Sunday 29th December 2024

Feast of the Holy Family

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Sunday Masses
Vigil: 6 pm; Sunday 9.30 and 11 am.
Weekday Masses: 9.30 am
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Rosary after Mass most days.
Masses are live streamed for those unable to physically to take part. Go to the website for the link : www.olsg.org.uk

CAMERAS FOCUS ONLY ON THE SANCTUARY AREA AND THE AREA IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF IT. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO HAVE YOUR IMAGE LIVE STREAMED, PLEASE MIND THIS.

Church Opening times
In addition to Mass times the church is open **Monday to Friday 1.30 to 2.30 pm, and 6 pm to 7 pm**
Generally, individual Confessions are available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday **at 6.15 to 6.45**
Silence in the church is observed to allow private prayer.



Christmas Season

Crib donations go to St Margaret's Children &Family Care Society.

Saturday/ Sunday 28/29 Feast of the Holy Family. Normal Mass times.

The Archbishop will celebrate in the cathedral the 12 noon Mass on Sunday 29th December, the Feast of the Holy Family, to mark the local opening of the Jubilee year. A new Jubilee Cross has been commissioned which will be blessed during the Mass and will hang on the back wall of the Cathedral sanctuary for the duration of the Holy Year.

Wednesday 1st January:
Feast of Mary, Mother of God: Mass: 10 am.
Friday 3rd January Welcome to Fr Hugh Seenan and then on the **7th until the 10th** Fr Brendan Murtagh.
Sunday 5th January: The Epiphany of the Lord.
Pray for Justice and Peace.
(Retiring collection for Justice and Peace Scotland.)
Sunday 12th January The Baptism of the Lord.
(End of Christmastide)

May they rest in peace We are asked to pray for those who died recently; Mary McIlwaine (Requiem Mass Monday 13th January), Christine Nicoletti, Pauline Hastie, Joe Cusack, Charles Doyle, Mary Bradley; **whose anniversaries occur about now:** Margaret and John Kaney, Betty Foley (18 yrs), Mary Houston (4 yrs), Donald John Wood, John Johnston (2 yrs) (*Names for insertion should be added to the list available in the link corridor before 10 am Thursday.)*

Pray for those who are ill: for the sick at home, in hospital, in nursing, homes. Prayers are requested for: Fr Dermot Healy, John Brodie, Susan McDonald, Catherine Morrison, Margaret Curran, Finn McGuinness, Mary Blair, Billy Miller, Betty Hassan, Willie Hale, Belle Mann, G.Saville, Gerry Fergusson, Agnes Charles, Ellen Collum, Archie McKinven,, Fr Vincent Kennedy, Jeanette Murray, Carmel Wright, Cathie Hunter, Frances Denham, Liz Murray, Frank O'Neill, Sr Mary Catherine MacInness, Sr. Rose Hughes, Els Heuchan, Christine Sutherland, Alan MacDonald, Kevin McCann, Anthony McCann, Kian Devlin, Willie Fortucci. *(Permission from the person who is ill is required before insertion in the bulletin. Add the name to the list in the link corridor each week.)*

When requesting a notice to be included in the bulletin it is preferable to send the proposed notice to the parish email which will reduce administration work.

The parish calendar with another presentation of photos from the parish and beyond is also now available to take and give to any neighbours who would benefit.

The Western Catholic Calendar is now on sale in the stall. Finances Thanks to all who contribute to the parish upkeep and those who give so generously. Last weekend, 21/22 Dec £1336 was presented as we brought up the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharistic meal and sacrifice. Thanks to all who contribute through standing orders and all who are able to use the Gift Aid Scheme. Thanks also to those who take up the collections, men and women and people of different nationalities to reflect the universality (catholicity) of the Church.

Family Fun Afternoon
Sunday 12th January 2025
4pm 'til 7pm. Games, Treasure Hunt, and other activities.
This afternoon will be a free ticket only.
Tickets can be got after Mass.
29th Dec and 5th Jan

Young Adult Sessions: St Mungo's City Pilgrimage Walk. Sat 11th January, 10am – 3pm. 16–30-year-olds welcome. Pilgrimage Walk – Mass – St. Mungo's www.tinyurl.com/stmungo25

The Knights of Saint Columba: Young People's Competition (4 -18 Years) info: **youth-province1@ksc.org**

Fr Joe writes

The year that has flown past saw me entering my tenth year in the parish which continues to give me great satisfaction. There is so much goodwill and kindness shown in so many different ways, for which I am most grateful.

In November, with the archbishop presiding, we began our celebrations to mark 75 years as a parish and our synodal group has been working hard to organise an event every month to bring the parish together and to reach out to others to share the joy of the gospel: carols by candlelight this month, a family fun day in January… The youth ministry too as had a promising start with wonderful assistance from the Archdiocesan Youth Group.

Our celebrations of the Eucharis (in the newly painted sanctuary) have been enriched by many who have hailed from shores far away, much further away than Ireland from where my parents came.

Most Saturday afternoons I expect my brothers John, Brian, Martin and Fr Pat (when he is not otherwise engaged in a busy parish) to pay a visit and go over the issues of the day and past days. We get updates on the families and the progress of the sons and daughters and the grandnephews and grandnieces of whom we are most proud.

There were, of course, family get-togethers: First Communions, Aunt Norah's 100 birthday, and a family gathering after Christmas last year which was repeated again this year.

Holiday time brought me back to Ireland ("Where else?" people now say) and this year in July I had some memorable trips on Joe McGeady's curragh, including fishing off the coast at Curransport, catching a load of mackerel and pollock, and landing in at Inishboffin island where Joe's grandmother came from.

For the Easter holiday, Tommy McMahon and myself travelled to Mallaig, crossed over to Skye, did some cycling, camping, and then a train to Inverness and back to Glasgow.

Thankfully, I am still able to cycle a few miles especially on a Wednesday when it is a must to wear the helmet. Other times it is worn as well.

Being part of the family which is the Legion of Mary continues to set my mind on the need to grow continually in love by way of sharing the love and Good News that we have received.

Next year is to be a Jubilee Year and the logo reminds us that we are "Pilgrims of Hope" as we proclaim the victory of the Lord over the power of death despite mist, fog, darkness that we might face in 2025.

It is a good self-image for the Church to have and it is as a pilgrim of hope that I intend to mark my ten years in the parish on 29th June, the feast of St Peter and St Paul, at 11 am Mass, if God spares me, as my mother would say.
Every good wish and blessing for 2025.