

St Mary's Lanark

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Feast of The Holy Family

29th December 2024

Christmas Message

Dear Friends,

Christmas can be a very difficult time of the year for many as there are multiple financial restraints placed upon families. It can also be hard to celebrate Christmas without someone we love, whether they are working, living away from home, or gone to the Lord. As we celebrate Christmas this year, 2024, and bring to memory the birth of Jesus, may our lives be deeply touched by God's love. As we contemplate the child Jesus who is born, may our hearts be filled with joy. Through this holy season of Christmas we pray that the Infant King of Bethlehem, the Prince of Peace, may come afresh into our world and relieve us of our woes and worries.



Christmas is a time of the year when many people return to Mass, either with their family, or on their own, and it is also too a time when we welcome many visitors to our churches, and we hope that everyone feels very welcome and at home in our beautiful churches. Perhaps this Christmas many may feel inspired to return to Mass on a more regular basis and experience more regularly the love and mercy of God in their lives through the Sacraments. This year, at Christmas Masses, we welcomed 768 people into our churches. It was wonderful to see so many people come to Mass to keep Christ in Christmas!

As we continue to celebrate Christmas 2024 I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who decorated our churches, for all those who clean and maintain our churches on a regular basis, and for those who are so gifted in floristry and adorn our churches with beautiful flowers. You truly have made this day more special with your gifts and talents. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers who give of their time each week, all year round. For our wonderful Sacristans, Passkeepers, Organists, Church Cleaners, Groundsmen, Gardeners, Social Committee and everyone who works behind the scenes. Thank you for all you do for us and the Church!

I would like to thank in a special way the Choir of St Mary's for their commitment to our parish, and for leading us so beautifully in our music each week, but especially on the first Sunday of the month. It is such a joy to have the choir and I thank them for all their commitment to our parish and their willingness to enhance our Liturgy.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who so kindly handed in Christmas cards, gifts or donations for myself, Saul and Petra. In this current cost of living crisis and with the many financial restrictions placed upon people's finances, it was so humbling to receive so many gifts and cards. I truly feel like the most fortunate priest in the diocese, and I thank you most sincerely for that!

Please be assured of my continued prayers for you and your family, that Emmanuel, God-with-us, will bless and guide each of us to a happy and peaceful 2025.

Father John-Paul



Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Patricia Drain Glebe Court
Andrew Sharkey; Ella Caddle; John Paddle; Robert Meahan (Motherwell); Evelyn Ringer; Peter O'Donnell;

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Fr Joseph Brannigan; Monteith Family; Thomas Bowie; Jim McShane; Kathleen Mangan; Mary McLean; Joe McAllister; Peter Mulligan;

Biggar Hogmanay Bonfire

Biggar Hogmanay Bonfire is an annual event where, for generations the people of Biggar have gathered to ring in the New Year with family and friends. The honour of lighting the fire is not given lightly, but to one of the senior citizens who has had a positive impact on the lives of the people of Biggar and the surrounding villages.

This year we are delighted and thrilled that our very own Catarina Robertson (also known as Auntie Catarina to many in the town and beyond), will be lighting the fire! Catarina was born in Biggar and she is the oldest parishioner of St Isidore the Farmer.

Justice & Peace Collection

Next weekend there will be a basket at the back of each church for those who wish to donate to the Justice & Peace annual appeal.

Christmas Collection & Donation

Many thanks to those who so generously donated to the Christmas Collect. This year it totalled **£3,396**. A very sincere thank you to the parishioner who also gifted **£1,000** to the parish this Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement!

Jubilee Year Opening Liturgy - Sunday 29th December

The Holy Year opens in our Diocese with a pilgrimage moving towards the Cathedral behind the Cross prepared by Holy Cross High School for the Jubilee – a pilgrim people behind the Cross of Christ which remains the anchor of salvation. People are invited to gather at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Carfin at 1pm on Sunday 29th December for a short introduction to the Pilgrimage and the Opening of the Holy Year. Bishop Toal, with a small group of young people, will then make the first part of the pilgrimage towards the Cathedral.

