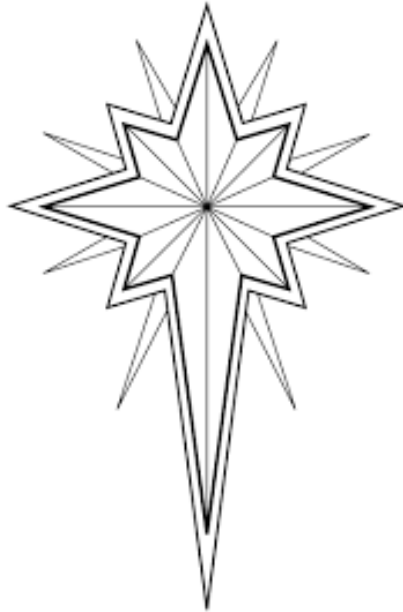


ST BRIDE'S CHURCH

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday 3rd January 2016



Masses

Monday - Friday 10.00am
Saturday 6.00pm Vigil
Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am,
6.00pm

Confessions

After Vigil Mass (in the Oratory),
during the **Thursday Evening Holy Hour**
(from 7pm until 8pm in the Hall),
and on request

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This Sunday we celebrate The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord: *The Gospel narrative and the text of Isaiah together shape our traditional crib scene of kings, camels and lavish gifts. But the feast celebrates revelation itself. The Wise Men's search, guided by the light of reason, takes them only so far. Only an encounter with Scripture – divine revelation – can perfect it, and lead them to find and worship the divine child. Our human capacities need to be enlightened by divine revelation to lead us to God and to Christ, the light which enlightens all of life.*

There will be a **Special Collection** at all Sunday Masses for **Justice and Peace**, and a letter will be read at all Masses.

Year of Mercy: Bishop Toal formally opened the Jubilee 'Door of Mercy' at Carfin on Friday January 1st.

He encourages us to sing the 'Lord have mercy' or 'Kyrie Eleison' at all the Masses during the Year of Mercy.

Children's Liturgy: This Sunday we have our Family Mass with Young Readers. The Children's Liturgy programme will restart on 10th January, including The Big Hug programme which will run for from 10th January for 4 weeks as part of Children's Liturgy for the children preparing for their First Confession.

Our Christmas crib Appeal: Donations to St. Margaret's Children Society may be made through the collection box at the crib, or using the collection boxes at home. Please support the Society in their work with vulnerable children in our society.

Care Homes: Mass will be celebrated at 2pm in Cathkin on Monday 4th January.

St Andrew's & St Bride's High School: Mass will be celebrated by Fr Rafal in the Oratory at 8.20am on Fri 8th Jan.

Baptism Congratulations for this Sunday to Lauren Olivia Prior and her parents Lea-Ann and Kevin.

Special collections throughout 2016:

3 Jan: Justice and Peace
 7 Feb: Scottish Catholic Education Service
 6 Mar: Papal and Episcopal Charities, incl SCIAF
 25 Mar: (Good Friday) The Holy Places
 17 Apr: Ecclesiastical Students' Fund
 8 May: Apostolate of Communications
 31 May: Apostolate of Life
 26 Jun: Peter's Pence
 16 Oct: Propagation of the Faith
 Deanery Mission Appeal at a date to be confirmed

Holidays of Obligation 2016

Thursday 5 May: Ascension
 Wednesday 29 June: Ss Peter and Paul
 Tuesday 1 November: All Saints

Other Important Dates

17 February: Ash Wednesday
 25 March: Good Friday
 27 March: Easter Sunday
 22 May: Trinity Sunday
 29 May: Corpus Christi
 15 August: Assumption of the BVM
 3 September: National Pilgrimage to Carfin

PRIMARY SCHOOLS: INFANT ENROLMENT FOR AUGUST 2016

For children who become 5 years of age between 1st March 2016 and the end of February 2017, registration will take place as follows:

ST HILARY'S

- Monday 11th January 9.00-10.30 and 2.00- 3.30
- Wednesday 13th January 9.00-10.30 and 2.00- 3.30
- Thursday 14th January 2.00-3.30

ST KENNETH'S

- Tuesday 12th January between 2pm and 4pm
- Wednesday 13th January between 9.30am and 11.30am
- Wednesday 13th January between 2pm and 4pm

(Applications for St Kenneth's Nursery Class can also be completed at the above times or phone to make an appointment.)

