation to St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society over the Christmas Season. Please place your offering in the box marked **OFFERINGS- ST MARGARET ADOPTION SOCIETY**. As the UK's only Catholic adoption agency, any financial assistance you can give will be greatly appreciated. In these times of restricted numbers able to attend Mass, the Society will inevitably suffer from a significant drop in income. We will keep the OFFERINGS box available for donations from Christmas until the end of January.

### Christmas Message of the Bishop of Motherwell



In recent days, Pope Francis announced that the Church would celebrate a Year in honour of St Joseph, marking the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Joseph's proclamation as *Patron of the Universal Church* by Blessed Pius IX. In doing so, Our Holy Father has written a beautiful Apostolic letter, *Patris Corde*, offering some personal reflections on St Joseph, 'this extraordinary figure so close to our own human experience'. In extolling his greatness as spouse of Mary and legal father of Jesus, he acknowledged how St Joseph placed the

whole of his life in God's hands and at the service of God's plan of salvation in a quiet, discreet way, unnoticed almost, but vitally important in caring for and protecting Mary and Jesus through the years he shared with them in Bethlehem, Egypt and Nazareth. His figure in our Christmas cribs portrays this quiet reassuring presence who lovingly looks down on the infant Jesus, accepting the vocation as father and guardian which God has asked of him.

Pope Francis encourages us to discover in St Joseph an intercessor, a support, and a guide in time of trouble, and reminds us that it is often those who appear hidden or in the shadows who play an incomparable role in God's plan for our salvation. Indeed he makes a comparison between St Joseph and the many wonderful people who have assisted us through the present time of pandemic, remarking that 'our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper or magazine headlines, or in the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history.' We have certainly become very aware through recent times of how much we depend on the 'essential' workers and volunteers in our society and, in recognising in them a reflection of the generous and self-giving qualities of St Joseph the Worker, Pope Francis offers a word of recognition and gratitude to them all. I am sure we echo these sentiments as we hope and pray for the health and well-being of all who continue to suffer in our present situation.

As we ponder with Joseph and Mary, the shepherds and wise-men, the child in the manger, we place our hope in him as Our Lord and Saviour, and renew our desire to serve and love him in the fullest way possible with the help of his grace. He is indeed 'the loving kindness of the heart of our God, who visits us like the dawn from on high' as proclaimed in the lovely prayer of Zechariah, the Benedictus, in St Luke's Gospel.

The Benedictus concludes 'He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide us into the way of peace'. May these words dwell in our hearts as we implore the Lord's blessing on all our loved ones, and indeed the whole of humanity. May the Lord grant us his peace this Christmas.

*Joseph Toal*

✠ Joseph Toal, Bishop of Motherwell.