

ST. BRIDE'S

Monday	<i>Mass: 10am</i> <i>Toddlers 9.30 am</i> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction 10.30 am –7pm</i> <i>SVDP 7.30pm</i>
Tuesday	<i>Mass: 10am</i> <i>Senior Citizens 12-3 pm</i> <i>Dementia Carers group 7 pm</i>
Wednesday	<i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Toddlers 9.30 am</i> <i>Legion 7.30 pm</i> <i>RCIA 7 pm</i>
Thursday	<i>Mass 10am</i> <i>Golden Group 1.15 pm</i> <i>Confessions & Adoration 7-8pm</i>
Friday	<i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Novena 9.30 am</i>
Saturday	<i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Confessions after Mass</i>
Sunday	<i>Mass: 5.30pm (vigil)</i> <i>10 am 12 noon</i> <i>3.30pm (Indian) 6pm</i>



**This is my son,
the beloved.
Listen to him!**

Pope Benedict XVI - 8th January 2009



• The birth of Christ in the lowly stable of Bethlehem leads us naturally to think of the situation in the Middle East and, in the first place, in the Holy Land, where, in these days, we have witnessed a renewed outbreak of violence provoking immense damage and suffering for the civilian population. This situation further complicates the quest for a settlement of the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, something fervently desired by many of them and by the whole world. Once again I would repeat that military options are no solution and that violence, wherever it comes from and whatever form it takes, must be firmly condemned. I express my hope that, with the decisive commitment of the international community, the ceasefire in the Gaza strip will be re-established – an



indispensable condition for restoring acceptable living conditions to the population –, and that negotiations for peace will resume, with the rejection of hatred, acts of provocation and the use of arms. It is very important that, in view of the crucial elections which will involve many of the inhabitants of the region in coming months, leaders will emerge who can decisively carry forward this process and guide their people towards the difficult yet indispensable reconciliation. This cannot be reached without the adoption of a global approach to the problems of these countries, with respect for the legitimate aspirations and interests of all parties. In addition to renewed efforts aimed at the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which I have just mentioned, wholehearted support must be given to dialogue between Israel and Syria and, in Lebanon

, to the current strengthening of institutions; this will be all the more effective if it is carried out in a spirit of unity.

• I return to my Message for the celebration of this year's World Day of Peace. There I recalled that the poorest human beings are unborn children (No. 3). But I cannot fail to mention, in conclusion, others who are poor, like the infirm, the elderly left to themselves, broken families and those lacking points of reference. Poverty is fought if humanity becomes more fraternal as a result of shared values and ideals, founded on the dignity of the person, on freedom joined to responsibility, on the effective recognition of the place of God in the life of man. In this perspective, let us fix our gaze on Jesus, the lowly infant lying in the manger. Because he is the Son of God, he tells us that fraternal solidarity between all men and women is the royal road to fighting poverty and to building peace.

Silver Circle

Winners: **4th January** (186) £50 Christy Muir Burnside; **11th January** (81) Danny McFadden 22 Standford Hall

Dementia Carers

The Carers group meets on Tuesday at 7 pm

Thursday Group

The Thursday group for senior citizens meets this week at 1.15 pm

Tuesday Afternoon Club

The Club resumes this week on Tuesday.

Legion

The bus to Carfin for the devotions will leave on 13th January at 6.30 pm from the church. If you wish to go contact 583 2042

St Bride's school enrolment

If your child attains the age of 5 between 1st March 2009 and 28th February 2010 you should register your child for school. Enrolment at **St Bride's** will take place

from 13th-15th January 1.30pm - 3pm. Parents/Guardians must bring child's birth certificate; two proofs of residency and baptismal certificate.

St Charles' school enrolment

If your child attains the age of 5 between 1st March 2009 and 28th February 2010 you should register your child for school. Enrolment at **St Charles'** will take place from 12th-14th January . Monday: 9.30 - 10.30 am; 1.30 pm-5pm. Tuesday: 9.30 am-10.30 am; 1.30- 2.30 pm. Wednesday: Same as Tuesday. Parents/Guardians must bring child's birth certificate; two proofs of residency and baptismal certificate.

Enrolment for the Sacraments

St. Bride's First Confession 1st February 10 am.

