

**Keep Christ in Christmas:** Christmas cards and envelope stickers are now available to buy at the back of the church. All proceeds go towards 'Let the Children Live' charity which supports Street Children of Colombia.

**Club 200 winner:** this week's £60 winner is **Alice Marie Mitchell**. Please collect your prize from the sacristy.

**Parish Christmas Lunch** takes place this Thursday 7 December in the Hall. Lunch will be served at 1pm. Please be seated before this. Raffle prizes will be welcome. We are looking forward to a lovely afternoon.

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

Andy Dunn, Grace Armstrong (11yrs), Cathy Kelly, Maureen Watson, Lisa Hewkins, Eileen Biggins, Catriona Mackness (Nottingham), Cath Despard, Michael Todd, Jack Slorach, Kathleen & John Rourke, Ann Dillon, Frank Mellon, Christy Joyce (Dublin), Joseph Gallacher, Chiv Brown, Colum Maguire, Rosey McGeady, Clive Murdoch, Eddie McGhee (Donegal), Josephine Smith, Tom Fahey, Tomas McFarlane, Agnes Dowling, Mary Hoban, Liz Gallagher, Bernadette Coogans, Rev Anne Paton, Lily Halleron, Nan Martin, Cathy Clark, Ann O'Neil, Andrea Waddell, Christopher Torrance, Frank Torrance, Sheila Torrance, Frank McCabe, Jane McNamara, Alice Nimmo, Jo Reilly, Marie Sydney, Patricia Williamson, Mrs Porcelli, Raymond Smith, Iain Norrie Junior, Margaret Steele, Anne Duffy, Kenneth McDonald, Rev Mgr Peter Smith.

**Recently deceased:** Mary Anderson, Gertrude MacDonnell, Sister Louise Malone, Margaret McAuley, Anna McCool (Paisley), John Timmins.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Bryce, Dominic Butler, Nancy McCue.

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary:** Moira Clark (7<sup>th</sup> Dec).

*Funeral arrangements:*

1. **R.I.P. John Timmons**

Monday 7pm – The Rosary in family house

Wednesday 6.30pm – The body reception in St. Bride's Church

Thursday 10am – Requiem Mass in St. Bride's Church

Thursday 11.15am – Burial in Philipshill Cemetery

The family asks to make donations to MacMillan Cancer Support rather than bringing flowers.

2. **R.I.P. Gertrude MacDonnell**

Saturday 10am – Requiem Mass in St Bride's church

Saturday 11.15am – Burial in Rutherglen Cemetery

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

## St Bride's Church

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### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017



### 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Holy Hour and on request

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**Feasts this week:** *Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>*, St Ambrose; *Friday 8<sup>th</sup>*, The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary.

There will now be a break in **the coffee mornings** until the end of January 2018. Thank you to all our helpers - we wish you an enjoyable and restful break.

**Collections:** Last Sunday's collections raised £1797.50 for our parish. Thank you for your generosity. This Sunday we have a special collection for the building fund.

**Christmas Memorial Service:** South Lanarkshire Council are holding their annual Christmas Memorial Service this Sunday 3 December at 2pm at the South Lanarkshire Crematorium.

**Motherwell Diocesan Choir:** an outstanding choir along with St Kenneth's Primary School pupils will be performing a Christmas Carol Concert in our church on Wednesday 13 December at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Glasgow Phoenix Choir:** will be performing a concert in Moncreiff Parish Church on Saturday 9 December to raise funds for their church's new building fund. Full details are on the poster at the back of the church.

**Pro-Life:** you may find many inspiring pro-life teaching articles on the following website <http://www.godsplanforlife.org/>

**Readers' Rota 10am mass Monday – Friday:** The latest rota (6 December 2017 – 12 January 2018) is on the noticeboards at the back of the church and in the sacristy, as well as on the website.

Lisa Meek (Jean Paterson's Granddaughter) would like to thank Fr Rafal, Deacon John and all the parishioners for prayers, masses and beautiful cards given to her during her stay in hospital. Lisa is now home and on the road to recovery. Holy Mass will be said for the intentions of all.

**Ladies Phoenix Club:** meets this Monday, 4 December, at 1.30pm. Guests are a musical duo, "Harmonise", so come along and enjoy. All welcome. Tea/coffee: £2.

**Report on Fabric:** There will be a report on fabric and finance next Sunday.

**"The Blood and the Rose":** is a feature length theatrical documentary investigating the historical, scientific and spiritual significance of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill. The Diocesan Family Life Ministry extends an invitation to all parishes in East Kilbride to watch the documentary in **St Leonard's Church Hall** on Tuesday 12 December at 7.30pm.

**Christmas Gifts:** Our parish will do the collection of Christmas gifts for Greater Easterhouse Women's Aid who have a social outreach to women and families throughout North East Glasgow. They ask if more gifts can be given for the children in the 10-16 years age group and hope that they can be delivered to them at an earlier date in time for Christmas Day. These gifts can be left on the Sanctuary from Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Thank you for your ongoing generosity

**The Corten Steel Cross:** Last Friday as a part of the big renovation works a cross was successfully installed on one of the walls of the church.

#### **For Our Children and Young People**

**High School Mass:** will be celebrated in the school oratory on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.20am.

**Children's Liturgy:** The Children's Liturgy continues this Sunday at 9.30 mass. We are also starting our "Big Hug programme" for children preparing for their first Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2018. The "Big Hug programme" will take place in the Parish Centre at 9:30am over the four Sundays of Advent, assisted by Caritas students from St Andrew's and St Bride's High School.

**Nativity Play 2017:** The Nativity Play will take place in our church on Sunday 24 December after 9.30am Mass. Our next rehearsal is this Sunday 3 December at 3pm in the church.

**Children's Children Party:** will be held on **Sunday 10 December at 2pm** in the Pastoral Centre. All welcome. Please note the date.

**St Bride's Parish Library:** The library was created in 2013 to commemorate the Year of Faith, and contains more than 300 books for parishioners to borrow, including a beautiful selection of books for our children. Fr Rafal and Deacon John invite you to visit any day after Mass to browse, borrow or read, or just spend some time with fellow parishioners. Tea and coffee making facilities are provided. Please remember to fill out a borrower card for any book you take away, and bring books back as soon as you are finished with them so that other parishioners may enjoy them too.