

welcoming the children back to our preparation programme starting this week.

**St Andrew's and St Bride's High School:** Fr Rafal will celebrate Mass in the school oratory at 8.20am on Monday and Friday this week. All welcome.

**St. Hilary's Primary** School are holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 3rd December from 11am-2pm. All welcome.

**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.

**Christmas Party:** The Parish Children's Party will be held on Sunday 11th December.

**An evening with David Parkes:** Many thanks to performers and parishioners who came to our church for that prayer evening. Particular thanks go to our parishioner Matthew Lynch for his help.

**200th Anniversary of St Andrew's Metropolitan Cathedral, Glasgow:**

Archbishop Philip Tartaglia will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on the Solemnity of St Andrew, 30th November at 1.00pm. All welcome.

**Baptism congratulations** to 1. Aidan James McCready who will be baptised this Sunday at 1 pm and to his parents Claire and Neil. 2. Noemi Mikurdova who will be baptised during 9.30am Mass and her parents Lucy and Marek.

**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, Andrea Waddell, Ken Mathieson, Pauline Johnston, Allan Dick, Clare Hughes.

**Anniversaries:** Antonio Divito, Florence Morrison, Jim McGarry.

**Recently dead:** Riet Classom (Netherlands), Agnes Blake, Agnes Flannery, Mairi McIntyre.

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**Sunday 27th November 2016**



## *I 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:** *Wednesday*, St. Andrew; *Saturday*, St. Francis Xavier.

### **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.

**Religious Freedom in the world 2016:** An evening prayer and information event will take place in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Mass will be celebrated at 7 pm by Bishop Joseph Toal followed by talks in the Cathedral. RSVP by 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to tel. 01698 337470 or lorrainemcmahon@acnuk.org

**Christmas Memorial Service:** The staff of South Lanarkshire Crematorium invites you to their Christmas Service on Sunday 4 December 2016 at 2pm at SLC Sydes Brae, Blantyre G72 0TL.

**Club 200:** This week's £60 winner is Frances McLaughlin. Please collect your prize from the sacristy. We will be offering more people the chance to sign up to Club 200 this weekend. You can pay contributions by standing order (£5 per month) or by cash or cheque. The cash or cheque amounts are £20 for 4 months and £50 for 10 months. These periods are designed so that cash and cheque renewals will occur at the same time as people who signed up in September. We already have almost 200 members but we are not limited to 200 people. The prize fund will adjust to reflect the size of membership. 70 % of all contributions go to parish renovation fund to help paying for renovation works.

**Christmas Lunch 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Anyone who has still to pay or give menu choice please do so at Thursday coffee morning. Numbers have to be given to caterer. Many thanks to the person who donated £200 to enhance the Christmas lunch.

**Pastoral Planning Team:** For many years we had Pastoral Planning Team in our parish. We are going to establish that parish group again. We are looking and invite people from our parish who have experience in pastoral planning in the past, who are involved in parish groups at present, who know our parish well and who are practicing Catholics. The group is going to plan and coordinate pastoral work in St Bride's. We want to respond well to pastoral needs of our parish. 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.

**Heating in the church** - the recent spell of cold weather has highlighted some of the problems we have in heating the church. The renovation work has eliminated some of the drafts we had before. But one of the heaters on the right hand side of the church is not working and has proved difficult to fix. The gas heaters only heat the areas directly around them and the side chapel and sanctuary have no direct heat. We are exploring ways to boost the heating. There are more heaters in the half of the church towards the back and that area appears to be warmer. Please bear with us.

**Mini crane:** We expect there will be a small crane on site on Monday 28 (depending on wind conditions) to repair one of the hoppers on the outside altar wall and to put bird protection spikes above the piazza entrance. The crane should arrive at 8:30am at the Platthorn Drive entrance and will be in the piazza later in the day. Please use the entry that avoids where work is being conducted.

**Parish Together Committee:** There is a meeting of the committee after 10 o'clock Mass Tuesday 29th November in the Parish Library. All welcome.

**Christmas Gifts:** Word has been received from both Fr O' Brien from St Dominic's Craigend and from Fr Ness from St Benedict's and St Clare's the neighboring parish of St Dominic's (Northern Deanery) in thanking the parishioners from both St Brides and Our Lady of Lourdes in East Kilbride for their generosity in the giving of Christmas gifts for children in their parishes over many years. They have agreed to join together in distributing these gifts working also with the Greater Easterhouse Women's Aid who have a social outreach to women and families throughout North East Glasgow. They have asked this year if more gifts can be given for the children in the 10-16 years age group and are hoping that they can be delivered to them at an earlier date in time for Christmas Day. These gifts can be left on the Sanctuary. Thank you for your ongoing generosity at this time of year.

**St. Andrew's Day:** There will be 10 am mass on feast day in our church with students from our high school.

**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 or can support us.

**Confirmation preparation:** We are very grateful to the six students from S5 at the High School who have come forward to help with Confirmation Preparation over the 4 weeks of Advent, starting this Sunday. We had very strong support from Confirmandi and their parents at the Enrolment Mass last Sunday and we look forward to