

***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.

***Birthday Mass*** for Josie McDonald aged 90.

The ***Months Mind Mass for Fr John Doherty*** will take place in St Bartholomew's Church, Coatbridge on Thursday 9 January at 7.00 pm.

***Anniversaries:*** John M Muldoon (22 December), Catherine Crews (25 December), Clare Fox, Alfonso and Anna Faccenda, Cathy Pett, Jane Anne Lochrin, John McCole, Margaret & Robert Purdie.

***Month's Mind:*** John Crews (26 December).

***Recently Dead:*** Dennis Maxwell, Helen Fitzpatrick, Don Macpherson, Charlie McAdden (Toryglen), John McGinley (Corby), Shirley McQuillan, Frances Cunningham, Cathy Kelly,

***Christmas Remembrance:*** Patricia Burns, Bonnie McMenamin, Lorenzo and Antonio De Vito, Mon Canon Peter Smith, William Campbell, Leanne Wilkie, George MacLellan, John and Nan Wright, Charlie Mitchell, deceased members of the McKay Family, the Davidson, McDonald, and Bonner Families, Saroli Family, and Mitchell Family, Jim Graham, William Graham, Margaret Graham, William Graham jnr., Isabella Kinghorn, Robert Kinghorn,

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



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***22 December 2019***

***Fourth 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 Days:** Wednesday, 25 December, *The Nativity of the Lord*, Thursday 26 December, *St Stephen*, Friday 27 December, *St John*, Saturday 28 December, *The Holy Innocents*.

**Christmas Masses in St Bride's Church are as follows:** **Christmas Vigil** - Tuesday 24 December: **Carol Service** at 8.30pm followed by **Christmas Vigil Mass** at 9.00pm. **Christmas Day Masses** are 9.30am and 11.30am.

**Home Visits:** Around Christmas Fr Rafal will be visiting the sick and housebound of the Parish who may wish to receive a blessing, the Sacrament of Communion, Reconciliation, or the Sacrament of the Sick. Anyone wishing a home visit is asked to speak to either Fr Rafal or Deacon Michael.

**This year's Mass for the Holy Innocents** will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church, Coatbridge on 28 December at 10.00am.

**Collections:** The collection on **15 December** raised **£1,600.01** of which **£525.20** was gift-aided.

**This Year All Monies from The Crib Collection** will be donated to the St Margaret Children and Family Care Society.

**Club 200:** This week's £60 winner is **Ellen Trainer**. Please collect your cheque.

**Rehearsals for the Christmas Choir** take place after 6.00 pm Sunday Mass.

**Motherwell Diocesan Choir - A Christmas Blessing** is being performed by the Diocesan Choir in four Parish Churches during December 2019. Please see the poster at the back of the Church.

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

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

Fr Rafal wishes each and every parishioner a very Happy and Holy Christmas. Thank you for all your gifts and cards, which have been gratefully received. We particularly pray at this time for those who have lost their loved ones. May Christ be with you during all your Christmas celebrations! "I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the light of life." - John 8:12

A new selection of **religious books and booklets** is available at the back of the Church. Prices are marked on each booklet.

*Please see the Donations from the Breakfast Café. Thank you all for your generosity: SSDP: £130, Third World: £120, and Parish Fund: £110*

**Third World Group.** The Statement of Accounts for the year September 2018/19 is displayed on the notice board at the back of the Church. A total of £4,862.87 was raised. An account of projects in Mutare, Zimbabwe that members of the Parish helped to fund has been sent by Sr Eunice FMSA

Thank you to all who donated presents for the *children of the East End of Glasgow*. These were delivered last Monday.

**Bishop Toal's Christmas Message:** Pope Francis wrote a lovely letter recently to us all from the Shrine of the Nativity at Greccio, the site of the First Christmas Crib set up by St Francis of Assisi in December 1223. He concluded his reflections on the beauty of the Christmas Crib as follows: "*Dear Brothers and Sisters, the Christmas Crib is part of the precious but demanding process of passing on the faith. Like St Francis may we open our hearts to this simple grace, so that from our wonderment a humble prayer may arise, a prayer of thanksgiving to God, who willed to share with us his all, and thus never to leave us alone.*" In union with our Holy Father I wish you a very happy and holy Christmas, and the peace of Christ in the year ahead. **Bishop Toal's full message is available online and at the back of the Church.**

**Baptism Congratulations** to Paul and Katie McAuley whose son Callum Ruairidh will be baptised this Sunday, 22 December at 3.30pm in our Church.

**Marriage Congratulations** to Philippa Kelly and Andrew Biggart whose marriage will take place this Sunday, 22 December, at 1.30pm in our Church.

In preparation for Christmas, the **Legion of Mary** invites everyone to take part in the Shelter Seeking Novena in their own homes from 16 to 24 December. A leaflet is available at the back of the Church.

**Children's Liturgy:** This Sunday, 22 December, we have our final Children's Liturgy of 2019, when we will be creating our frieze for the crib. We will then be taking a break for a few weeks. On Christmas Day at 9:30am, we will have young readers at Mass.

**Altar Servers:** Our new candidates will be received into the Ministry on Sunday 22 December at 9.30 Mass. Many thanks and best wishes to all their parents for their encouragement.