

Church of Our Lady & St George

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Sunday 03 January 2016

Feast of the Epiphany

Mass Times: Sunday: Vigil 6.30pm; 9.30am; 11am
Monday –Saturday: 9.30am
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Monday 7pm

Availability of the priest. Fr Joe is generally available after Masses and in the evenings from 8.30 – 9.30 pm, except for Wednesdays.

Deacon Rev Andrew Davis will be available Monday and Wednesday 7-9pm in his office or through the Parish phone number.

Confession/Reconciliation: Any morning before Mass, and Saturday 5.30-6.30pm

Baptism: By appointment with Parish Priest. Forms are available in the porch.
Marriage: Appointment with Parish Priest (6 months notice)
Sacrament of the Sick: Please receive this Sacrament if you know you are going into hospital, or if anyone you know has a serious illness.
Funerals: Please approach the Parish Priest in the event of bereavement.

This Sunday is the Feast of the Epiphany.

In Scotland the Day of Prayer for Justice and Peace takes place on this day. Our second collection is to be split between the parish (Fund for the rewiring and new lighting) and the Justice and Peace Commission. This second collection is to be taken up after the letter from Bishop Nolan is read aloud.

Fr Joe writes:

Thank God for another joyful celebration of the Birth of the Lord. Our vigil Mass at 6 pm was packed and the presence of so many children was a delight to all. Some came up to sing at the crib and some to wander about, and the cry of the baby as we silently made our thanksgiving after Holy Communion brought to our minds the crying of the new born in Bethlehem.

The music at all the Masses was out of this world. No wonder people waited for more after the Night Mass. Our gratitude to all who helped make our celebration such a joyful one.

I also express my gratitude for all the kindness shown me as I adjust to my new surroundings and begin the New Year in Our Lady and St George's. "Does he ever take a holiday?" people may well be asking. The answer is: only occasionally. This week however Fr Donnelly will be covering on Tuesday and Wednesday and Mgr Docherty on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Congratulations to Mary and James McIlwaine who celebrated 60 years of marriage on Hogmanay and who allowed us all to be part of the renewal of marriage vows at the 11 am Mass last Sunday.

The Sunday Café is a wonderful event each week and we appreciate those who help make it possible. It was suggested that we might better organise those who are willing to help and form teams based not so much on the four areas of the parish but on some other basis. To this end we might have a meeting on Sunday 17th January about 12. 30 pm. All who are willing to help are invited to come along or hand in their names as willing volunteers.

Last weekend's collections. Thanks to all who contributed in any way large or small. The amounts taken up these past few days reflect the great generosity of those who take part in our celebrations. Last Sunday, Feast of the Holy Family, the first collection came to £1128 (including Gift Aid) and the second collection £627 with £313 going to the parish and £313 going to Pro-Life causes.
The amount for Christmas Day came to £2148.

Brown Hall Fund Contribution Envelopes should ONLY be used for the purpose of the Hall Fund.

Christmas Hymn Booklets: Please return these booklets to the porch to be used throughout the remainder of the Christmas season and for the future. Thank you.

The Queen Elizabeth University Hospital **Correction to original notice:** The telephone number of the Chaplaincy in the QEUH is **452 3221.** Parishioners can also contact Father Joe, 882 4868 to make arrangements for an Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist to bring them Holy Communion during visiting times.

Sunday Café
03 January 2016: Sandwood 10 January 2016: Hillington
17 January 2016: Barshaw

400 Club there are over 150 places available at £1 per month. See Liam in the Hall after morning Masses.

Bulletin Team Yet again we find our team is getting smaller (from January only 3 of us will be on the rota) and would greatly appreciate more help in producing the weekly bulletin. Assistance is available for anyone who would be willing to give a couple of hours every 4 or 5 weeks. If you, or you know of anyone who could help, please contact Father Joe on 882 4868, or June on 882 5120.

THANKS to all who helped to decorate the Church for Christmas:
- by bringing a poinsettia plant for the crib
- By giving so generously to the collection box which paid fir the Christmas tree, lights and decorations
- By coming along and giving of their time and energy to decorate the Church and put up the crib.

Southside Foodbank
As we begin Year 3 of donations please remember the foodbank when shopping. Whenever you can, put an extra item in your basket and put it in the box in the hall or in the porch. Thank you.

Collections - SSVP would like to thank everybody who contributed to our collections on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. These raised over £400, which is double our normal weekend average. This has allowed us to provide greater assistance to the local food bank, and emergency toiletries for those entering the Queen Elizabeth hospital with nothing.

SSVP Winter Warmer - We will shortly be issuing the invitations for our winter warmer event, which will be on the 20th February. It is not a parish social event but one specifically targeted at parishioners who due to material, spiritual or social circumstances could benefit from an afternoon of companionship and includes spouses of those bereaved in the past year, those isolated with few opportunities for socialising and those suffering long term illness. Due to health and safety restrictions numbers have to be limited and we have had to prioritise those we are aware of. If you are aware of anybody coming into the above categories please make any of us at **SSVP** aware or put their contact details (name and address) in our collection boxes.

St Aloysius' College Kindergarten and Junior School **Open Day** takes place on Thursday 14 January 2016. See notice in porch for times.

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital:
Liam Cullen; Margaret Peoples; Therese O'Neill; Betty Hassan; Phyllis Sykes; Catherine Leverage; Angela Stirling; Sadie Reid; John O'Malley; Margaret Stelmaszuk; Alan MacDonald; Richard Heuchan; Fiona Campbell; Kell Drummond; Patsy Pollok; Betty Turner

For those who have died recently

Anniversaries: Jenny Wilson; Jimmy Wilson; Betty Wilson; Thomas Gillan; Hugh C Rennie; Margaret McGhee (3 yrs); Donald John Wood; Cathie Connelly.



Happy New Year

For everybody in the world
Whatever their situation may be,
Good health, lots of love, of possibilities
And….. Peace!

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