Only a parent or legal guardian may enrol a child and the following documents must be shown on the day: each child's full birth certificate, 2 pieces of official documentation showing proof of residency (e.g. bank statement, utility bill, council tax statement etc) and certificate of baptism if appropriate.

St Kenneth's Primary School is holding an Open

Afternoon on Thursday 7th January 2016 from 2pm to 5pm for parents interested in finding out about the school. Please drop in between these times when you can see around the school and where a member of staff will be available to answer questions you may have about your child starting school. Should you have any enquires please telephone the school office on 01355 224741.

St Aloysius' College Open Day in Kindergarten and Junior School for prospective parents and families on Thursday 14th January 2016. **Fernhill School** Open Event Thursday 14th January 2016 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

"St Bride's Parish and People": Over £400 has been raised so far for the Renovation Fund from sales of this little souvenir booklet, and copies have travelled as far afield as Shetland, England and even New Zealand. Buy yours from the stall, suggested donation £2.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 1st – 8th July 2016: (Organised by Mgr Millar) - Brochures and booking forms are now available. Please speak to Fr Rafal or Deacon John if interested.

Divine Mercy and St. John Paul II Pilgrimage to Poland 20th-27th September 2016, Led by Fr Krzysztof Garwolinski: By Air from Glasgow to Krakow, departing St. Patrick's, Wishaw. Half board or Bed and breakfast available from only £655 For more info call 01698 351921 or e-mail: stpatrickshieldmuir@gmail.com

St Bride's Parish Review of 2015

After nearly 5 years serving our parish, Fr Ness was transferred by Bishop Toal to St Benedict's and St Clare's in Easterhouse. In June, Fr Bill Bergin was appointed Administrator to the parish, and he arrived with us at the end of July. Sadly Fr Bergin became ill in October and during his convalescence we have been ably served by Fr Rafal Sobieszuk from St Joseph's in Blantyre.

We have been most grateful for support throughout the year from Bishop Joseph Toal and the priests who have celebrated our daily and Sunday Masses including Fr Jim Grant, Fr Andrew Clark, the Xaverian Fathers, the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers), Fr John Clark of the Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers), Fr Eugenio Montesi, Fr Frank Dougan, Monsignor Thomas O'Hare, Fr Patrick Hennessey, Fr Gerard Chromy, Fr Stanislaw Pamula, Fr Benedict Mayindwe and especially Fr Liam O'Connor for his support throughout the month of June and Fr Desmond Keenan who led our Lenten retreat. January saw the resignation due to ill-health of housekeeper Ann Marie O'Donnell, and the appointment of Lucy Mikurdova to this post. With great sadness we learned in November of Ann Marie's death. We also mourned the loss this year of a number of our longest-serving parishioners.

Special Parish Liturgies included a Baptism Mass on 25th January 2015 (for families of all children baptised in the parish in 2014); a Harvest Thanksgiving Mass on 27th September; and the Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners 25th November.

In January training was provided for the Readers' Ministry by Fr Stephen Reilly and his pastoral team.

We launched our subsite www.sbek.org/building to track the progress of the renovations, and our Twitter account @StBrideEK.

In February we congratulated Fr Bill Nolan on his ordination as Bishop of Galloway; and Fr Stuart Parkes on his appointment as parish priest to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Morning Mass was celebrated at 7am in the Church each weekday throughout Lent and at 8.20am in the school.

On Palm Sunday the Parish Library for Children was launched and has proved popular with our young parishioners.

