

Many thanks go to Paul Ellis who made a beautiful job fully restoring all statues for the crib. We kindly ask you (children) not to throw coins onto statues.

Fr Rafal and Deacon John wish each and every one of you a Happy and Holy Christmas with your families and friends around you. May you all be deeply blessed. We particularly think at this time of those who have lost a loved one this year and extend our warmest wishes to them. We thank you for all your gifts and cards at this time of year which have been gratefully received.

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, Deborah 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, Mary McCarney, Colum Maguire, John Dynan, Jim McManus, Pauline Johnston, Allan Dick, Clare Hughes, Eddie O'Hara, Margaret Robertson, Eileen Mullan, Patricia White, Elizabeth Nicol.

Anniversaries: Ann Spicer, John McCole, Mathew Lorimer, William Patrick, Patrick Ellen, Jim McBride, Rena Jennings, Catherine Crews, William Magill, Cathie Pett, Alfonso Faccenda.

Months Mind: Barry Spicer, Mario & Catherine Tamburrini, John Crews.

Recently Dead: Seamus Simpson (Hamilton), Winnie Carragher (Glasgow), Elizabeth Clark (Bailieston), Alexander Warren, George Ness (England).

Christmas Remembrance: John (Snowie) McShane, Mary (Hamie) McShane, John Brady, Isabella Brady, Bobby Brady, Kenny Dickson, John & Nan Wright, Charlie Mitchell, Sam Lynas, Luigi Capocci, Alberto & Luisa Faccenda, Don Smeaton, George MacLellan, Clare Fox, Dominic Saroli, Jim Graham, Margaret & William Graham, William Graham Jnr., Robert & Isabella Kinghorn.

Funeral Arrangements:

John Muldoon, Requiem Mass Friday 6th January.

Charles Gallagher, Requiem Mass to be arranged

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

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25th December 2016



Christmas Day

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: *Monday*, St. Stephen; *Tuesday*, St John; *Wednesday*, The Holy Innocents; *Friday*, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Liturgies this week: On Monday 26th December our morning mass will be celebrated at 11 .00am.

Readers' Rota for 9.30am Mass: Copies of the new rota which runs from 15th January can be collected from the notice board at the back of the church.

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

Care Home: Mass will be celebrated in Acorn Park Care Home on Wednesday 28th December at 2.30 pm.

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 is in January 2017.

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

Gift Aid Form: Last week we were asking for new people signed for Covenant Scheme. Explanations are available at the back of our church.

St. Bride's Open Meeting: Last September we had an open meeting in our church to advise on all the works in our parish, especially on church works. Minutes from that meeting are now available on our website, on twitter and at the back of the church.

Mass for The Holy Innocents: You can join us for our annual Holy Innocents Mass on Wednesday 28th December 2016 in St. Patrick's Coatbridge at 10.00 am.

Sunday 1st January is the World Day of Prayer for Peace.

Please pray for **Fr. Jim Naughton**, the priest of our diocese, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated in Carluke on Wednesday 28th December.

Bishop Toal's Christmas Message 2016

Each Christmas renews within us this virtue of hope and reading again the beautiful passages written by the prophets and evangelists we are once more inspired to keep going in the way of faith, hope and charity because God is truly with us and protects us and carries us along each moment of life's journey. I wish you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas and a hope-filled journey through 2017. + Joseph Toal, Bishop of Motherwell.

The whole text of bishop's message along with his podcast can be found on the Diocesan website www.rcdom.org.uk

Christmas Parcels: An enormous amount of Christmas presents was successfully delivered to East Glasgow Womens Aid. Their offices are in community accommodation which is based in the converted St. Benedicts Church in Easterhouse. The Womens Aid team was extremely emotional when they saw the amount of gifts and the presentation/packaging which was of a very high standard. One of the women was in tears and wished to convey to the Parish the strongest words of thanks for their generosity.

FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Children's Liturgy: 9:30am Mass on Christmas Day will be a Family Mass with Young Readers. Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 15 January in the Parish Centre

St Hilary's Primary raised £450 for the Kilbryde Hospice through the Advent Appeal.

St. Kenneth's & St. Hilary's: Over the period of Advent, St Hilary's Primary and Nursery School have been actively involved with Loaves and Fishes, a local food bank charity. Through their work in the Pope Francis faith Award, primary 7 pupils have continued to develop their leadership role and promoted the food bank among all the pupils in the school.. St. Kenneth's Primary showed the same generosity at this time of the year when all the students prepared many food parcels which were happily distributed by the SVDP from our parish.

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.

Nativity Play in St Bride's: The Nativity Play was wonderful with many parishioners and families enjoying this. Many thanks to Lucy and Marek and all who supported this venture especially the children who worked so hard in remembering their lines! Well done all.

Christmas Crib: Our thanks are due once again to the family within the parish who have provided the tree for our church and also to Joseph Gallagher for his time and work in erecting both the tree and the crib.