

**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; 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

Jane Quinn; Kathleen Kennedy (Tues 6:30; Wed 11am); Tom Harden;
Nancy McLelland; Thomas (Tam) Bett;

ANNIVERSARIES

David Ness; Ann Small; Agnes McQuade; Roseann Winifred McGinty;
Teresa McCrossan; Paddy Bonner; Margaret Gardner; Jimmy Dolan; Josephine Ferguson

MONTHS MIND

Peter McAlinden

Volunteers for SVDP FURNITURE PROJECT NEEDED TEL 07954310670

Father,
the image of the Virgin is found in the Church.
Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared
and a love that never knew sin,
for you kept her sinless from the moment of her conception.
Trace in our actions the lines of her love,
in our hearts her readiness of faith.
Prepare once again a world for your Son
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God forever and ever. Amen

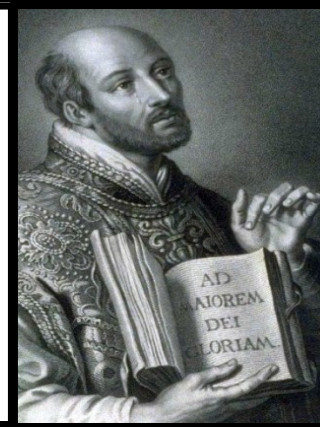
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**2nd Sunday of Advent Year B
9th/10th December 2017**

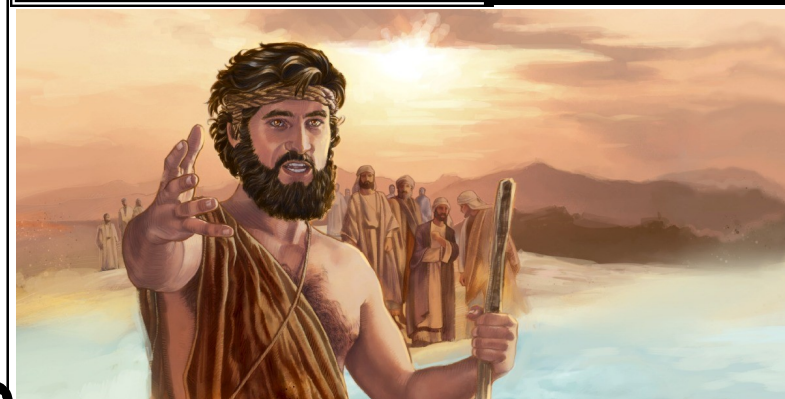
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Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you
as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight
and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and
not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that I do
your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



St. Ignatius'



PREPARE THE 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

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

**Charity no.
SCO 11041**

**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.**



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
All SINNERS WELCOME**

Blessing of the Baby Jesus
Next Sunday at the end of all Masses
we will bless the Baby Jesus figures
for your cribs

Day by Day Advent on sale in the Stall

Keep Christ in Christmas
Stickers on sale in the stall

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

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

**Last Week's Collection £1852
2nd for Hall extension £906
No Winner New Lotto Total £3277
Many thanks for your generosity**

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



Feasts this Week

Tues 12th **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Wed 13th **St Lucy**
Thurs 14th **Dedication of our Cathedral**
Fri 15th **St John of the Cross**

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

**We welcome P3 pupils and their
families to 10am Mass today as
they enrol for First Confession**

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

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.

Congratulations to Laila Anne Anderson
baptised this weekend and to her family

Church cleaning for Christmas Tues
19th Dec after Mass. Helpers needed

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, Bin-
go 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.

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 at 1pm they will repeat the Service for the parish

St Aidan's High Christmas Concert Mon 18th Dec 7:30pm Adults £5 Conc £3
Concert and Tea for Senior Citizens Tues 19th 1:30pm Free tickets tel 352555

Looking at John the Baptist: Advent can take us way beyond preparing for Christmas.
It certainly does prepare us to be open to the gifts that come with this season but it can
also draw us into the mystery of being not only "preparing" but to become one who is
called to prepare the way for Jesus, in our world, for others. John the Baptist is given to
Elizabeth and Zachariah, and to us, as a Hebrew testament prophet. He comes in order
to be a precursor. He is the one who steps right out of the message of the Prophet Isaiah
to prepare a way for our God to save us - in the midst of the wilderness, the wasteland -
wherever there is hopelessness. His message is that the mountains aren't too high, the
valleys aren't too severe for our God to come and save us - to be with us. He comes to
make it clear that he himself is not the promised one. He is only to announce and pre-
pare his way. He calls for repentance and offers forgiveness. He comes with power to
speak the truth to those who would be threatened by the good news. And, John pays a
prophet's price for his discipleship. Advent is a time for us to hear the call - ultimately
which comes from Jesus - to prepare his way. We are sent before him to the non-
geographical places where the good news of Jesus hasn't been heard or where it is no
longer accepted. Pope Francis tells us - in the Joy of the Gospel - that we share the good
news best by our actions, more than by our words. Our inner joy, made manifest in our
freedom to witness our joy, in our service for others, evangelizes, that is, it credibly
announces the good news of our salvation in Jesus. We tell people about it best when
we look like we believe it, and we look like we believe it because we live it.

A parrot was in a pet shop with a string attached to each leg when a man walked in look-
ing to buy a pet. A shopkeeper came over and started to try and sell him a dog when the
man noticed the parrot. He asked what the strings were for and the shopkeep-
er replied, "Well, if you pull the right string the parrot says, 'Polly wanna cracker'. If
you pull the left string it says, 'my name's Sam'". The man being of the inquisitive na-
ture tried both and thought it was really neat, but was still curious. So he asked what
would happen if he pulled both strings, the parrot piped up, "I'd fall off the perch you
idiot!"