At 2.30pm, all people from across the Diocese are invited to gather in St Bride's Hall (across from the Cathedral) for another gathering time on the journey behind the Cross and for the short pilgrimage to the Cathedral, the veneration of the Cross, a memorial of our baptism and the celebration of Mass.

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 1,530.00
Standing Orders: £ 305.50
Votives: £ 265.00
Stall: £ 215.00

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Thank you *for your*
continued generosity



St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

28th/29th December		11th/12th January	
5.00pm	R. McConnell	5.00pm	C. Jackson
10.30am	P. Roberts	10.30am	T. Coia
		5.00pm	M. Davis
4th/5th January		18th/19th January	
5.00pm	A. Haetzman	5.00pm	F. Chung
10.30am	A. Servers	10.30am	M. McCusker
5.00pm	S. Casserly	5.00pm	S. Casserly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

28th/29th December		11th/12th January	
5.00pm	M. Keenan	5.00pm	A. Dempsey
	C. Callaghan		J. McBride
10.30am	P. Cunningham	10.30am	J. Littlejohn
	K. Lawrence		A. O'Neill
	J. McFarlane		N. Keenan
4th/5th January		18th/19th January	
5.00pm	J. McBride	5.00pm	C. Scott
	R. Sinton		S. Callaghan
10.30am	G. Duddy	10.30am	V. Hilland
	A. Gillespie		M. Thomson
	M. Keenan		B. Farrell

