

**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, 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 McMahan, 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, Nan Cassidy, Peter McCormack, GinaTaylor, 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, Pauline Johnston, Allan Dick, Clare Hughes, Eddie O'Hara, Margaret Robertson, Eileen Mullan,

**Anniversaries:** Cathie Blake, Margaret & Robert Purdie, Ellen Moran, Cathie Glendinning.

**Recently dead:** Joseph McMenemy (Hamilton), Deborah Smith, Elizabeth Clark (Bailieston), George McGowan (Strathaven), Anne Hamill (Castlemilk),

**Funeral arrangements:**

**John Muldoon;** Rosary in Heritage Funeral Parlour on Tuesday at 7.00pm, the body reception on Wednesday at 7.00 pm in St Bride's church, Requiem Mass at 10.00 am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January in St. Bride's church, thereafter to Dalbeth Cemetery London Road in Glasgow. G32 8XF

**Charles Gallagher;** Service in Co-op Funeral Parlour on Saturday at 11.00am and at Philipshill Cemetery at 11.30am.

*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 1st January 2017**



## ***Solemnity of Mary Mother of God***

### **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:** *Monday*, St. Basil & St. Gregory Nazianzen. Next Sunday is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

On this the **Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God and World Day of Prayer for Peace**, both Fr Rafal and Deacon John extend their warmest wishes to all members of our parish, their families and friends. We wish you both a peaceful and fruitful year ahead filled with the goodness of the Lord and his blessed Mother.

**Readers' Rota for 9.30am Mass:** Copies of the new rota which runs from 15th January can be collected from the notice board at the back of the church.

**Club 200:** This week's £60 winner is **Rosemary McGlone**. Please collect your prize from the sacristy.

**Care Home:** Mass will be celebrated in Cathkin Care Home on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 2.00 pm.

**Pastoral Planning Team:** If you are interested in joining the group or know person who would be able to join the group please speak to Fr Rafal or Deacon John. The first meeting of the group in January 2017.

**Annual Crib Appeal:** The boxes are available at the back of our church.

**Parish Centre:** Our parish hall has been refurbished now. We now have a full commercial kitchen in our parish centre. We also have a new bar manager (Paul). The bar area was also extended. We look for some people who would like to work as waiters at times during functions in our parish hall. The work will be paid, however we can't guarantee permanent work. Contact Fr Rafal, Deacon John or Alfredo if you are interested. Feel free to book our hall for any family or private events.

**Gift Aid Form:** We were asking for new people signed for Covenant Scheme. Explanations are available at the back of our church.

**St. Bride's Open Meeting:** Last September we had an open meeting in our church to advise on all the works in our parish, especially on church works. Minutes from that meeting are now available on our website, on twitter and at the back of the church.

**Christmas Parcels:** An enormous amount of Christmas presents was successfully delivered to East Glasgow Women's Aid. Their offices are in community accommodation which is based in the converted St. Benedicts Church in Easterhouse. Women's Aid team was extremely emotional when they saw the amount of gifts and the presentation/packaging which was of a very high standard. One of the women was in tears and wished to convey to the Parish the strongest words of thanks for their generosity.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January** is the World Day of Prayer for Peace. This year we have the 50<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace. The theme of Pope Francis's message is non violence. He writes: "At the beginning of this New Year, I offer heartfelt wishes of peace to the world's peoples and nations, to heads of state and government, and to religious, civic and community leaders. I wish peace to every man, woman and child, and I pray that the image and likeness of God in each person will enable us to acknowledge one another as sacred gifts endowed with immense dignity. Especially in situations of conflict, let us respect this, our "deepest dignity", and make active nonviolence our way of life ... all of us want peace. Many people build it day by day through small gestures and acts; many of them are suffering, yet patiently persevere in their efforts to be peacemakers". In 2017, may we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds, and to becoming nonviolent people and to building nonviolent communities that care for our common home. Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. Everyone can be an artisan of peace".

**Christmas crib:** Our thanks are due once again to the family within the parish who have provided the tree for our church and also to Joseph Gallagher for his time and work in erecting both the tree and the crib. Many thanks go to Paul Ellis who made beautiful job fully restoring all statues for the crib. We kindly ask you (children) not to throw coins onto statues.

**St. Patrick's Missionary Society** send their gratitude and appreciation for the very generous donation of stamps.

**Special collection:** This weekend we have a special collection to help with the repaying of the major church works

#### **FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**Children's Liturgy** will resume on Sunday 15 January in the Parish Centre.

**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.