

**PRAYER AT THE SENDING OUT OF THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Priest: Almighty and loving Father, as we have received your Son in this Holy Eucharist, we ask you to hear our prayer for our brothers and sisters:

All: **Give your healing, Lord, to those who are sick and housebound.
May those who take the Body of Christ to them
also be a loving sign of our prayers and thoughts.
Keep us united with them in all their sufferings
so that we will grow together as one community
with the presence of Christ among us.**

Please Pray For

SICK Harry Docherty; Jane Cameron; George O'Hara; Frank Slavin; Rosemary Wotherspoon; Donna & Patricia McGuire; Marie Laird; Patricia Pearson; Pamela Brown; Fr Jim Casey; Peter McKenna; Catherine Anderson, Margaret Hassan; Anne Mullins; Robbie McNaughton; Patti Brassington; Karen Derbyshire; Richard Hughes, Jean Reilly; Simon Logan, Gordon Law, Fiona McCall; Marion Fox; Margaret Bachiller; Jimmy Kinsella; Eleanor Hughes; George McGowan; Brian Smith; Graeme Wood; Catherine Nolan; Catherine Hughes; Marie West; Alison Coogan; Harry McCrossan; Gerard Corbett; Jane Quinn; Patricia Nolan; Danny Moran; Mary Graham; David Clegg; Rosanna & Joe Bulmer; Conor Jameson; Jamie Hillen; Catherine Anderson; Dillon McLauchlan; John Dale; David Muir; Betty Wassell; Grace & Sandy Abernethy; Annie O'Kane **Children:** Zak Matthew Thomson; Corran Davidson; Jade Law; Megan Macauley; Chloe Docherty; Caoimhe Lamb, Aaron Higgins, Aaron Matthew Hosie; Isabella Mooney; Connor Simpson; Avannah Baillie; Lucia Jane Gavin

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

RECENTLY DIED

Teresa Lennon; Annie Quigley; William Keatings; David Bonnar; Michael Curran
ANNIVERSARIES

John Scott; John Nolan; Nora Casey; Ronnie Gordon; John Lunny;
Joseph Shuel; Tommy Nevans; Peter Davis; Michael Delaney
MONTHS MIND Patricia McLean

St Thomas' Nursery present an Auld yin/wee yin Christmas Tea Party on Wed 6th Dec at 10am and 2pm. Admission free. Entertainment from nursery children

When is he coming, when, oh when is he coming the redeemer?
When will we see him, when, O when will we see him, the redeemer.
Come, Oh come, from your kingdom up there, from your kingdom up there above!
Come, Oh come, to you people on earth, to your people on earth bring love!

Emanuel! Emanuel! Emanuel!

Long years a-waiting, many years here awaiting the redeemer!
Ready to greet him, always ready to meet him, the Redeemer.
Come, Oh come, from your kingdom up there, from your kingdom up there above!
Come, Oh come, to you people on earth, to your people on earth bring love!

Emanuel! Emanuel! Emanuel!

Spare us from evil, from the clutches of evil, O redeemer!
Though we are sinners we have known your forgiveness, O redeemer!
Come, Oh come, from your kingdom up there, from your kingdom up there above!
Come, Oh come, to you people on earth, to your people on earth bring love!

Please turn
off mobile
phones and
remove
chewing gum

**1st Sunday of Advent Year B
2nd/3rd December 2017**

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Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you
as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight
and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and
not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that I do
your will.



St. Ignatius'

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SUNDAY MASSES: Vigil: 5:30 pm (Sat), 10 am, 12 noon 6pm
WEEKDAY: Mon-Fri 9:30am; Sat 10am *Thurs Exposition till 4pm*
CONFESSIONS: *Saturday 9:30am and after the Vigil Mass*
Church open till 1pm Mon; Fri; till 4pm Tues, Wed, Thurs

Parish Priest Fr. Gerard Maguiness
Pastor Emeritus: Mgr Michael Conway
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SCO 11041**

Lighting of the 1st Candle on the Advent Wreath

Priest: Almighty Father, Lord of all time, your love for us was so great that you called us to be your children and to believe and trust in the promise you made to the people of the Old Testament, our fathers in faith.

