

St Bride's Parish Bulletin

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Weekly Schedule

Monday	<p><i>Mass: 10am</i></p> <p><i>Exposition: All day</i></p> <p><i>Evening Prayer & Benedic- tion</i></p> <p><i>7pm</i></p> <p><i>Confessions 7.20 pm</i></p>
Tuesday	<p><i>Mass: 10am</i></p> <p><i>Confessions 7 - 8 pm.</i></p>
Wednesday CHRISTMAS EVE	<p><i>Mass: 10 am</i></p> <p><i>Morning Prayer 9.45 am</i></p> <p><i>Indian Christmas Mass 7 pm</i></p> <p><i>CAROL SERVICE 11.30 pm</i></p> <p><i>MIDNIGHT MASS</i></p>
Thursday CHRISTMAS DAY	<p><i>Mass: 10 am & 12 noon</i></p>
Friday ST. STEPHEN' S Day	<p><i>Mass: 10 am</i></p>
Saturday	<p><i>Mass: 10 am</i></p> <p><i>Confessions after Mass</i></p>
Sunday HOLY FAMILY	<p><i>Mass: 5.30pm (vigil) 10 am</i></p> <p><i>12 noon 3.30pm (Indian)</i></p> <p><i>6pm</i></p>



NEWS

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 7.20 pm; Tuesday (23rd December) at 7-8 pm.

Anyone who is alone on Christmas day is welcome to join us in the parish house for Christmas day. You are asked to let us know if you wish to come along - don't be on your own this Christmas day.



Windows

The windows were slightly delayed and have now been finished last week. We thank all the workers for their good work and you will see that the finish of the win-

dows greatly enhances the church.

The last two weeks of our collection for the windows has realised - £537

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

IV Sunday of Advent

This Sunday in Advent is called the **IV Sunday in Advent** and it is the Sunday that Mary appears in the Liturgy.

The Christmas tree will be put up over the next few days in the porch of the Church. The ever-green leaves and the lights remind us of the message of Christmas.

After Christmas day there are a number of feasts that continue the celebration of Christmas. The meaning of the feast is deepened in these days.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 had a good trip to the bowling. Thank you to all those who organised their trip.

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 all of the Sunday Masses of Advent a box has been 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 over the last few weeks. The SSVP has also been asked to help with the giving of gifts to 50 children during the Christmas period.

Pastoral Planning

The pastoral planning meeting took two weeks ago. There is a new set of members. The group discussed a variety of topics, including the pastoral situation of the parish and some of the challenges that it is facing.

Congo

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

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.

Tuesday Club

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

Senior Citizens

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

Children

Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas party for the children in the parish hall. A good number of children came to the hall and it proved to be a happy afternoon for all.

Sciaf

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

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.

Silver Circle

Winners: 14th December *Janie McLaughlin Newton (40) - £20* 21st December (103) *John Clements 5 Borgie Crescent*

Recently died: William Hunt; Scott Jaconelli Anniversaries:

Margaret Jackson; Con & Kathleen Doherty; Josephine McGeachy; Ellen McManamon; William, Jeanne & Gerald Dawson; Agnes Mackie Bradley; Michael O'Mailley; Bridget, Francis Fitzpatrick; Carmel, Mark & Bill Acton; Margaret, Joseph & Tommy Kearns; Anne Clarke; Lizzie & David Carke; 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 Grieg; Peg McGivern; Henry Bruce-land; 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

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