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

**Months Mind Mass - Fr Martin O'Keeffe and Fr John Breslin**
The Months Mind Mass for Fr Martin O'Keeffe and Fr John Breslin will take place on Thursday 30th January 2020 at 7.00 pm in the Cathedral. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Toal.

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.

**Anniversaries:** Gerard O'Neill (12 January), James Hunter (14 January), Mary McGinley, Sean Quail.

**Recently Dead:** Fr Martin O’Keefe, Agnes Houston (St Leonard’s Church), Kathleen McGinn, Peter Mullen, Anthony Malone, Margaret Ann Gibbons, Betty Innes, Leonard Beynon (St Leonards), Gavin Lannigan (Glasgow), Margaret Robertson.

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

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**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

The *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* begins on Saturday 18 January.

The *Old Parish Church* in East Kilbride is happy to invite you to a service on Thursday 23rd January at 12 noon, followed by a soup lunch in the hall approx 12.30.

**Collections:** The collection on 5 January raised £1,172.05 of which £479.82 was gift-aided. The special collection for Justice and Peace raised £587.91.

**Club 200:** This week’s £60 winner is *Bill Tollan*. Please collect your cheque from the Sacristy.

**Readers' Rota for 9.30am Mass:** The rota from 19 January is now available online. Any reader who hasn't already received a copy by email can collect a printout from the noticeboard at the back of the church.

*St Aloysius’ College* currently has vacancies for a Catering Assistant and Sports Hall Receptionist. For further details please see the poster at the back of the Church.

**Church Readers Meeting:** Thank you to all readers who attended the meeting last Monday.

*The Parish Together Committee* will meet in the Parish Library on Tuesday 14 January after 10.00am Mass.

**Sunday Cafe** will resume after 9.30 mass on Sunday 12 January.

**White Mass for Healthcare Professionals**
The Annual White Mass for Healthcare Professionals and others who work in the health and care sectors will take place in Motherwell Cathedral on Sunday 9th February at 10.30 am, followed by refreshments in St Bride's Hall. This Mass is held annually in a particular diocese throughout Scotland and this year Motherwell Diocese is hosting the Mass. Bishop Toal will be the Principal Celebrant.

A Word from Pope Francis: *Aperuit Illis, Sunday of the Word of God.*

On 30 September 2019 the Holy Father published an Apostolic Letter, Aperuit Illis, instituting an annual Sunday, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, as a Sunday of the Word of God. Your attention is directed especially to paragraph 3 of the Letter: “Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity”. The various communities will find their own ways to mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity. It is important, however, that in the Eucharistic celebration the sacred text be enthroned, in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God’s word.

**Free e-book** (with church imprimatur) for your computer/tablet/phone:

*Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-2*

The present Liturgical Year began on the First Sunday of Advent. This e-book may be downloaded free of charge to any computer/tablet/phone. It offers the Gospel for every day of this present Liturgical Year A-2 (Sundays Year A, weekdays Year 2), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. The e-book may be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney, given when he was Bishop of Parramatta.

*Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-2* may be accessed at the following URL address: www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

**St Hilary’s Primary School:** A feast day mass will be held on Monday 13 January at 2.00pm.

A meeting will be held in *St Kenneth’s Primary School* on Monday 13 January at 7.00pm for the parents of pupils preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**A Mass of Commitment for the Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held in our Church at 9.30am on Sunday 19 January.