Christmas Remembrances

Bishop Frank Thomson; Bishop Joseph Devine; Fr Joseph Brannigan; Canon Willie Donnachie; Canon Giles Goward; Canon David Mellor; Fr John Breslin; All Deceased Members of The Vincentian Fathers; All Deceased Members of The Daughter's of Charity; Jim McShane; John & Mary McShane; Rosemary McShane MacIntyre; Frank McMahan; Annie & Arthur Lenagh; Hughie & Mary McShane; McShane Family; McGuire Family; Lenagh Family; McMahan Family; Kate & William Campbell; Bernie & Jim McEwan; Campbell Family; McCafferty Family; McEwan Family; James E. Reid; Gerry Wyllie; Wyllie Family; Deerin Family; Valentie Family; Bogan Family; Dunbar Family; McFarlane Family; Haney Family; Stewart Family; MacIntyre Family; Cathy Gallagher; Joseph & Betty McLeish; McLeish Family; Peter Brannen; Brannen Family; Edgar Family; Dan O'Neill; O'Neill Family; Thomas & Helen Lamb; Thomas Lamb Jnr; Lamb Family; McGuigan Family; William & Sarah Donnachie; Donnachie Family; Michael Pavilonis; Pavilonis Family; Paul & Cathie Millar; Paul & Nee Millar; Janice Millar; Millar Family; Rodger McConnell; Bernard & Rose Scott; Beverley & Alan Milliken; John, Annie, Liam & Jane McConnell; William Kay; Frank & Helen Carway; Michael, John & Annie Tierney; John & Frances Dickson; Martin Carway; Lisa McAlavey; John McAlavey; Blanche McAlavey; Susan Mays; Gerard Mays Snr; Gerard Mays Jnr; Brian Mays; John O'Neill; Steven, Mary, James & John Donnelly; Mary & Tommy Cavanagh; George Eddie; Matt & Peggy Reilly; Betty Thomson; Madge Reilly; Ann & Alasdair MacDonald; Matt & Betty Reilly; Bill & Annie Gennie; Eddie, Annie & David Main; Michael & William Maybank; Emilio & Cesarina Coia; Ungaretti Family; Coia Family; Valerio Family; Coli Family; Joe Molinaro; Kate Hanlon; Edward Hanlon; Anne Lindsay; Archie Lindsay; Mary Sheely; Michael Sheely; Kate Nevin & Brothers; Michael & Elizabeth McCue; Charles & Annie Coyle; Annie Cowe; Charles & Elizabeth Coyle; Martha & Tam Smith; Mary Jane Brennan; Jim Brennan; Agnes Jack; Anne Elder; James Brennan Jnr; Evelyn Brennan; Agnes Kennedy; John Kennedy; Joseph McGuire; Josephine Whitefield; Willie Whitefield; Frank & Bridget Brady; John Davis; Jim & Helen Beveridge; Josephine McGinty; Anne & Phil Kinsella; Martin Hilland; Frank Hilland; Kathleen & Bill Grieve; Joe & Frances Jackson; Clare Nicolson; Evelyn Grant Quinn; Christopher Campbell; William & Cameron Quinn; George, Lilly & Hannah Grant; Diane Curran; Quinn Family; John & Marion Renton; Reilly Family Kirkfieldbank; James McCardie; Sarah & Jimmy McEwan; Anne Paisley; Anne Skeldon; Harvey Family; Fox Family; Patricia Miller; Karen Reilly; John Reilly Jnr; Betty Hutchison; Tommy & Christina McNulty; Maureen Logan; Annie Veitch; Linda Tierney; Sandy McLean; Mary McLean; Catherine McLean; Jessie Clark; Susan Mackie; Frank Mackie; Leah & Albert Welsh; Morton Family; Graham Munro; Mary & Jim McLaughlan; Mary, Bill & Stephen Murray; Anne & John Boyle; Michael McLaughlan; Lizanne Inglis; John Hughes; Jock, Sheena & John Craig; Sarah Savage; Owen, Margaret & John Dempsey; William & Martin McPhail; Harry, Jean & Dan McPhail; Harry & Doreen McPhail; James & Mary McCrossan; Jim & Theresa Casagrande; Bert & Betty Sinton; Brendan McCaughey; Stuart McDougall; McCrossan Family; Hagan Family; Keenan Family; Hume Family; Margaret, John & Bobby Dykes; Irene & Eddie O'Donnell; Dan & Marion O'Donnell; James, Clare & Evelyn O'Leary; Jimmy & Sadie Littlejohn; Frances & Monica Cassidy; John Kerr; David Tinto; Joe McGarrigle; Pat McGarrigle; Gerry McGarrigle; McGarrigle Family; Dean Family; Tommo O'Grady; Mandie O'Grady; Martina O'Grady; Arthur Christie; Jessica & John Christie; Mary & John Christie; Pat McTaggart; Mary McTaggart; Geraldine Murphy; Margaret McAllister; Kathleen Mangan; Teresa McTaggart; Michael McCulloch; Brian Hughes; John Taggart Jnr; Charles McAllister Snr; Maggie McAllister; Joe McAllister; Peter & Susan Mulligan; Jack McGowan; Bridget Donnelly; Veronica & Charles McKenna; Ann Power; Joanne & Peter Strain; Alys & John Scott; Maisie Conlon; Teresa & Bill McArdle; Jim Anderson; Paul Halloran; Halloran Family; Helen & Robert Dennis & Families; May & Veronica Quinn; Maureen Mathers; Victor & Mary Doolan; Father O'Rafferty; Father Hughes; Isobel & Leonard Mayes; George & Violet McMorrان & Family; Jim Reilly; Margaret Toner; Therese Kennedy; Jim and Esther Oliver; Tommy Oliver; Jim Oliver; Hugh and Mary Kennedy; William Kennedy; Robert Kennedy; Walter and Agnes McEwan; Agnes McQuade; James McEwan; Brian Joseph McEwan; Kathleen Caulfield; David Tinto; Betty & David Dunlop; Mary, Tommy, Sadie, James & Jackie Martin; Martin Family; Connelly Family; Theresa & Roddy O'Connor; O'Connor Family; O'Neill Family; Arthur Kane; Louise, Nan, Whitey & James Jnr Keenan; Betty & Moses Smith; James Stark; Moira & Alan Beattie; William & Florence Kennedy & Family; Joseph & Helen McAreavy; Tom & Sadie Palmer; Rona Palmer; John Murray; Karen Murray; Robert Monteith; Frank, Maryann, Frank Jnr, James, John, Nan, James Jnr, Lisa & Louise Keenan; Angela O'Connell; Jack Hamilton; Ray Ward; Elle-May McNally; O'Connell Family; Stewart Family; Jenny & Wullie Todd; Robert Scott; Seamus Coll; Anthony Kearney; Henry McKenzie; Diane Jamieson; All Souls with no-one to pray for them; James Callaghan; Agnes & Alice Bamford; Anna Marshall; Hughie & Gerod Connolly; Callaghan Family Sligo; Thomas Cloonan; Cecilia Cloonan; Mark Cloonan; Cloonan Family Liverpool; Rotherham Family Liverpool; Vincent Schmidt USA; Pauline & Mike Thompson; Rosina Baird; Baby Luka Gunning; Ron Meldrum; Jean & Jimmy Meldrum; Catherine & Daniel Stewart; Meg McConville; McConville Family; Eileen Prior; Janette Irvine; May Quinn; Geoff Coyle; McConville Family; Deceased Members of Choir of St Mary's; Vera & John Livingstone; Lisa Geddes; Margaret Stack; Doreen McGeachy; Elizabeth Scott; Estelle Higgins; Markie Higgins; Noone Family; Dowds Family; Farrell Family; Francis & Grace McManus; Francis McManus Jnr; Rosemary McManus; Willie Connor; Ian Connor; Mark Stewart; Hynds Family; Graham Family; Charlie Lively; Jimmy Lively; Mary Josephine Lavery; Felix Lavery; Lively Family; Lavery Family; Maher Family; Jim & Sandra Collins; Patricia & Edward Brien; John Doolan; Jane Doolan; Henry Doolan; James & Mary Tait; Geoffrey Cunningham; John Cunningham; Martha Gillespie; John Gillespie; Peggy & Denis Docherty; Annie & Archie McMillan;



