

**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 Wotherpoon; Teresa Clark; John McKenna; Sr Mary Inglis; Margaret Russell; 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 Widdicombe; Pamela Brown; David Clegg; Rosa Stevenson; Joe Bulmer; Elizabeth Murdoch; Eleanor Hughes; Thomas Clens; Cathie McNulty; John Anderson; Fr Jim Casey; Candy Curran; Audrey Welsh; Peter McKenna; Catherine Anderson; Mauricio Puricelli; Margaret Hassan; Anne Mullins; John Hayes; Jimmy Dolan
Children: Laila Hunt, Connor Simpson, Zak Matthew Thomson; Peter Convery; Corran Davidson; Megan Macauley; Jade Law; Chloe Docherty; Caoimhe Lamb



RECENT DEATHS

Robert Cook; Philip McDonald; Cathie McNulty

ANNIVERSARIES

Rose, Gerry & Norma Carragher; Ellen Kiernan; Josephine Ferguson; Ann Small Margaret Gardener; Daniel & Bridget Crielly; Bridie Curran; John & Francis Penman

Prayer for the Children of Aleppo

We so much need you, O God, to inspire Peace again.
We join with the children of Syria to pray for peace.

Across many faiths we pray for peace:
For the children of Syria and with the children of Syria.
We pray for Peace.

Hear the plea of children of Syria and of the world praying together,
For beauty and peace and laughter once more.

Help our adults to work for Peace.
O God, hear the prayer of children for peace. Amen.

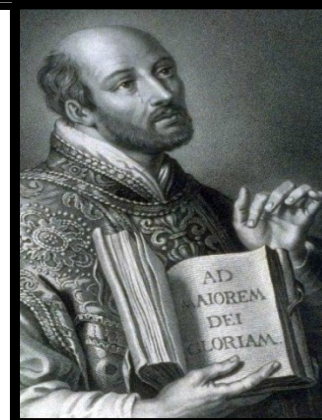
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2nd Sunday of Advent Year A
3/4th December 2016

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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 any reward,
save that of knowing that I do
your will.



St. Ignatius'

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**PREPARE
A WAY
FOR THE
LORD**

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 Maguinness
Pastor Emeritus: Mgr Michael Conway
Website: www.saintignatiuswishaw.org.uk

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Lighting of the 2nd Candle on the Advent Wreath

Priest: Heavenly Father, You call us to rejoice in the coming of your Son, and you ask us to prepare a way for Him in our hearts as we await the Day of His coming



All: As we light this candle may we open our hearts and our lives to Jesus and may we be eager to change our ways to follow him more closely so that all mankind will see the salvation of our God Amen.

Enrolment for First Confession

Parents who wish to present their children for the Sacrament of Penance in 2017, are requested to uplift a form from Fr. Gerry after Mass and return it next week. **Enrolment Mass 10am on Sun 11th Dec**

Homeless at Christmas—a big thanks for your generous response

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch
Saturday 17th Dec

Raffle for Mountain Bike and other Prizes to be drawn on 11th Dec. £2 per strip in Stall and Hall. Proceeds to Hall extension funds. **Christmas Café 11th Dec after 10/12 Masses, 11-2pm Tickets now on sale £1.50 or pay at door**

CD'S on sale next Sunday from St Aidan's High School Band £5 each Great stocking filler

Last Week's Collection £1576
2nd Hall Extension £686
2£10 winners New Lotto Total £5282
Many thanks for your generosity

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



Feasts this Week

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

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

Advent Prayer Tree

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

Future of Parishes- you are invited by Bishop Toal to a meeting in St Brigid's parish on Mon 5th Dec at 7pm to discuss the links between St Ignatius, St Aidan's, St Brigid's and St Mary's, Cleland parishes. St Brigid's has the best parking facilities. What do you think?

Advent Penitential Service will be on Mon 19th Dec at 7pm

Congratulations to Preston James Morrison baptised this weekend and to his family



Volunteers for Church Cleaning on Tues 20th Dec after 9:30 Mass in preparation for Christmas

G4 (X Factor Finalists) in Concert on Thurs 16th March 2017 at Fruitmarket Tickets/Bus £33. List at back of Church

Stall Advent Calendars Christmas-Cards, Calendars, Day by Day Advent

Facebook St. Ignatius' RC Church
1285 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
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

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is our belief that Mary was without any sin. God had planned to keep her without the stain of original sin through the sacrifice of His Son, yet to be completed by His death on the cross. To be a worthy dwelling place for the Son of God, the Sinless one, so too Mary had to be without sin. We celebrate this Feast just before Christmas to remind us that we too must strive to be without sin, so that Jesus Christ can be born in our hearts. We pray with Mary that we, through the love and grace of Christ's sacrifice, may be worthy dwelling places for the Word made Flesh.

What is an Advent Wreath? Many churches and families prominently display an evergreen wreath with four candles throughout the Advent Season. It is traditionally made of some type or mixture of evergreens (fir, spruce, juniper, holly, etc.), symbolizing the continuation of life in the middle of the cold and dark winter (in the northerly latitudes, at least). Advent wreaths traditionally include three purple/violet candles and one pink/rose-coloured candle, which are arranged evenly around the wreath, although some people use four violet or four white candles. Only one purple candle is lit during the first week, two in the second week, three (incl. the pink one) in the third week, and all four during the fourth week of Advent; the gradually increasing light symbolizes the approach of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, the light of the world. Since the rose candle is not lit until the Third Sunday of Advent, it is best to start on the First Sunday of Advent lighting the purple candle located directly opposite the pink one, and then to continue clockwise around the wreath in the following weeks. Thus, one could go in the following orders: 1-right, 2-front, 3-left (rose), 4-back; or 1-front right, 2-front left, 3-back left (rose), and 4-back right. In many churches, a large wreath is ritually blessed at the beginning of the first liturgy on the First Sunday of Advent. Families can also use a smaller Advent wreath in their homes, which they themselves can bless (click here for some Advent Wreath Blessings). Families can gather around the wreath daily for some brief Advent prayers and readings, especially at the time of the evening meal, lighting the appropriate number of candles for each week. Click here for some Advent Family Prayers; or see the Blessing Rituals for Advent, from the Shorter Book of Blessings. Some traditions assign specific symbolism to each of the candles: 1) The Prophet's Candle, symbolizing Hope; 2) The Bethlehem Candle, symbolizing Faith; 3) The Shepherd's Candle, symbolizing Joy; 4) The Angel's Candle, symbolizing Peace. Some churches and families add a fifth candle (white) in the middle of the wreath for Christmas Eve or Day; others continue using the same wreath throughout the Christmas Season, replacing the coloured Advent candles with fresh candles that are white or gold, symbolizing the arrival of Christ, the light of the world.

A police officer sees an older gentleman staggering slightly down the street. It's 1:00 in the morning. The officer pulls the man over for a chat. "Good evening, sir," the police officer says. "Is everything OK?" "Why yes, officer, thank you," the man says, speaking a bit thickly. "Where are you headed?" the officer asks. "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body," the man says with certainty. "Sir, it's 1:00 in the morning," the policeman says. "Who would be giving a lecture on that topic at this hour?" The man straightens up, looks the officer in the eye and says, "my wife"