All: As we light this candle may we be faithful to your covenant as you have been faithful to us. As we await the coming of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, may we be a light to those around us. Amen.



Advent Prayer Tree

Prayer intentions can be placed on the prayer tree in the porch for the holy season of Advent

Advent Penitential Service on Mon 18th Dec at 7pm

Enrolment for First Confession

Enrolment Mass at 10am followed by parents meeting next Sunday

Worksheet 3 for First Holy Communion can be uplifted today

Keep Christ in Christmas
Stickers on sale in the stall

Dates for Marriage Courses 2018 now ready. Please uplift forms from Fr Gerry

Last Sunday's 2nd Collection for St Andrew's Hospice raised £1753

Last Week's Collection £1791
No Winner New Lotto Total £3246
Many thanks for your generosity

Donations for flowers most welcome. Box at Our Lady's Altar



Feasts this Week

Wed 6th St Nicholas
Thurs 7th St Ambrose
Fri 8th The Immaculate Conception
Sat 9th St Juan Diego

We welcome Bishop Toal on his pastoral visitation to our Parish at all Masses this weekend

Ordinations to the Priesthood Please pray for

Rev Paul Denny 8th December Our Lady of Lourdes, East Kilbride

A wee reminder to bow your head just before receiving Holy Communion

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage for 2018 will be from 20th-27th July. Booking forms for sick and able-bodied pilgrims out soon. Cost approx. £850 incl flight from Edinburgh, insurance, full board.

Day by Day Advent on sale in the Stall

Hall Extension

The Architect of our Building project will make a presentation and be open to questions on Mon 11th Dec at 7:30pm in the old Job Centre. I invite everyone but especially those with trade experience to come along

Shine Youth Theatre present
Sister Act Tues 9th Jan Civic Centre
Tickets £16 List in porch

Facebook St. Ignatius' RC Church
1409 likes Have a look and comment!

Wishaw Hospital Chaplain Fr Ricklan for emergency/visit please ask nurse to contact chaplain or call 263945

SVDP Tel: 07840142894 for help.

Furniture Collection Diocesan SVDP
07749467335 Volunteers welcome

GIFT AID— please use white envelope in porch for 2nd collection.

Loyola Centre: booking and enquiries tel: 07939606107 10am-2pm Mon-Fri, Bingo Sunday 7:15pm; Tea Room Mon– Fri after Mass Beavers/Cubs/Scouts Mon 5:45

PLEASE RETURN THE BOXES FOR RETIRED CLERGY/SEMINARIANS

Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner— due to the works beginning in the Loyola Centre, the annual dinner will be postponed until the opening of the Centre in 2018. A dinner will be held to mark the opening for senior citizens.

Rite of Acceptance: Today at 12 noon Mass we welcome Debbie, Tomo, Beverly, Martin and Alison who will be accepted as catechumens for the RCIA. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey towards the Easter Vigil and baptism and full communion with the Church

St Ignatius Primary will present a Service of Carols and Readings in Advent this year. On Thursday 14th Dec there will be two services for the parents and families and on Friday 15th they will repeat the Service for the parish community

St Thomas' Carol service
7th Dec at 7pm. All welcome

The Italian Reunion will take place on
Fri 12th Jan 2018

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and one English legend tells of how the cross was made of holly. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection. The wreath depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Saviour. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

A truck driver was driving along on the motorway. A sign comes up that reads, "Low Bridge Ahead." Before he knows it, the bridge is right ahead of him and he gets stuck under the bridge. Cars are backed up for miles. Finally, a police car comes up. The cop gets out of his car and walks to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, "Got stuck, huh?" The truck driver says, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of petrol. Message for Advent— pace yourself as you await the Lord