

**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 Alison Coogan; Margaret Bachiller, Jim Traynor; Maria Walker; Maureen Boyle; John Hunter, Simon Logan, Ellen Madden, John O'Donnell, Les Mathew; Cathie McConnachie, Brian Nolan, Rachel McGhee, Ellen Brown; Robert Houston; Harry Docherty; Jane Cameron; George O'Hara; Silvio Clemente; Mary Cairney; William Campbell; Anna McStay; John Kerr; Gordon Law; Linda Quinn; Ashley Law; Frank Slavin; Jim Simmons, James Burns, Tony Perkins; Ann Knight; Rosemary Wotherspoon; Teresa Clark; John McKenna; Sr Mary Inglis; Margaret Russell; Esther McKillop; Chrissie Rafferty; Barry Duncan; Donna & Patricia McGuire; Bill Grey; Marie Laird; Sara Porcelli; Gordon Roberts; Fiona McCormick; Fiona McCall, Margaret Craigwell Charles Quinn; June Byrne, Rena McGarvey, Lynne Waters; Patricia Pearson; Eileen Widicombe; Pamela Brown; David Clegg; Rosa Stevenson; Joe Bulmer; Elizabeth Murdoch; Eleanor Hughes; Thomas Cliens; Cathie McNulty; John Anderson; Fr Jim Casey; Candy Curran; Audrey Welsh; Peter McKenna

Children: Laila Hunt, Connor Simpson, Zak Matthew Thomson; Peter Convery; Corran Davidson; Megan Macauley; Jade Law; Chloe Docherty; Caoimhe Lamb



RECENTLY DIED
Tommy Regan

ANNIVERSARIES
Stephen Feeney; Rose Mead; Jenny & Robert Clarkson;
Pat Callaghan; Josephine Freely; Pat & Susie Cassidy; Margaret Casey Mc Loughlin

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve:
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile, show unto us
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus,
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.

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24th Sunday of Year C
10th/11th September 2016

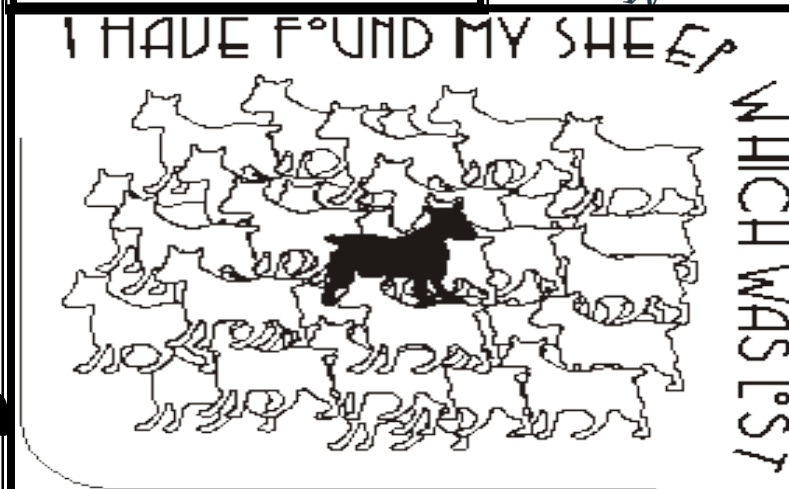
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Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you
as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight
and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask
for reward,
save that of knowing that I do
your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



St. Ignatius'



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

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Pastor Emeritus: Mgr Michael Conway
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Vocations Awareness Week

We currently have 4 deacons due to be ordained priest next year and 5 seminarians. Please pray for more vocations to priesthood and religious life in our diocese. Rev Paul Denny will deacon at 9:30am Mass on Tues 20th Sept

Motherwell Diocesan Choir Choir will perform Philip Green's 'Mass of St. Patrick' in St. Patrick's, Coatbridge on Sunday 11th September at 7.30pm. Free entry

Enrolment for First Holy Communion

All parents who would like their child to celebrate First Holy Communion in May of 2017 are requested to uplift the enrolment form from Fr. Gerry and return it the following Sunday. Parents are asked to consider the promise they are making. All sections of the form must be filled out. Enrolment Mass followed by meeting on Sun 9th Oct

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults There will be an open evening on Mon 12th Sept at 7pm in the parish house if you would like to know more about the Catholic Faith

SVDP Bus for Sunday Masses There are spaces available for both 10am and 12noon Masses. If you would like to use the bus please speak to SVDP or Fr Gerry

McMillan Coffee Morning Thurs 29th Sept 9:30-11:30. Loyola Centre Donations of cakes homebaking most welcome.

