

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

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 Parkes. All welcome.

Nativity Play in St Bride's: The Nativity Play will take place in our church on December 18th after 9.30 am mass and will last for about 30 minutes. There will be teas and coffees with breakfast afterwards in our parish centre. Our next rehearsal this Sunday at 3.00pm in Pastoral Centre.

Christmas Party: The Parish Children's Party will be held on Sunday 11th December. All children welcome. There is no list for this.. 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, Mary McCarney, Colum Maguire, John Dynan, Jim McManus, Andrea Waddell, Ken Mathieson, Pauline Johnston, Allan Dick, Clare Hughes.

Anniversaries: Geraldine Dolan, Paul Gallagher, Mairi McIntyre, Dominic Butler, Nancy Corrigan, Barbara Hepburn, Hugh Bradshaw.

Recently dead: Jeanette McIlwaine (Ireland), Mick Markey (Glasgow).

Birthday mass: Antonio Devito.

1st Anniversary: Margaret Gill (4th Dec).

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

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Sunday 4th December 2016



2nd 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. Ambrose; *Thursday*, Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary.

Fr Gerry Chromy Parish Priest of St Leonard's was appointed as Vicar General of the Diocese from Tuesday January 10th. Fr Chromy will also be the Administrator of Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral Parish. Fr Dominic Quinn will succeed Fr Chromy as Parish Priest of St Leonard's from January 10th and Fr Frank King will become Parish Priest of St Peter's, Hamilton, also from January 10th.

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.

Advent Penitential services

Mon 12 th 7.00pm St Vincent's	Tues 13 th 7.00 m OLOL
Mon 19 th 7.00pm St Bride's	Tues 20 th 7.00pm St Leonard's

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 winner is **Clare McNeill**. Please collect your prize from the sacristy.

Care Home: Mass will be celebrated in Cathkin Care Home on Mon 5th December at 2.00 pm.

Christmas Lunch 8th December: Please be seated by one o'clock. Raffle prizes would be appreciated. Lunch will be followed by a concert from the music department of St Andrew's & St. Bride's High School.

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: For many years we had a Pastoral Planning Team in our parish. We wish to establish that parish group again. We invite people from our parish who may have had experience in pastoral planning in the past, who may be involved in parish groups at present, and who know our parish well. The group will plan and coordinate pastoral work responding to the needs of our parish. If you are interested in joining the group or know anyone who would be able to join the group please speak to Fr Rafal or Deacon John.

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 18th December**.

Legion of Mary: Preparing for Christmas we invite everyone to take part in the Shelter Seeking Novena in their own homes from the 16th to 24th December, pick up leaflet from the back of the church. The Re-consecration of the Parish to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary** will be on Tuesday 8th December, 2016 at 10am Mass with Rosary at 9.30am.

Mary's Meals: A collection for Mary's Meals will take place on Saturday 17th 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.

An evening with David Parkes: £580 was raised for our parish through fundraising

Special Collections: The second collection on every 1st Sunday in the month will go towards the parish renovation fund. The first one will be on Sunday 1st January 2017.

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 £1.50p per 100.

Scottish Catholic Education Service: The Parent Involvement Working Group of the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) are organising an event for all interested Catholic parents with children currently at school. This Gathering for Catholic Parents will take place on **Saturday 21st January** between **10am and 12pm in St. Francis Xavier Church Hall**, Taylor Avenue, **Carfin**. During this event parents will have the chance to talk to each other about the matters which are important to them regarding Catholic education and to discuss ways in which they can contribute to the Mission of their child's Catholic school. Places for this event are free, but booking is essential. For further information and to book a place please contact SCES on 0141 5564727.

All Night Vigil: St Gerard's & Sacred Heart Parishes, Bellshill invite you to join them for an Advent All-Night Vigil on Friday 9th & Saturday 10th December 2016, 8.00pm to 8.00am, in St Gerard's Church, Fleming Road, Bellshill, ML4 1NF. The Vigil will include a full schedule of both communal and private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

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

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.