Church of Our Lady & St George

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Sunday 30th December 2018

Feast of The Holy Family

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, on Tuesday 1st January: Mass will be at the usual time of 9.30 am.

Mass Times: Sunday: Vigil 6pm(from Next Weekend); 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 at other times by arrangement.

Confession/Reconciliation: Most mornings before Mass from 9.10 am until 9.25 am and *Saturday evenings after the Vigil Mass*

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.

Rosary is prayed every morning. Tuesday-Saturday after morning Mass.

Adults who would like to join our Church community are most welcome to make this known. After the initial inquiry preparation begin and the time it takes depends on individual circumstances

Fr Joe Writes:

The crib was set up in my absence the Wednesday before Christmas. At the Liturgy meeting the day before, I suggested we use the shed which was in the choir loft to shelter the occupants, but my suggestion was rejected in favour of leaving it open, inviting the onlooker into the company of the Lord. Perhaps the group was thinking of the story of the Romanian orphanage I mentioned last year where the children were told the story and invited to draw the scene. One little boy put two babies in the manger and when asked why he replied: "when I was putting the baby Jesus in the manger he asked me if I had a mum or dad. Then he invited me to stay with him, stay with him forever."
Saying Mass on Thursday I was distracted with the shining head of the older shepherd, reminding me of someone I know quite well. I got him a little bonnet until the baby Jesus arrived. I asked if I was invited in. "We already have an ox and an ass," he said, "but come in anyway."

Thanks for all the kindness and patience shown me over Christmas and throughout the year. Individual responses are beyond my capabilities and for this my apologies.

Remember the Saturday Vigil Mass is changing on 05 January when it will begin at 6pm.

Church Opening During the Day. During the holidays the access to the church will be gained mainly by using the code on the sacristy door with the ramp.

Finances. Thanks to all who contributed to the parish upkeep in our first collection which came to £1082 (including Gift Aid contributions). The second collection for the renovation fund came to £604. Standing orders have to be added.
Christmas day collections amounted to £1731.
Next Sunday there is to be a second collection for Justice and Peace Scotland.

Parish Census. In November we invited people to fill in a census form. These are still available in the porch.

Meetings/Events.
First Reconciliation: 14th March.
First Communion: 11th May.
First Communion Gaelic Children: 19th May;
Confirmations 16th May

Calendars for 2019. Thanks to Paul McBride for the photos and presentation of the calendar. These are free, one for each household.

SOUTHSIDE FOODBANK.
Again we pass on thanks for so many generous donations over Christmas. And sadly the need for donations continues into yet another year. Please think about donating an item of food or hygiene whenever you can as a New Year resolution. THANK YOU.

Epiphany All Nations Day
On Sunday 06 January at 11am Mass, we celebrate this day and ask our Parishioners to wear National Dress, eg. Nigerian, Indian, Scottish, etc.
Tea will be available in the hall afterwards.

Annual Crib Appeal 2018
The money raised through these boxes and crib donations are vital for the solvency and running of St Margaret's as the United Kingdom's only Catholic adoption agency. The Diocese of Galloway, Glasgow , Motherwell and Paisley can be very proud of standing by this charity's important work that is carried out within the framework of Catholic teaching. Boxes are available in the porch.

Many Thanks for the Christmas Masses, prayers, cards, gifts and good wishes from the parishioners—very much appreciated.
Rev. William B Donnelly

Do you have a drink problem? **Alcoholics Anonymous** meet every Monday at 8pm in the Hall.

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital:
Robert Carroll; John O'Malley; Mary Gaffney; Margaret Rose Morrison; Margaret Hooper; Margaret Leckie; Paul Lakoudakis; Shirley Conlon; Anna Bell; Angela Wilson; Bethany Simpson; Jack Foley; Phyllis Bradley; Eliz Clark; Alice O'Hara; Margaret Miller; W Silkcock; Pat & Desi Dickson; Danny Fitzimmons; P Fitzimmons

For those who have died recently:
James Friel; Billy Graham; Jim Oattes; Betty Byrne

For those whose Anniversaries occur about now:
Margaret Kaney; John Kaney; Donald John Wood; Frances Campbell; Daniel Hunter; Theresa Tonner; Craig McLellan (3rd Anniversay)

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