At the Easter Vigil we began using our new Book of the Gospels with its ornate silver cover – both gifted by parishioners; and Tom Walton was received into full membership of the Church

Deacon John and Rosaline walked part of the *Camino* to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, and attended a retreat for Deacons and wives in Salamanca. In October, Deacon John was appointed by Bishop Toal to assist in the Chaplaincy Service at Hairmyres.

Our Children and Young People

The Children's Liturgy programme was expanded and now runs throughout the school year, including Sacramental Preparation for pupils from St Kenneth's and St Hilary's primaries. Once again parishioners acted as prayer partners for the children in their sacramental preparation. The Legion of Mary visited families whose children had registered with the parish for First Communion. A monthly Family Mass at 9.30 on Sundays is now led by the young people. The Children's Christmas Party on Gaudete Sunday was a resounding success! Pupils from both St Kenneth's and St Hilary's P6 enrolled in the "Pope Francis Faith Award" programme, and High School students from the Caritas group supported parish social and spiritual events throughout the year. Retreats for S2 students throughout February were supported by Fr Ness and Deacon John

Parish Life

The Thursday "Coffee Morning Mass", the Christmas lunch for 120 in the Hall, and the buffet lunch in May continue to be central features of the parish social life. The holiday group enjoyed trips to the Lake District and Derbyshire, and The Third World Group ran two successful fundraising quiz nights in the hall – but with great sadness we mourned the death of quizmaster Brian Carson in November.

Our Church building

With the help of our newly-formed Fabric Committee and Parish Together Committee, our focus was on planning and fundraising for the renovations scheduled to take place in 2016. In July, we celebrated reaching our first fundraising target of £102,000 – the "third party contribution" necessary to allow us to receive a £1m grant from Viridor Credits. Fundraising events included a "Sportsman's Dinner" and a "Basket Tea". Parish Meetings and regular printed updates kept parishioners informed about the Renovation project, and throughout the year visits from architects and students reminded us of the international significance of our building. Work started on the kitchen extension to hall, and in the church we completed a programme of "minor works" including installation of new external doors; upgrading of toilet facilities; installation of a wheelchair ramp; relocation of the piety stall; and removal of the glass screens and installation of new pews in the side chapel.

The Wider Community

Monthly Masses were celebrated at Cathkin, Kingsgate, McKillop Gardens and Acorn Park Homes, with the support of the Legion of Mary.

We continued to support the Food Bank in co-operation with Calderwood Baptist Church and East Kilbride Community Food Bank.

As well as a number of Special Collections we also supported charitable appeals for St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society; the Ebola Crisis Appeal; SCIAF – (Nepal Appeal £2,254.27 and Wee Box collection which with Government Match Funding doubled up to £12,948.02); Mary's Meals; Ross and little Kaitlyn Mullen's fundraiser for a Ghana High School; the Comboni Fathers; and Macmillan Cancer Care; and we also contributed to our Third World Group; hosted a Martin Aelred concert in aid of *Let the Children Live*, and generously provided Christmas Gifts for underprivileged children in Easterhouse.

We joined with our Christian neighbours in participating in the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, hosted here in St Bride's; The World Day of Prayer in the West Kirk; and The Ecumenical Lenten talks, also hosted at St Bride's this year. Deacon John continues to liaise with other faith groups in the town, including the East Kilbride Church Leaders Group and "Christians against Poverty".

**THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL CLOSE FOR RENOVATION
DURING THE WEEK COMMENCING 3RD JANUARY, UNTIL FUTHER NOTICE.**

(10am Mass Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th will be in the Church.
Weekday Masses thereafter will be in the Parish Centre.)

Following the closure arrangements for services are as follows:

Saturday Vigil (6.00pm) and Sunday Morning (9.30am and 11.30am) Masses:

In the main hall of St Andrew's and St Bride's High School. Entrance is through the main doors.
The school car park will be available when these masses are being held in the school.

Sunday Evening Mass (6.00pm)

In the Parish Centre. The school car park is not available for this mass.

Monday- Friday Masses (10.00am)

In the Parish Centre. If there are any changes to weekday mass times they will be announced in the bulletin as they arise. The school car park is not available during the week.

