ST COLUMBKILLE'S CHURCH

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CLERGY

Fr Bernard Mournian (Parish Priest) Fr Pat Hennessy (In Residence)

Rev. Michael Ross (Deacon)

SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS 24TH/25TH DECEMBER 2022

HOLY MASS

Mon - Fri: 10am, (Rosary, 10.30am), 1pm

Saturday: ~ 10am, 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: ~ 9am; 10.30am;

12 noon (N.B. No 4pm Mass)

FUNERAL MASSES THIS WEEK

Wed 28th December, 10am ~ Catherine Buchanan R.I.P.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR:~ Friday, 3pm CONFESSIONS:~ Mon~Sat 9.30~9.55am, Sat 3.30pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:~ Mon~Sat, 9.30~9.55am BAPTISMS:~ To arrange a baptism please contact the Church Office.

Next baptismal preparation course ~ 4th January 7pm

HALL CAFÉ: Open Tues, Thur, Sat and Sun CLOSED UNTIL 5TH JANUARY

WELFARE CLINIC: 31st December, 10.30-12.30

ENVELOPES FOR THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE RETURN YOUR DONATION TO THE MARKED BOX AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Please support your parish through the weekly collection, our income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners. Contributions can be made in the form of a standing order or online donation through our website, using these bank details.

Sort Code: 83-26-24 Account No: 00255006

Filling out our Gift Aid form will allow us to claim an extra 25% of your donation from the taxman, at no cost to yourself! Standing order and Gift Aid forms are on our website or at the end of the pews in church. Completed forms can be put in any of the boxes at the back of the church.



Please pray for the following:~

Sick:- Patrick Ralph, Rose Maher, William Keaney, Maria Cowen, Helen Boyle, Angela Gibb, May Reid, Patrick Gallagher, Owen Lochrin, Marilyn Cook, Jim Pearson, Enuz Anderston, Ann Bond, Nathan Coleman, Irene Rowan, Paddy McGeever, Margaret McKenzie, Della Walker, Rita Gillan, Baby Isabella Maria Maxwell, Hughie Cullen, Hugh Bryceland, Susan Smith.

Recently deceased: Aileen McCann (nee Dunne), John Campbell, Elizabeth Dempsey, Michael Pethard, Anne Haughey, John Kelly, Helen Clements, Mary Ann McKenna, Mrs McAveety, John Lynch, Frank Gillan

Anniversaries: Hugh Gray, Sean Heraghty, Marie Hughes, Matthew Gordon, Terry Heaney, John Clark, Liam Kavanagh, Margaret Hoey, Rose McBrearty, Gerry Haughey, Helena McLaughlin, Owen McFadden, Nada Quigley, Charles and Margaret Callaghan, John McLaughlin, Ellen Kennedy, Mary Flanagan, William McGurk, Bridget McGurk, Anna McIntyre

Birthday Blessings: - Chiara Rae

Sanctuary flowers for Christmas in recognition of:~ Rita Cassidy, James McPhilips, Eddie Hughes, Margaret McGonigle, Fay Paterson, Alex Elder Snr, Alex Elder Jnr, John McGuire, Jane McGuire, Netta and Joe Finnigan.

Last week's collection ~ £1696 Thank you for your generosity

PRIZE DRAW WINNERS

1st prize £1,000.00 E Farrell no 01391 2nd prize £500.00 N Joseph no 07260 3rd prize £100.00 G Bruce no 05622

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR MOURNIAN ON BEHALF OF ALL THE CLERGY

"A God who became so small could only be Mercy and Love." St Therese of Lisieux

This beautiful quote from St Therese highlights the wonder of what we celebrate at Christmas. The Word was made flesh, born into our world as a small helpless baby, dependent on His parents for everything. He was born of a woman, chosen by God, created by God. As His Blessed Mother wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes and placed him in the manger she wrapped the very first Christmas present, God Himself, given as a gift for all of us. This wondrous gift was first revealed, not to the Kings or religious leaders of the world but to poor, humble shepherds. On that first Christmas night, and indeed throughout history, God chooses the most unexpected of people to glorify Him. May we too be filled with the same wonder as the shepherds, may we ponder the mystery of Christmas in our hearts as Our Blessed Mother did and may we glorify Him in our lives. On behalf of Fr Hennessy, Deacon Ross and myself we wish you all a very Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas, filled with the joy that only Jesus can bring. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr Hennessy and Deacon Ross for all their help and support and indeed to everyone involved in the life of our parish. There are so many of you who contribute, who give of your time and talents for the benefit of our parish and the wider community. Please know that I appreciate all that you do and am so humbled and grateful for all the support that you give to me as your Parish Priest, thank you to all of you and may God bless you and your families. Happy Christmas, Fr Bernard

A CANDLE IN THE WINDOW

Placing a single lighted candle in your window is a tradition practiced on Christmas Eve. With the candle we are lighting the way for Mary and Joseph on their way to find the stable in Bethlehem. The candle signifies that your home is a place of welcome for the Holy Family, that there is a vacancy in your home for Jesus. The invitation is then to carry Jesus in our hearts throughout the year. Traditionally the youngest member of the household lights the candle on Christmas Eve and then again on Christmas Night. Our clergy would be delighted to bless your candle for this purpose. N.B. Please do not leave lit candles unattended.

ALTAR SERVERS ~ CHRISTMAS NIGHT OUT

We would like to thank our wonderful altar servers for all their hard work by taking them to the panto over the Christmas holidays....oh no you don't....oh yes we do!!! We are hoping to book 'The Magical Adventures of Aladdin' at the Pavilion Theatre, Friday 30th December, leaving from the church at 5.45pm. If you would like to go please let us know as soon as possible so that we can book the tickets. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church or please let Fr Mournian or Deacon Ross know if you would like to join us.

INTO THE MIND OF INFINITY: Parishioner Joe Livingston has a book for sale (Into the Mind of Infinity) on Amazon and Amazon Kindle.

ST MARGARET'S CRIB APPEAL

For the past 65 years, St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society has relied on the generosity of the Catholic community in the Glasgow, Paisley, Motherwell and Galloway dioceses donating to their Crib Appeal. The Crib Appeal is their primary source of funding for their Post Adoption Support Services and has raised tens of thousands of pounds each year. As with many charities their funding has suffered as a result of the pandemic and lockdowns. Please consider donating to their Crib Appeal when you visit and pray at our Crib, or you can donate online at www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk.

LIGHT UP A LIFE

Light up a Life is an opportunity to sponsor a lantern in memory or in honour of a loved one, with all donations going to the St Andrew's and Kilbryde Hospices. The lanterns will be lit in the Church throughout the Christmas Octave. Cards are available for you to let someone special know they are in your thoughts and that a light will be shining in memory or in honour of your loved one; these are available from the stall. Please place your donation in the box provided.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Selection of Christmas gifts available in the stall including our parish calendar and Christmas Mass bouquets, while stocks last!

Funeral Purveys available from St. Columbkilles Hall

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