Weekly Parish Schedule

Daily Mass & Devotions from St Mary's are broadcast on the parish YouTube Channel.

Sunday 29th December *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family (Holy Trinity)

NO 5PM MASS THIS WEEKEND

Monday 30th December *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 3pm*

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Patricia Drain

Tuesday 31st December

10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)

11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

12noon Angelus & Holy Mass

Wednesday 1st January

11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

12noon Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Thursday 2nd January

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Friday 3rd January

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Saturday 4th January *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary

5.00pm Holy Mass for the Feast of The Epiphany (St Mary's)

Sunday 5th January *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the Feast of The Epiphany (St Mary's)

11.15am Coffee Morning (St Mary's Clubrooms)

12noon Holy Mass for the Feast of The Epiphany (Holy Trinity)

12.35pm Light Bite (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the Feast of The Epiphany (St Mary's)



St Mary's Coffee Morning

Please come along to the Coffee Morning if you are able; it would be lovely to see you there!

During winter months fresh homemade soup will be available to warm the old cockles.

Thank you so much to the Social Committee and their team of dedicated volunteers and bakers for their fabulous efforts in providing for us each month!!

St Mary's Primary School Notices

- The Sacramental Enrolment Mass will take place on Sunday 2nd February 2025 at 10.30am. All parents presenting their children for the Sacraments in 2025 must attend this Mass with their children and receive their Sacramental Passport.
- P1 enrolment - Children who are age 5 between 1st March 2025 and the end of February 2026 are required to register their child for starting school in August 2025 by completing an online registration form which will be available from Monday 6 January 2025. The registration form is available on the SLC website Enrolling your child for school - South Lanarkshire Council