

Collections: Last Sunday's collection raised £1,760.08, of which £620.60 was Gift-Aided. Thank you.

Club 200: this week's £60 winner is Danny Martin. Please collect your prize.

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.

Christmas Mass: Charlie Mitchell, John & Nan Wright, Isabel McCorry, Alberto Luisa & Elio Faccenda, members of Arcara and Capocci Family, Don Smeaton, all deceased members of the Brennan & Quinn families, David Cook, Andrew, Annie, John McShane, Barbara Hepburn, Lorenzo & Antonio DiVito, Margaret Robertson, Dominic Saroli.

1st Anniversary: Maureen Quinn (Uddingston).

Anniversaries: William Magill, Sadie McDonald (St Leonard's), Cath Pett, Geraldine Dolan, Margaret & Robert Purdie, John McCole, William D. Patrick, James & Meg Parker, Chris Roberts, Susanne Mair, Charlie McCartney, Peter Reilly.

Recently Dead: Clare Fox (Coatbridge), Margaret Mulholland (Cumbernauld), Margaret Boyle, Antanas Zibuoda, John McLaughlin, Anna Law, Helen DePellette, James Fagan (Viewpark), Elizabeth Burns.

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

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23rd December 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent



Masses

Monday-Saturday 10am

Saturday 6pm Vigil

Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am & 6pm

Holy Hour: Thursday 7pm

Confessions: After Saturday morning and Vigil Mass, during Holy Hour and on request

Christmas Masses in St Bride's:

Christmas Vigil – Carol Service at 8.30pm on Monday 24 December; Mass at 9pm.
Christmas Day – 9.30am & 11.30am.

Feasts: St Stephen, *Wednesday 26 December*; St John, *Thursday 27 December*;
The Holy Innocents, *Friday 28 December*.

Christmas Message: Fr Rafal and Deacon John wish each and every one of you a very happy and Holy Christmas. May your homes and families be blessed with the presence of the Christ child in your midst. We especially think and pray for those who have lost a loved one this year. We give thanks for the many blessings visited on the parish community this past year and look forward in hope in our ongoing journey together. Thank you for all cards and gifts which have been gratefully received.

Calix Society: welcomes any person concerned with the illness of alcoholism who wishes to join them in prayer. For further information, please see the poster at back of church or visit: www.calixsociety.org.uk

Crib Collections: donations will be given to the St Margaret Children and Family Care Society.

Legion of Mary: Preparing for Christmas we invite everyone to take part in the Shelter Seeking Novena in their own homes from 16th to 24th December; pick up a leaflet from the back of the church.

Mary's Meal Can Collection raised a fantastic £1,430.00. Thank you for all contributions and help received.

R.I.P. John McLaughlin: The McLaughlin family thanks to all people for their support and prayers. Holy Mass will be offered for the intension of all.

Western Catholic Calendar: is now available from the stall.

Diocesan Courage Apostolate for Catholics with Same Sex Attraction. Motherwell Diocese has set up a Courage Chapter of pastoral ministry for those in our Diocesan community with same sex attraction, who are looking to live faithfully their Catholic faith. Courage is an international apostolate with over 100 Chapters worldwide and endorsed by the Holy See. It aims to help members find peace through fellowship, prayer, the Sacraments, and an appreciation of the Church's teaching on chastity. It extends the Church's invitation to mature in Christ, seeking his grace and peace. For information or advice please email in confidence our Diocesan priest chaplain at Courage@rcdom.org.uk, or visit our parish website.

Society of the Innocents: The Society is holding its annual Mass on Thursday 28th December 2017 in St Patrick's Church in Coatbridge at 10.00 am.

Christmas Gifts: thank you to everyone who donated Christmas gifts for Greater Easterhouse Women's Aid. Their social outreach helps women and families throughout North East Glasgow.

Sunday Café: This Sunday the Café will be run after 9.30am Mass by our high school students who will be fundraising for Mary's Meals. Home baking welcome. Donations to Mary's Meals will be doubled by the UK Government until 1st March 2019.

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 over Christmas season.

Bishop Toal's Christmas Message:

"I ask God's blessing for you and your families as we honour and adore Jesus, the Word made Flesh and Son of God."

+ Joseph Toal"

The full message has been posted online and on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

St Bride's Missions 2019: On 27th January 2019 our parish will be hosting Fr Jim McManus at all Sunday Masses, who will make a special invitation for the missions to all our parishioners. Fr McManus will be leading the missions between 23 and 30 March 2019 in our church/parish.

St Bride's Garden Fete 2019: On the 8th September 2019 we will have a garden fete in our parish, which is a long tradition in St Bride's. There will be a meeting of the Garden Fete Committee on Sunday 20th January 2019 at 3pm in the Parish Centre. All willing to help are welcome to attend.

For Our Children and Young People

Children's Liturgy continues this Sunday. There is a Family Mass with Young Readers on Christmas Day at 9:30am. Children's Liturgy will then take a break, resuming on Sunday 20 January.

Youth Group meets on Thursday 10 January at 7.30pm in chapel house.