

**Nativity Play in St Bride's:** The Nativity Play will take place in our church on December 18 after 9:30 am mass. It will be lasting for about 30 minutes. The Nativity play will be having precisely religious meaning. There will be teas and coffees with breakfast afterwards in our parish centre. Our next rehearsal will be this Sunday after Children's Christmas Party in our Church.

**Christmas Party:** The Parish Children's Party will be held on Sunday 11th December at 1.00 pm in our pastoral centre. All children welcome. You don't have to put your child's name on the list. All children are welcome even from your relative's families.

**Please pray for our sick and housebound and for those who care for them:**

Lorraine Tamburrini, Jo Reilly, Graham White, Ellen Kelly, Lily Halleron, Bernadette Coogans, Alexander Warren, Nan Martin, Richard Tamburrini, Chris Cusack, Ann O'Neil, Pat Fullarton, Lorraine O'Donnell, Jack McLaughlin, Mary Hoban, Ann Robb, Rose Drumgold, Cathie Spiers, Joseph Gallagher, Robert Moffat, Elizabeth Graham, Jim McFarlane, Helen Paynter, Dermot Ryan, Debra Smith, Fr Michael O'Leary, Elizabeth Hunter, Patricia Thomson, Alec Cowan, John Kane, Richard O'Donnell, Harry Sheridan, Jim Thornbury, Sheila Torrance, Alice Nimmo, Frank Mellon, Iris Fraser, Lyndsay McMahon, Malcolm Buchanan, Michael McShane, Joe McGhee, May Muir, Laura Cunningham, Olivia Anderson, Mariella Findlay, Margaret McPhail, Daphne Dowie, Maureen Russell, Albert Di Maio, Mark Di Maio, Derek O'Neil, Josephine Smith, Phil Moran, Betty Moran, Mgr Peter Smith, Matthew Craig, John Muldoon, Nan Cassidy, Peter McCormack, Gina Taylor, Nick Ridout, James Harkins, May Black, Maureen Croke, Pat Conroy, Elaine McGregor, Chiv Brown, Rosemary Jackson, Peter Burke, Jane McNamara, Margaret Robertson, Alisson Tipiciano Canchari, John McFadden, Frank Torrance, Christopher Torrance, Mario Coia, Robert McAspurn, Mary McCarney, Colum Maguire, John Dynan, Jim McManus, Pauline Johnston, Allan Dick, Clare Hughes, Eddie O'Hara.

**Anniversaries:** Michael Mc Gee, Frank Armstrong, Helen & Peter Orsi, Jane Anne Lochrin, Joe Simmons, Clive Dowie, Chris Roberts, Charlie McCarthy, Danny McQuade, James McNish, Susan Hoey, Philip Biggins (senior), Malcolm Waddell, John Waddell.

**Recently dead:** Eileen McKenna, Daphne (England), Robert McAspurn, Alasdair Sutherland.

**Birthday mass:** Thomas Paul Flaherty.

**Christmas remembrance:** Frank Brennan, the Brennan & Quinn families, the McKay family, Nancy O'Sullivan,

**Funeral arrangements for Moira Clark:**

Tuesday 7 pm. - The body reception

Wednesday 10 am – Funeral Mass

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

# St Bride's Church

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**Sunday 11th December 2016**



**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**Masses**

Monday - Saturday 10.00am

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am,  
6.00pm.

**Holy Hour**

Thursday 7.00pm

**Confessions**

After Saturday morning and  
Vigil Mass,  
and on request.

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**Feasts this Week:** *Tuesday*, St. Lucy; *Wednesday*, St. John of The Cross.

**Fr Gerry Chromy** Parish Priest of St Leonard's was appointed as Vicar General of the Diocese from Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Fr Chromy will also be the Administrator of Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral Parish. Congratulations and best wishes to Fr Chromy!

#### **Weekday Mass Readers Rota**

Copies of the Readers Rota for the Monday to Friday 10 am Mass from 18 November to 27 December are now displayed on the noticeboards at the back of the church and in the sacristy, and also on the parish website.

**Club 200:** This week's £60 winner is **Jim Toner**. Please collect your prize from the sacristy.

**Care Home:** Mass will be celebrated in Kingsgate Care Home on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2 pm.