Wee Reminder- Abba's Mama Mia on Wed 4th Jan 2017

**Last Week's Collection £1
2nd Hall Renovation £7
No winner New Lotto Total £4
Many thanks for your generosity**

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



YEAR OF MERCY

Feasts this Week

Mon 12th **The Most Holy Name of Mary**
Tues 13th **St John Chrysostom**
Wed 14th **The Exaltation of the Cross**
Thurs 15th **Our Lady of Sorrows**
Fri 16th **St Ninian**

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

Please take box for
Seminarians and Retired Priests

**AUTUMN FAYRE WILL BE HELD
ON SAT 1ST OCTOBER**
Donations of bottles, toiletries,
prizes for Tombola & raffle,
Groceries, can be left in box at
back of Church

Bishop Toal invites you to a Mass to Pray for Refugees on Thurs 15th Sept in the Cathedral—Feast of Our Lady of Sor-

Beginning Experience A weekend for those who find themselves alone through divorce, separation or bereavement. From 30 Sept- 2nd Oct in Coatbridge tel 01316690003 rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk

Primary 1 Welcome Mass on Sun 18th Sept at 10am Mass.

Holy Ghost Fathers Raffle Tickets on sale in the stall.

Facebook St. Ignatius' RC Church
1223 likes Have a look and comment!

Wishaw Hospital Chaplain Fr Michael Brown; for emergency/visit please ask nurse to contact chaplain or call 264448

SVDP Tel: 07840142894 for help.

Furniture Collection Diocesan SVDP
07773731123 Or 07749467335

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

Saint Ninian 360-432AD was the son of a converted chieftain of the Cumbrian Britons, studied at Rome, was ordained, was consecrated a bishop and returned to evangelize his native Britain. He had his own church built at Whithorn, Galloway by masons from St. Martin's Monastery in Tours, which became known as The Great Monastery and was the center of his missionary activities. From it Ninian and his monks evangelized neighboring Britons and the Picts of Valentia. Ninian was known for his miracles, among them curing a chieftain of blindness, which cure led to many conversions. His feast day is September 16.

Today we hear the parable of the lost sheep and the great joy over finding the lost. Jesus tells those listening how much joy there will be in heaven over one sinner repenting than many other righteous people who do not need to repent. I am always blown away by this parable, because the shepherd leaves 99 other sheep to go look for one lost one. It is truly amazing that this is the same attitude of God. When we are lost, He seeks us out and carries us back when we are found. He does not say, "well one won't make a difference, I have 99 others." God doesn't give up on us, He loves us more than we can ever know, and when we are lost in this world, He wants us to be found. From this parable I think often about how much we give up on other people in our lives. When people seem to veer we just think, "oh well, they are lost now, no use going to help or trying to find them." Many times we view helping others and helping to find others as an inconvenience. Thank goodness that God does not think or act this way. When we are lost, He help us along and is continuously allowing grace to flow in our lives so that we can be found. Of course, we do have to cooperate with that grace. And when those who are lost are found, we know that there will be great rejoicing in heaven!

Two things that I hope you will join me in thinking about today: 1) Am I more likely to give up on someone when they are lost? or am I more likely to go out and find them? 2) Where does your confidence lie, in Christ or in yourself?

Pete and Sally had been married for 59 years, not always happily - by the way. Pete had recently been hospitalised with a severe illness. The doctor has told Pete and Sally to go home as there is no hope for Pete. It is a matter of hours, and Pete might as well die at home. Sally takes Pete home, tucks him in bed, and pats his head as she carries on with her tasks. Pete lays in bed pondering his remaining hours when an aroma comes wafting up the stairs. Pete cries, "Sally, what's that smell?" He struggles out of bed when she does not answer the call, and he crawls to the door. Once again he cries out, "Honey, what's that smell? It smells so good." Again there is no answer, so Pete musters all his remaining strength and crawls down the stairs to the kitchen. He rises up as high as his strength will allow and there on the counter, the table, on everywhere, are giant chocolate chip cookies cooling. She does really love me after all, he thinks. She has made my favourite cookie for me before I die.

With all his remaining strength he pulls himself up on his feet and staggers to the closest cookie. He is just about to take a big bite of the warm and moist treat when a rolling pin nails him on the head and Sally says, "Don't you take one bite of even one of those cookies. Those cookies are for the funeral."