

THE PARISH OF ST. ALOYSIUS & THE SACRED HEART

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR A

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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 12TH JANUARY

Mass at 7pm

WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY

Mass at 10am

FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY

Requiem Mass of Nan Findlay at 10am

SATURDAY 17TH JANUARY

Mass at 10am

Vigil Mass at 5.30 pm

SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY

Mass at 10am

Rosary 30 minutes before & Exposition of Blessed Sacrament before Mass.

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 January we pray particularly:

For prayer with the Word of God: Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Aloysius: Saturday at 9.30am & 5pm, Monday at 6.30pm

Sacred Heart: Sunday at 11.40am.

JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND

The second collection for Justice & Peace Scotland raised £469.41. Many thanks for your generosity.

HOLIDAY

My friend Fr John Kladar will be coming to stay for around 2 weeks from the 26th January. After Mass on the 27th we intend to visit York for a few nights, during this time (Wednesday-Friday) there will be no 10am Mass in the parish. We will be back for the weekend Masses. I will then take a weeks leave on Wednesday 4th February where Fr Tom Magill will supply in that period.

JANUARY DAILY READING REFLECTION

Fr Tom Magill has prepared short daily reflections for January (12th-31st) If you would be interested in receiving a copy as an email please speak with Fr Mark.

THE SACRED HEART

TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY

Mass at 10am

THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY

Mass at 10am

SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY

Mass at 12 Noon

Rosary 30 minutes before weekday Mass

COLLECTION: 4TH JANUARY

Non-Gift Aid: £ 555.67

Gift Aid: £ 1028.30

Many thanks for your generosity!

TUSCANY PILGRIMAGE

We have a group of 38 going on pilgrimage next year - there is still space if you would like to join. I intend to meet Anne Marie from Alba Tours at the start of February to finalise details, after which we will have a group meeting towards end of February.

200 CLUB PLEASE READ

Thank you for your continued support! List of names (listed alphabetically) and numbers are on the table outside of shop. Due to admin difficulties some numbers may have changed. If you have made payment and your name is not on the list please contact Donna asap 07852311487 if you text please start with 200 Club and your name.

Congratulations to this month's winners:

1st: Catherine Finessy, No. 158, £155

2nd: Kathleen Connelly, No. 178, £90

3rd: Patricia Hand, No. 166, £60

FAMILY MASS

The monthly Family Mass is celebrated this weekend at 10am Mass. Thanks to the children who will read this weekend and please join us afterwards in the hall for some breakfast and crafts.

CHORAL DIRECTOR

The Diocese is seeking to appoint a temporary choral director who works with Primary Schools in the Diocese. If you are interested please email Margaret Docherty at mdocherty@rcdom.org.uk

WELLSPRING: MARRIAGE, FAMILY & LIFE MISSION

In the Diocese there is a Marriage, Family, and Life Mission as a part of Wellspring under the dedicated leadership of Deacon David Harper. Bishop Toal has asked us to promote this Mission in every parish. In order to do this, he asked for parishioners help to establish the Mission in the parishes and to represent the parish in the Diocesan Marriage, Family & Life Mission. We are asked to put forward:

A couple as Ambassadors for Marriage

A family as Ambassadors for Family

A parishioner as an Ambassador for Life

If you are interested in finding out more about any of these roles (an info sheet is available) please speak with Fr Mark over the next few weeks.

PARISH RETREAT

About 18 months ago the parish had individually guided retreats from the ISC - Ignatian Spirituality Centre - in Glasgow. It was a great success and the feedback extremely positive from the last time. I have been in contact with them again recently and asked if they could provide us with another opportunity for this retreat.

They have agreed to come to the parish and offer their accompaniment during Lent.

The retreat is one that works totally around you and your commitments/timetable. I would highly recommend taking part in this if you are able. I can also point you in the direction of a few people to chat with about their previous involvement.

Over this weekend and next (in order to gain a rough idea of numbers) I would ask you to sign up for this retreat if you are interested. A sign up sheet will be available at the back of the Church for your name/email/number - otherwise please email the parish email.

WELLSPRING MEETING

You are invited to a Wellspring Pastoral Forum on Tuesday 27th January at 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall, Blantyre. The evening will be set around reflections from various parishes sharing their experience of evangelisation and the resources they use to support parish life. If you are interested in attending please let Fr Mark know so he can make the Wellspring Team aware.

Please Pray for those who have died :

Nan Findlay (*Rosary at 6pm in McLaren's Funeral Home, COATBRIDGE; Requiem Mass, Friday 16th January at 10am, St Aloysius*), Margaret McGunnigal (*Reception of Body, Tuesday 20th January at 5.30pm; Requiem Mass, Wednesday 21st January at 10am, St Aloysius*), Anthony Davidson, Anne Fleming, John Lennon.

Please Pray for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of:

Michael & Mary Russell, John & Therese Forsyth, Bernadette McMullan, Tom Conlon, Bernard & Mary & John Dolan, James Brown.

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; Louise Cordiner; John Gray; Paula Kirkwood; James McIntosh, Harrison Carlin; Cameron McIlwriath, Bernadette McGuire, John Turnbull, Pauline Curran, Eileen McGroarty. Gillian Dames, Moira McIndoe, Margaret Sannachan.

