

Over the past number of decades, on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their homes to St Peters Square where they are blessed by the Pope. This year we will celebrate 'Bambinelli Sunday' at our 9.30am Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent (December 15th). All children and families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to be blessed. Families can make their own 'Bambinelli' if they wish.

**Donations to the Children of the East End of Glasgow is now upon us.** Anyone wishing to donate presents should leave them in the Church by **16 December**. It is important that presents are left unwrapped as they need to be identified for age and sex. It is a wide range of ages up to 16 years.

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

The Diocesan Office has advised parishes that with the introduction of new Data Protection laws on 25 May 2018 it is no longer permissible to publish the names of the sick on the online version of parish bulletins. It is still permissible to do so on the print version.

**First Anniversary:** Jack McLaughlin

**Anniversaries:** John Timmons (29 November), Paul Gallacher, Elizabeth Burns (5 December), Julie Roulston (22 November)

**Recently Dead:** Patricia Cornes, Jimmy Corbett, Sister Mary Dooley (Oxford), Frank Brannan, Henry Magill,

Funeral arrangements for **R.I.P. Mary Maphin:**

Tuesday 10 December 6.30pm – Vigil in St. Bride's Church

Wednesday 11 December 10am – Requiem Mass

Wednesday 11 December 11am – Burial in Philipshill Cemetery

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



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**1 December 2019**

**First Sunday of Advent Year A**



### **Masses**

Monday - Saturday 10am

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am and  
6.00pm

### **Holy Hour**

Thursday evenings 7pm to 8pm

### **Confessions**

After Saturday morning Mass,  
Vigil Mass, Holy Hour, and on  
request

**Feast Day:** 3 December, *St Francis Xavier*, Saturday 7 December, *St Ambrose*.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** On Monday 9th December, there will be a solemn concelebrated Mass for the Feast, with Sacrament of the Sick, celebrated in the Church of St Francis Xavier, Carfin, at 1.00 pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Xavier Centre.

**Collections:** The collection on **24 November** raised **£1,487.20** of which **£530.05** was gift-aided.

**Club 200:** This week's £60 winner is **Peter Connoly**. Please collect your cheque from the Sacristy.

**Rehearsals for the Christmas Choir** begin this Sunday after 6.00 pm Mass.

**Motherwell Diocesan Choir** – A Christmas Blessing. See the poster at the back of the church providing details of the performances of A Christmas Blessing – the Christmas Story in Words and Carol, being given by the Diocesan Choir in four parish churches during December 2019.

**The Sunday Cafe** will be on this Sunday after 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

The list for the **Parish Christmas Lunch** is now closed. Please pay all monies by Thursday, 28 November and ensure you have made your food choices. The lunch takes place on Thursday 5 December at 1.00 pm. There will be a raffle and donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated.

The **Thursday Coffee Morning** will now have a break until January. A very big 'thank you' to all our organisers and helpers and to all those who come along each Thursday.

**The Parish Lunch** takes place this Thursday, 5 December. We are looking forward to over 100 people joining us for what has now become a St Brides tradition. Lunch will be served at 1.00 pm. Please be seated before this time. There will be entertainment from the pupils of St Andrews and St Brides High School. There will also be a raffle. A big thank you to our anonymous donor who has made a very generous donation towards the Christmas Lunch.

**Cathkin Care Home:** Mass will be celebrated on Monday 2 December at 2pm.

We have installed the new sings inside of our church. They make our church more **dementia friendly**.

### **Advent Penitential Services:**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10:30am – 5.30pm – St Bride's Church, East Kilbride

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7pm – Our Lady of Lourdes Church, East Kilbride

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10:30am – 5.30pm – St Columbkille Church, Rutherglen

**St Hilary's Christmas Fair** is being held on Saturday 7 December between 11.00am and 1.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the festivities.

**The Diocesan Music Group Carol Concert in aid of HCPT** will be held in St Joseph's Church, Blantyre. G72 9DA on **Monday 9th December at 7:00pm**. Entry is free, but donations welcome on the night. For tickets or more information please contact Patricia McClafferty on 01355 234763.

**Mass for Deceased Clergy:** This year's Mass for Deceased Clergy will take place in Motherwell Cathedral on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. This year we remember Bishop Joseph Devine, Canon Andrew Reen, Canon John B. Healy and Fr Brendan Smith, who died during this year. We also remember the anniversary of Bishop Francis Thomson, who died on 6<sup>th</sup> December 1987.

**Keep Christ in Christmas:** Christmas Cards and Stickers for envelopes are now available – £2.00 per 100. All proceeds from the sale of stickers go towards the charity 'Let the Children Live' which supports the Street Children of Colombia.

**Children's Liturgy:** Starting on Sunday 1 December at 9:30 Children's Liturgy will begin a special 4 week Advent Programme leading up to Christmas.

**Baptismal congratulations** to Maria and Michael Cusack whose son Ryan Garry was baptised in our church on St Andrew's Day.

**Baptismal Course:** for all Parents and Godparents who are preparing for Baptism, and for those who wish their child to be Baptised. The meeting will be held in the Parish Library on Thursday 12 December 6.30 to 7.30pm.

During the winter season please keep all the **doors in our church** closed, especially before and after each mass. Thank you.

**Poland 2020:** our trip/pilgrimage to Krakow (Poland) and Lviv (Ukraine) will take place between 27 May and 3 June 2020. The total cost is £600/700. Our next meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm; a deposit of £200 will be required from those who wish to come with us.