


St Bride's Parish Bulletin

ST. BRIDE'S

Weekly Schedule

Monday		<p>Mass: 10am Toddlers 9.30 am Evening Prayer & Benediction 7pm SVDP 7.30 pm</p>
Tuesday		<p>Mass: 10am Tuesday Club</p>
Wednesday		<p>Mass: 10 am Toddlers 9.30 am Morning Prayer 9.45 am Legion of Mary 7 pm RCIA 7 pm</p>
Thursday		<p>Mass: 10 am Thursday Club 1.15 pm Exposition & Confession 7-8</p>
Friday		<p>Mass: 10 am School Masses: see end of bulletin Novena : after 10 am Mass Toddlers 9.30 am</p>
Saturday		<p>Mass: 10 am Confessions after Mass</p>
Sunday		<p>Mass: 5.30pm (vigil) 10 am 12 noon 3.30pm (Indian) 6pm</p>

NEWS



Thank you to those who helped provide a Christmas party for our Tuesday club.

Thank you also to those who put on the Christmas dinner for our senior citizens on Saturday.

Thank you to all who will help today at the Christmas party for the children in the parish hall. Any volunteers that can help would be welcome, starts 1.30 pm.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: the Masses

for Christmas are the following: 11.30 pm (Carol Service) and 12 midnight Mass; 10 am and 12 noon.

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS: Monday (22nd December) at 7.30 pm; Tuesday (23rd December) at 7-8 pm.

Windows

The windows have been slightly delayed and will be finished this week. There will be no need to move the Mass to the hall, the only thing that will be disturbed will

be Exposition of the Blessed sacrament. Evening Service will still take place at 7 pm.

The first real week of our collection for the

windows took place last week - £337 was raised.

Christmas collection is now due at this time. Thank you for the support given to the parish.



Gaudete Sunday

This Sunday in Advent is called the **Sunday of Joy** (Gaudete). It takes its name from the antiphon at Mass and the theme of the readings. It is a reminder to joyfully

prepare for the coming feast. The candle on the advent wreath is pink, to note the distinctiveness of this Sunday.

Recently died: Anniversaries: Margaret Jackson; Con & Kathleen Doherty; Josephine McGeachy; Ellen McManamon; William, Jeanne & Gerald Dawson; Agnes Mackie Bradley;

Third Sunday of Advent

Service

There will be a service for those who have lost family and have had their service at South Lanarkshire Crematorium. This service takes place today at 2 pm.

Dementia Carers

If you are looking for support in your role as a carer of family members or a friend with dementia please contact 641 8796 .

Altar Servers

The parish altar servers are going on a Christmas trip to a bowling trip on 15th December.

St Paul/Newmains

Pastoral Centre will be running a course on 10th, 17th & 23rd February 2009 for the year of St Paul.

Fr Sebastian

Fr Sebastian's Indian group is preparing for Christmas. The group visit each others houses singing Christmas carols and during this period they collect for the support of

orphanages in India. They will have their Christmas Mass at 7pm on Christmas eve.

Society of St Vincent De Paul

SSVP will be distributing food parcels in the parish again this Advent, to families who need help and support.

At Sunday Masses for the next 3 weeks a box will be left in the church porch to deposit any donations of non-perishable food stuffs still within their 'use by date'. Toiletries would be very welcome for distribution to the Care Homes. This would be a good opportunity to clear your cupboards of items you don't intend to use. There has been an excellent response last weekend to the collection and the box is again available at the back of the church this weekend. The SSVP has been asked to help with 50 children during the Christmas period.

Pastoral Planning

The pastoral planning meeting took place last Monday.

There is a new set of members. The group discussed a variety of topics, including the pastoral situation of the church and some of the challenges that it is facing.

Congo

The collection for Congo came to **£ 2144.**

Concert

On 16th December students of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama will put on a concert at our Cathedral in support of St Andrew's hospice. Telephone Monica 07753279141.

Diocesan Choir

The Choir will give their Christmas concert at the Cathedral on Wednesday 17th December at 7.30 pm.

Christmas concerts

Christmas concerts at St Charles' school on Monday and at St Bride's on Tuesday.

Community carol service

£496.78 was raised from the collection at the service and the money will go to St. Andrew's Hospice and Shelter.

ACN

Thank you to you and your parishioners for your support and prayers. Your kindness is appreciated more than you ever may know, for you are offering vital help and real hope to our brothers and sisters in Christ. It is on behalf of these faithful that we gratefully acknowledge receipt of your recent donation of £9000 for the Daughters of St Paul in Rawalpindi.

As you know Christians in many different parts of the world are enduring much tribulation at this time. Aid to the Church in Need is committed to standing alongside all those who are suffering persecution, being oppressed or facing pastoral need. We can only do this - and help carry the cross- thanks to our commitment and compassion. As one bishop told us " People are frightened. Many thanks to ACN for your help in our need"

Neville Kyrke-Smith

National Director

Fatima Pilgrimage

We are planning a parish pilgrimage to Fatima in 2009. Interested in going? Please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

Holy Land 2010

In the parish we try to go on pilgrimage each year and I am thinking of arranging a pilgrimage to the Holy land. Let me know if you are interested.

Sciaf

Thank you to all those who took the booklet for alternative Christmas gifts, over 200 were taken away.

Silver Circle

Winners: 14th December *Janie McLaughlin Newton (40) - £20*

Carol Singing

Thank you to all those who helped with the carol singing at Morrisons.

Schools

End of term Mass at schools on Friday. St Charles' 10 am and St Bride's 11.15 am.

Indian Mass

Indian Mass on Friday at 5 pm.

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