

THE PARISH OF ST. ALOYSIUS & THE SACRED HEART

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14TH DECEMBER 2025

Welcome to our parish community. If you are a visitor (or a regular) we hope you are made feel welcome. We ask you to respect the peaceful atmosphere of our churches, where people come to find God. We do not, however, expect the impossible of small children!

Toilets are located in the hall foyer in St. Aloysius' (through the door at the rear of the Church), and at the front right in Sacred Heart. You will also find the stall in the hall foyer in St. Aloysius.

ST. ALOYSIUS

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Mass at 10am

Joint Carol Service at 7pm

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Mass at 10am

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Mass at 10am with Primary School

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER

No 10am Mass

Requiem Mass of Irene Jackson at 2.30pm

SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER

Mass at 10am

Vigil Mass at 5.30 pm

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER

Mass at 10am

*Rosary 30 minutes before weekday Mass
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament at 9am.*

THE SACRED HEART

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Mass at 10am

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER

No 10am Mass

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER

Mass at 12 Noon

Rosary 30 minutes before weekday Mass

COLLECTION: 7TH DECEMBER

Non-Gift Aid: £ 703.66

Gift Aid: £ 968.40

Many thanks for your generosity!

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS

Each month, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month - this is usually fulfilled in the prayers at the beginning of the Rosary. During November we pray particularly:

For Christians in areas of conflict: Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Aloysius: Saturday at 9.30am & 5pm, No Monday Confession!
Sacred Heart: Sunday at 11.40am.

ACCESS RAMP UPDATE

New hand railings have been installed and now we await tar-mac, lighting and some finishing touches on the outside of the ramp.

We still hope to have a little opening ceremony on Thursday 18th December at 10am. This coincides with the primary school coming for Mass to perform their nativity as it is the last day of term. Over the last few weeks the children have have had a drawing competition to select 3 pupils to help with the official opening of the ramp. The school will display their work in the hall afterwards and at Sunday Morning Mass. **If this is not able to go ahead due to tar issues, I will post something on Facebook beforehand.**

FAMILY MASS

Next Sunday, 21st December, join us at 10am Mass followed by breakfast and crafts in the hall.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES

If you normally hand in a Christmas Remembrance, please ensure they are handed in to Fr Mark by Wednesday 17th December.

Please clearly mark these are Christmas Remembrances.

THANKS

A huge thanks to everyone for their help, contributions and fundraising efforts - over £1,100 has been raised so far.

BLESSING OF THE BABY JESUS

Next weekend at our Family Mass there will be a blessing of the Child Jesus. The hope is this helps children and young people to prepare for Jesus. Each family is asked to bring the Christ Child from their own crib or Nativity scene and they will be blessed during Mass.

SVDP RAFFLE

The St Vincent de Paul have been donated a twin buggy with dolls and they are raffling this at £1 a ticket. Proceeds for the Svdp funds. Available after Mass this weekend.

ST MARGARET'S CHILDREN & FAMILY CARE SOCIETY

As normal there will be a donations box available at the crib scenes to support the work of this charity. They work closely to help families adopt children and promote the importance of finding parents prepared to adopt children in need. They have a statistic suggesting there are over 1000 children in Scotland looking for parents to adopt them. Let us pray for those who already generously offer their family lives to those in need, and pray also for others to respond to this crisis.

DEANERY HOLY HOURS

On Tuesday evening at 7pm you are invited to **St David's, Plains** for an advent Holy Hour - a great way to prepare in Advent

MASS TIMES

Please note the differing Mass times this week. Notably (a) Mass on Monday morning at 10am (no evening Mass); (b) No 10am Mass in Salsburgh on Thursday, but 10am in St Aloysius with the school children; (c) No Friday morning Mass, but Requiem Mass at 2.30pm. Thanks for your understanding.

AVAILABLE AT THE STALL

Christmas Cards/Mass Bouquets, Calendars, Devotional Medals to St Benedict Joseph Labre, Day by Day books for Advent (available for infants & juniors - along with other seasonal gifts for children).

ADVENT

Here are some dates for your diary:

Monday 15th December - Annual Joint Church Carol Service in St Aloysius, 7pm.

Tuesday 16th December - Deanery Holy Hour, St David's, Plains at 7pm.

Tuesday 16th December - Carols with the Shotts Choir, Salsburgh Hall, 6.30pm for 7pm.

Wednesday 17th December - Carols by Candlelight, Motherwell Cathedral, 7.30pm

Saturday 20th December - Confession available in St Aloysius from 11am - 1pm with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

Sunday 21st December - Family Mass at 10am in St Aloysius.

Monday 22nd December - Confession available in St Aloysius before Mass from 5.30pm - 7pm with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

SACRED HEART:

Christmas Eve, Vigil of Christmas at 5pm with Carol singing from 4.30pm

ST. ALOYSIUS:

Christmas Eve, First Mass of Christmas at 9pm with Carol singing from 8.30pm.

Christmas Day, Mass of Christmas Morning at 10am.

Boxing Day (Feast of St Stephen), Friday 26th, Mass at 11am

Please note that until after the New Year **all weekday** Masses will take place in St Aloysius. The first weekday Mass to be celebrated in Sacred Heart will be Tuesday 6th January.

All weekend Masses (27th/28th December & 3rd/4th January) will remain at the same times.

Please Pray for those who have died :

Irene Jackson (*Requiem Mass Friday 19th December, 2.30pm, St Aloysius*) Patrick McCormick, Sam Clarke, James McGuinness.

Please Pray for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of:

Eddie South, Donna Cannell, Elizabeth Cassells, Tony Higgins, Harry White, Agnes Fairlie, Daniel Brown, May Ross, John & Agnes Simmonette, Bernadette McMullan, baby Kieran Doyle, Charles Tobin, Joe, Chris, Janey & Alex Clark, Scott & Amanda Laing, Josephine Rennie, Jane Peden, Susan Mcleish.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound:

Teresa McPake; Teresa Martin; Janette Cairney; Margaret Timmons; Cathy Creilly; Elizabeth Stallard; Anne Dobbin; Teresa Robertson; Christine Morgan; Angela Higgins; Patricia Kiggins; Teresa Smith; Fr Bill Bergin; Christiane Mingram; Josephine Parker; Kristine Weir; Scott McGuire; George McKenna; Anne Marie Greig; Tony & Doriss Bonett (Malta); Agnes Malley; Betty Whittarer; Veronica McCluskey (Alloa Clackmananshire); Dorina Emanuelli (Gloucester); Ayley Crawford; Jude McGuire; Phillis McGuire; Baby Skyler McGrath; Tony Laird; Jack Donnelly; John Murray; Louise Cordiner; John Gray; Paula Kirkwood; James McIntosh, Harrison Carlin; Cameron McIlwriath, Bernadette McGuire, John Turnbull, Pauline Curran, Eileen McGroarty. Gillian Dames.