**Christmas Lunch 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Many thanks to all our parishioners who helped preparing the lunch. We had fantastic parish family time with lovely concert from the music department of our High School. Our parish is very grateful to Elizabeth McEntaggart who was organising coffee mornings, dinners & lunches for 16 years up to now when she is stepping back. A gift of appreciation from our parish was given to Elizabeth along with flower which are on the side altar.

**Coffee morning:** 10 am mass on Thursdays will be celebrated in the church – no coffee mornings in Pastoral Centre until the end of January.

**Pastoral Planning Team:** If you are interested in joining the group or know person who would be able to join the group please speak to Fr Rafal or Deacon John. The first meeting of the group in January 2017.

**Christmas Gifts:** See note in last week's bulletin for gifts collected each year for St Dominic's Parish in Craigend now working with St Benedicts and St Clares in Easterhouse. There is a need for gifts for the 10-16 years age group although younger children should not be forgotten. The deadline for all parcels is **Sunday 11th December**.

**Legion of Mary:** Preparing for Christmas we invite everyone to take part in the Shelter Seeking Novena in their own homes from the 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December, pick up leaflet from the back of the church.

**Mary's Meals:** A can collection for Mary's Meals will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in East Kilbride's Town Centre. Volunteers would be gratefully appreciated. If able to offer any help please contact Pat McCormick on 243216.

**Annual Crib Appeal:** The boxes are available at the back of our church.

**Keep Christ in Christmas:** The Catholic Men's Society of Great Britain has produced little stickers for Christmas card envelopes with the message 'Keep Christ in Christmas'. Stickers will be available from the stall for free.

**Phoenix Club:** The Ladies Phoenix club meets this Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30 pm. Our guests will be "Harmonise" a husband and wife singing duo. Tea/coffee £2. All welcome.

**Pro-Life Mass:** This month's Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December in Bl. John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals G5 0YT. There will be Adoration at 6pm, followed by Rosary is at 7pm and Mass at 7.30pm, with tea and biscuits afterwards. The celebrant will be Fr Ross Campbell.

An Evening with **David Parkes:** Many thanks to everyone who attended the two events. £1,200 was raised for St Mirin's Cathedral Restoration Fund, Paisley; £580 for St Brides Church, East Kilbride; and £600 to Mary's Meals. A special thanks to David Parkes for making the trip from Medjugorje and giving unforgettable performances.

**St Augustine's Choir** invites for A Celebration of Christmas concert. The date this year is Mon 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 7.30 pm. The venue, as always, is St Augustine's Church, Coatbridge. Tickets costing £4 are available from the church shop, Kairos Cafe, or pay at the door on the night. There is no cost for under 16s.

**Kilbride Hospice:** Christmas services on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 11.15 and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> at 1.15.

**Parish Centre:** Our parish hall has been refurbished now. We now have a full commercial kitchen in our parish centre. We also have a new bar manager (Paul). The bar area was also extended. We look for some people who would like to work as bar staff / waiters at times during functions in our parish hall. The work will be paid, however we can't guarantee permanent work. Contact Fr Rafal, Deacon John or Alfredo if you are interested. Feel free to book our hall for any family or private events.

#### **Advent Penitential services**

Mon 12th 7.00pm St Vincent's

Tues 13th 7.00pm OLOL

Mon 19th 7.00pm St Bride's

Tues 20th 7.00pm St Leonard's

#### **FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**Children's Liturgy:** For the next 4 weeks, Children's Liturgy will focus on Advent and the Christian preparation for the birth of Christ.

**Children's Liturgy Leaders:** Leading Children's Liturgy is a very fulfilling experience. The Leaders conduct prayers, readings and activities especially for Primary School children over the first 20-25 minutes of the Sunday Mass at 9:30am, which mirrors the adult Mass at that time. The children return to Mass at the Offertory. Over the last 12 months, five of our Leaders have stepped down due to a variety of personal circumstances, which leaves us with only eight leaders. This makes it difficult to cope, because the Leaders have other commitments which means they are not able to come each week. We also want to offer sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion in January and February 2017, but even with the assistance of High School students in these activities, it will be difficult to continue to deliver Children's Liturgy as we do at present, unless more leaders come forward. With more leaders, we can operate a rota system, so it is not a commitment for every Sunday. Speak to Father Rafal, Deacon John or one of the Leaders if you want more information.

**St Andrew's and St Bride's High School:** 8.20am Mass will be celebrated in the school oratory on Monday and Friday by Fr Rafal and on Wednesday by Fr Boyle. All welcome.