

and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, these being so closely interconnected that they form but one single act of worship. For in the Mass is spread the table both of God's Word and of the Body of Christ, and from it the faithful are to be instructed And refreshed. There are also certain rites that open and conclude the celebration. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal)

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

Joan Robson, Margaret Robertson, James Donnelly, Claire Fox (Coatbridge), Eddie O'Neil, Robert Dunlop (OLOL), John Keenan (Cumbernauld), Andy Dunn, Grace Armstrong, Cathy Kelly, Maureen Watson, Lisa Hewkins, Eileen Biggins, Catriona Mackness (Nottingham), Cath Despard, Michael Todd, 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, Alice Nimmo, Jo Reilly, Marie Sydney, Patricia Williamson, Raymond Smith, Iain Norrie Junior, Margaret Steele, Anne Duffy, Rev Mgr Peter Smith.

Christmas Thanksgiving Mass: Cathy and Joe McDonald.

Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving: to Mary and Andy Moynihan who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 28 December. Congratulations also to Joan and Ernie Robson who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on 27 December 2017.

Christmas Remembrance: Sam Lynas, The Fraser & The McKay Families.

Anniversaries: Rose Drumgold, Frank Milligan.

Recently deceased: Grace Cullen (Glasgow), Jerzy Ganski and his wife (Poland), Kenneth MacDonald, Catherine Geeney (Glasgow).

Funeral Arrangements:

- R.I.P. Pat Fullerton** Requiem Mass to be arranged
- R.I.P. Winifred McDonald** Requiem Mass to be arranged

*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 31st December 2017



Holy Family Sunday

Masses

Monday-Saturday 10.00am

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am
& 6pm

Holy Hour

Thursday 7.00pm

Confessions

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

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Feast Days: *Monday 1 January*, Mary, The Holy Mother of God; *Tuesday 2 January*, St Basil & St Gregory Nazianzen.

World Day of Prayer for Peace: is this Monday 1 January 2018. In Scotland the Day of Prayer for Justice and Peace takes place on Sunday 7th January which is Solemnity of the Epiphany. A special collection will be taken up for work of Justice and Peace.

Bishop Toal's Christmas Message:

“Throughout Advent our spiritual expectation at the Lord's coming grows as we prepare to meet Jesus with joyful and loving hearts, and when Christmas arrives our hope is fulfilled as we again greet our Saviour with the same wonder and awe as we see in the images of Mary, Joseph and the shepherds in our cribs. In our celebration of Holy Mass we experience the living, loving presence of the Lord within and among us, and this heightens our awareness of the mystery we celebrate at Christmas – the same Lord's birth and the salvation he came to offer us all. It is the mystery of God's love for humankind and we rejoice in the consolation and hope we receive from him as we are united with him in the Eucharist. This experience of welcoming the Lord and rejoicing in his presence in the Eucharist extends beyond Christmas Day into the other lovely Feast Days of Christmastide – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Epiphany of the Lord; The Baptism of the Lord. Through all of them we ponder anew the wonder of the Incarnation and give thanks to God for all that we have received.

I wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas and pray that you and all your family and friends will be richly blessed both in celebrating at home and at Holy Mass”.

+ Joseph Toal

The full message has been posted online.

Christmas Message: Fr Rafal and Deacon John wish each and every one of you a very Happy and Holy Christmas with your families and friends around you. May you all be deeply blessed. We particularly think at this time of those who have lost a loved one this year and extend our warmest wishes to them. Thank you for all your gifts and cards, which have been gratefully received.

Home Visits: People who are sick or housebound may wish to be visited by Deacon John or Fr. Rafal in order to receive a blessing, the sacrament of Communion, Reconciliation or Sacrament of the Sick. Please speak to Deacon John or Fr. Rafal who will make visits in the New Year.

Christmas Gift: our thanks to the music shop in the Village (Village Music Ltd.) for donating a brand new digital piano which has been delivered to the church.

Western Catholic Calendar: is now available from the stall.

Collections: Last Sunday's collection raised £2004.54 for our parish. The Christmas collection raised £1822.33 (of which £477.76 was Gift Aided). Thank you for your generosity.

Club 200 winner: this week's £60 winner is **Mary Waddell**. The quarterly prize of £120 was won by **Mary Agnes McCabe**. Please collect your prize from the sacristy.

Vacancy: Full Time Administrative Assistant - Estates Department, Motherwell. 35 hours per week, £18,350 per annum. To request an application form and job description for the post, please email: vicechancellor@rcdom.org.uk. The closing date is Monday 15 January 2018.

Lectio Magazine: Some copies of the latest edition are available at the back of the church. Suggested donation £1.

For Our Children and Young People

Children's Liturgy: will resume Sunday 4 February 2018.

Nativity Play 2017: Thank you to everyone who helped make our Nativity Play such a beautiful event.

Fernhill School Open Evening: Thursday 18 January 2018, 7pm. Details can be found on the flyer at the back of the church. More information can also be found on their website www.fernhillschool.co.uk or by telephoning 0141 634 2674.

The Celebration of The Eucharist

27. At Mass or the Lord's Supper the People of God is called together, with a Priest presiding and acting in the person of Christ, to celebrate the memorial of the Lord or Eucharistic Sacrifice. In an outstanding way there applies to such a local gathering of the holy Church the promise of Christ: 'Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst' (Mt 18: 20). For in the celebration of Mass, in which the Sacrifice of the Cross is perpetuated, Christ is really present in the very assembly gathered in his name, in the person of the minister, in his word, and indeed substantially and uninterruptedly under the Eucharistic species.

28. The Mass consists in some sense of two parts, namely the Liturgy of the Word