Parking restrictions continue to be in force on Plathorn Drive between 8.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday.

Saturday Morning Mass:

Please note that the Parish Centre is not available for use on Saturday mornings due to prior longstanding bookings.
Therefore there will be no Saturday morning mass.

Confessions will be heard after the Vigil Mass, using the oratory in the High School, and during Thursday Holy Hour in the Parish Centre (from 7.00pm – 8.00pm).

- **Volunteers are needed** after Mass on Tuesday 5th January and Wednesday 6th January to help take down and store statues, stations, altar cloths etc, and on weekday mornings thereafter to help set up the Parish Centre.
- **The Rosary group** will use the Library after weekday Masses, as the Hall is often in use by hirers.

The Western Catholic Calendar is now on sale at the back of the Church. **Comboni Fathers Calendars** are on sale by the noticeboard (£1) - donations welcome. **Used stamps:** Please continue to bring your used stamps to the box at the back of the church to be sent to St Patrick's Missionary Society (Kiltegan Fathers).

St Leonard's Parish: Our commiserations to our neighbouring parish which suffered roof damage and flooding in this week's storm. We will keep them in our prayers.

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

Canon Ryan, Fr Bergin, Lorraine Tamburrini, Jo Reilly, Graham White, Ellen Kelly, Ellen Welsh, Betty Weir, Bernadette Coogans, Margaret Donachy, Helen Paynter, Dan Hughes, May Mulheron, Eileen Biggins, Lily Halleron, Chris Cusack, Marjory Hughes, Liz Knight, Thomas Drumgold, Richard O'Donnell, Brendan McGhee, Margaret Wood, Kathy Marzella, Lisa Hewkins, Pat Fullarton, Nan Martin, Aaron McPhee, Anne Robb, Margaret McGovan, Margaret Corr, Dennis Waddell, Euan McDonald, Jack McLaughlin, Jim Paisley, Catherine MacFadzean, Margaret Peden, Mhairi Gargica, Frances Taylor, Lorraine O'Donnell, Findlay Copland, Robert Moffat, Billy Ritchie, Fr. Michael O'Leary, Ann Boyd, Ethan Ward, Rose Drumgold, Stephen Carr, Eddie Goldie, Richard Tamburrini, Pat McElroy, Patricia Kelly, Cecille Stokes, Paul Ferry, David Dynan, Margaret McLaren, Margaret Rose McMahon, The Stewart Family, Elaine Dodds, Tracy Park, Patrick Hardie, Chris Maguire, Frank McMahon, Lorraine McDonald, Olivia Walsh, Patricia Thomson, Margaret Goodwin, Andrea Waddell, Joseph Gallagher, Ian O'Prey, Liam Toner, Molly Lorentzen, Bernadette Coll, John Connor, Olivia Anderson, Iain Norrie, Stewart Hannah, Maureen Hughes, Jane Thirwell, Catherine Ramsay, Betty Murphy, Michael McShane, Hannah Henry, Margaret Shields, Sheila Torrance, Cathy Spiers, Christopher Brown, James McCabe, Elizabeth Hunter, Anne Holmes, Julia Jakusz, Mary Hoban, Mary Conway, Esther McMahon and Robert Williamson

Recently dead: Bridget Coyne (Castlemilk), Agnes Duffy (Uddingston), Rene Hewitt, Jimmy Cairns

Anniversaries: Frank Milligan, Alfonso Faccenda, John Degnan, Margaret South, Gerard Dillon, Sean Dillon, John McCole, James & Margaret Quinn, James Quinn jnr, Campbell McAdam, Cathie Glendinning, Catherine Crews, Ellen Moran, Isa Daly.

1st Anniversary: Cathie Blake, Frank Hammond

Months Mind: John Crews

New Year's Mass Remembrance: Deceased members of the Brennan and Quinn families, Lorenzo DiVito, Antonio DiVito, Duncan Muldoon, Kathleen Muldoon, Mary Duffy, Isa Hornby, Tommy Degnan, Peggy Dunn

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