St. Bride's First Communion 1st February 12 noon
St Charles' First Confession & First Communion 8th February 10 am.

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week will take place 1st-7th February. The theme: **Bringing values to life.**

Pastoral Planning Team Meeting

The pastoral planning team meeting will be on 19th January 7.30 pm.

Christian Unity

Week of prayer for Christian Unity takes place at Flemington Hallside on 18th January at 7.30 pm. John Bell of the Iona community will preach.

Children's Liturgy

There will be a meeting for helpers and leaders on Monday 26th January at 7.30 pm.

Windows

£1300 has been donated over the last few weeks for the windows, thanks to everyone for their support.

Christmas Collection

Thank you for the special Christmas collection which has reached £2004.

St Margaret Adoption

Thank you for the St Margaret's Adoption crib collection which has come to £700.63.

Died: Catherine Waxel; David Goldie; Eileen Mansefield; Lily Doherty; Isabella McCormack; Anne McCafferty; Margaret McGuire; Joseph McCormick Mary Dickson; John Clements; Bridget O'Donnell;

Christmas Remembrances & Anniversaries: Margaret Jackson; Con & Kathleen Doherty; Josephine McGeachy; Ellen McManamon; William, Jeannie & Gerald Dawson; Agnes Mackie Bradley; Michael O'Mailley; Bridget, Francis Fitzpatrick; Carmel, Mark & Bill Acton; Margaret, Joseph & Tommy Kearns; Anne Clarke; Lizzie & David Clarke; Andrew & Peggy Feeney; Jane & Rab Starrs; Cassie McNeil; Jessie Gillen; Molly & Tommy McGuire; Robert McGuire; Margaret & John McMenemy; Robert & Katie Mary Smith; Frank Hammond; Chrissie Greig; Peg McGivern; Henry Bryceland; Gerald McLaughlin; Maureen Douglas; Luke Molloy; Harry Gills; William Allardyce; McGurk; Nugent; McKendry & Docherty family; Evelyn Hewitson; Giuseppe, Serafina, Domenico, Lorenzo; Sabatino, Dario & Gloria Crolla; Daria Mozzachiodi; Jean Hendry; Hugh Hendry; ; James & Anne McDade; Timothy & Annie McAuley & family; Patrick (Sen & Jun), Elizabeth, Thomas, William, John, Edward, Eric, Gerard, Rose & Rachel Quinn; Frank Finnigan; Helen McDermott; Jack MacAdams; Rev Jack Brady; Catherine & Frank Millar; Willie McGuinness; May McGuinness; Frank Devlin; Lizzie Russell; James & Alice Waddell & family; James & Catherine McGuinness & family; Ann Smith; Michael McElhinney; Patrick McCallum; Lizzie McCallum; Betty Hamlin;

Monsignor. Alex Devanney; Con & Martha Clark; John Cunningham; Andrew, Sarah & Marion Findlay; Sarah McGinley; Helen, Patrick & Willie Reilly; John McSherry; John Mary Morgan; Catherine Smith; Catherine & Edward Clark; Robert Torley; Margaret Donnelly; Giuliano, Domenica, Matthew & Fordie Gizzi; May & Charlie Docherty; Docherty family; John & Isobel Leonard; :Leonard family; Tom & Lizzie Coulter; Coulter family; Winnie Flaherty; May Mac Intyre; May & Terry Donnelly; Mullen family; Gilroy & Fraser family; Harry & Annie Mulvenna; Jeannie (McCourt) Wiggins; Jean, Margaret & Matthew Clarke; Edward & William Brough; Margaret Rodden Kelly; Michael Kelly; John (Senior), Catherine, Sandy, John & Robert McDonald; Andrew Lees; David Lees; Jimmy Kerr; Patrick & John McKenna; Teddy O'Rourke; William, Annie & John Gormley; Mary & Elizabeth Quigley; Helen McElhinney; James Barrett; Edward Duffy; Watson, Traynor & Rodgers families; Ferry & O'Donnell families; Jim Brady; John Summers; John & Agnes McGuire; Annie Sinclair. Jean McKillop; Molly Fletcher; Evelyn Gilroy; Pat Quinn; George McGuire; Helen Campbell; Joseph O'Farrell; Frank & Jessie McDermott;