

**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; Donna & Patricia McGuire; Marie Laird; Patricia Pearson; Pamela Brown; Fr Jim Casey; Peter McKenna; Catherine Anderson, Margaret Hassan; Anne Mullins; Robbie McNaughton; Patti Brassington; 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; David Muir; Betty Wassell; Grace & Sandy Abernethy
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**

Rose Nolan (Tues 9:30), Rosemary Wotherspoon (Tues 11:30) Martin Ryan (Mon 1pm); Ann Sloey Cumberton; Kathleen Magnan; Jean O'Donnell

ANNIVERSARIES

McKeown family; Briody family; Patrick Joseph Henry, Ann, James snr & James jnr, Marie Teresa Gunn, Joseph & Ellen Hoey, Mary Moorehead, Charles Higgins; William McCreadie; Mary McCann; Mary Fullarton; George McCormick, Lynn Marie O'Connor; Mary & Edward Stewart;

We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising, Worshiping God on high.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

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off mobile
phones and
remove
chewing gum

**The Epiphany Year B
6th/7th January 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
Website: www.saintignatiuswishaw.org.uk

**Charity no.
SCO 11041**

**Happy New Year to all
May 2018 be a blessed
year for you and your
families. Thanks for all
card and gifts
Fr Gerry & Mgr Conway**

Blessing of Babies

This week we welcome in a special way all the babies/children who were baptised in our parish during the past year. They will be presented with a cross at the 12noon Mass as we entrust them and their families to the care of Our Lady. There were 30 baptisms in St Ignatius in 2017

P4 children at 10am Mass next week to renew Baptismal Promises

Donations to St Margaret's Adoption Society at the crib most welcome

Congratulations to Jacqueline Doherty and Steven McCall married this weekend

New Western Catholic Calendars are available in the stall

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

Baptismal Evening on Tues 30th Jan at 7:30pm. All parents and God parents are invited to attend

**Last Week's Collection £1507
2nd for Justice & Peace £581
No Winner New Lotto Total £3417
Christmas Collection 6828
Bequest to Parish of £100,000
Many thanks for your generosity**

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



Feasts this Week

Mon 8th The Baptism of our Lord
Sat 13th St Kentigern/Mungo

A wee reminder to bow your head just before receiving Holy Communion in respect and gratitude

Enrolment for Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday 27th February. Parents of children in primary 6 & 7 who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to uplift an enrolment form after Mass

RCIA will recommence next Mon 15th Jan at 7pm in the Parish House

Enrolment for St Ignatius Primary for P1 Mon/Tues 15th/16th from 10-11:30 Wed/ Thurs 17/18th 1-2:30pm. Council tax bill & Birth Cert required. Baptismal Certificate if available please.

January rotas can be uplifted now

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage for 2018 will be from 20th-27th July. Cost approx. £850 incl flight from Edinburgh, insurance, full board.

Booking forms for sick and able-bodied pilgrims available in the sacristy

The Italian Reunion will take place on Fri 12th Jan 2018 at 7:30pm in the Loyola Centre

Facebook St. Ignatius' RC Church
1420 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

The Epiphany Woman— La Befana: Christian legend had it that Befana was approached by the biblical magi, also known as the Three Wise Men (or the three kings) a few days before the birth of the Infant Jesus. They asked for directions to where the Son of God was, as they had seen his star in the sky, but she did not know. She provided them with shelter for a night, as she was considered the best housekeeper in the village, with the most pleasant home. The magi invited her to join them on the journey to find the baby Jesus, but she declined, stating she was too busy with her housework. Later, La Befana had a change of heart, and tried to search out the astrologers and Jesus. That night she was not able to find them, so to this day, La Befana is searching for the little baby. She leaves all the good children toys and candy ("caramelle") or fruit, while the bad children get coal ("carbone"), onions or garlic

Sr. Martina thanks the Parishioners, friends and others, who by their generosity raised over £6,000 for the Pierre & Alix Life Skills Training College in Uganda. This college is now at Sr. Martina's request being supported by SCIAF. This money was raised from Orders of Service and Memorial Cards for Funerals, OOS for Weddings, Christmas Cards and from other very generous sources. All of the various cards & OOS were produced totally free of charge for the College. Enormous thanks to all who have donated in any way. The work continues for these very unfortunate young people in Uganda.

MYRRH AND FRANKINCENSE: The gifts brought by the Magi were both appropriate and expensive. The value of gold is obvious but what of the other presents? Myrrh is an aromatic substance made from the sap of Myrtle balsam trees found in India, Africa and Saudi Arabia. It is a natural antiseptic and useful as a medicine. Egyptians used myrrh for embalming mummies. It is now used for toothpaste and mouthwash. Incense is a hardened gum that also comes from trees found in the same areas. The word "Frank" comes from an old French word that means "marked." It is a stamp that the incense is "free" from contaminants or "pure". (Franking is still used for free mail rights.) Incense was used primarily to cover up the smells caused by animal sacrifices. Hence it was connected with worship.

A radical feminist is getting on a crowded bus when, just in front of her, a man gets up from his seat. She thinks to herself, "Here's another man trying to keep up the customs of a patriarchal society by offering a poor, defenceless woman his seat," and she pushes him back onto the seat.

A few minutes later, the man tries to get up again. She is insulted again and refuses to let him up. Finally, the man says, "Look, lady, you've got to let me get up. I'm two miles past my stop already."

Mrs. Coughlan was boarding an aeroplane for the first time and she was very nervous. She asked if she could meet the pilot and her request was granted. When she met the pilot, she said, "This is my first time flying. Please reassure me that you will bring me down safely." The pilot, amused, replied, "I can assure you, madam, that I have never left anyone up there in my entire career."