


St Bride's Parish Bulletin

ST. BRIDE'S

Weekly Schedule

<p>Monday</p>	 <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">STAY AWAKE!</p>	<p>Mass: 10am <i>Exposition & Benediction</i> 7pm (no all day Exposition) SVDP 7.30 pm</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>		<p>Mass: 10am Tuesday Club 12-3pm Dementia Support Group 7 pm</p>
<p>Wednesday <i>St. Francis Xavier</i></p>		<p>Mass: 10 am Morning Prayer 9.45 am Legion of Mary 7 pm RCIA 7 pm</p>
<p>Thursday <i>St John Damascene</i></p>		<p>Mass: 10 am Thursday Club 1.15 pm Exposition & Confession 7-8 pm ACN 8pm</p>
<p>Friday</p>		<p>Mass: 10 am Novena : after 10 am Mass</p>
<p>Saturday <i>St. Nicholas</i></p>		<p>Mass: 10 am <i>Confessions after Mass</i> St Bride's Fayre Day</p>
<p>Sunday</p>		<p>Mass: 5.30pm (vigil) 10 am 12 noon 3.30pm (Indian) 6pm Carfin Lourdes Mass 3 pm</p>

NEWS



Advent begins today. The Masses open with a special introduction and lighting of the Advent wreath. Advent publications available at the back of the church.

Thank you to all the parishioners who at-

tended the Mass on Monday evening.

Thanks also to all those who helped: St Bride's school; ACN group; musicians and cantors; altar servers and house staff. It was an excellent evening for the parish.

Today there is an Advent ecumenical service at 3 pm in St Bride's Church. It is a community carol service where all the churches and local community come together in preparation for switching on the Christmas lights in the Main St. All welcome.

Windows

As you see, the windows in the church have now been put in place. It only remains for the windows on the gable end where Greenlees Rd is positioned to

be installed, this will take place over this week. The following week the joiners will complete the remaining work. As you also see, the church is quite radically changed by the new

windows, it becomes lighter and more open. Please take away collection envelopes to help pay for the windows. Gift Aid people will not need the new envelopes, just put the collection into your present envelope.

Archbishop Conti

It was a great delight to have Archbishop Conti for the Mass on Monday. The Archbishop thanked all who prepared the Mass and expressed his

admiration for the work of ACN. The Archbishop was also very complimentary to the simple beauty of St. Brides church.

Recentley died:
Madge Cairns; An-
niversaries: Anne &
John Bagan; Barbara
Mooney; Marjorie
Meredith; Hugh &
Agnes Maclean; John
Savage; John Trainer
(Jnr);

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 .The group meet at 7 pm on Tuesday evening.

Toddlers

Apologies to the Toddlers' group this week again, they will be affected by the closure of the church on the weekdays.

Advent/Newmains

Retreat at the Pastoral Centre on 9th 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 group is safe in India. The group was not affected by the recent bombings there, however the State was a on high security alert. They will return home tomorrow afternoon

St Bride's PS

The school is having a Christmas Fayre on 6th December from 11 am until 2 pm . Everyone who can attend is invited to come along. Any gifts or donations can be handed into the school.

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.

New Canons

The Bishop has appointed new honorary Canons for the diocese. The following are appointed: Fr MacNamee; Fr Michael Walsh ; Fr Michael Ryan.

Carfin

The end of the Lourdes year will take place on 7th & 8th December. Mass on 7th at 3 pm this will be accompanied by anointing of the sick. On 8th December there will be Masses at 11.30 am and 1 pm with Marian torchlight procession at 7.30 pm

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.

Permanent Deacons

Anyone who thinks that they might have a vocation to the permanent diaconate is asked to contact Fr Morton.

Clergy Changes

Fr O'Farrell at St Joseph's, Blantyre has been appointed the Rector at Spain. Fr F King has been appointed the chaplain at Shotts prison.

The Year of Mark

The year of St Mark begins in the lection from the first Sunday of Advent this year to the same time next year. Many of the Sundays follow this Gospel. Mark's main interest is the person of Jesus. He follows Jesus through his public ministry in Galilee and outside Galilee and finally to Jerusalem before the Passion. The crisis is reached when the fundamental question is posed to the disciples: 'Who do you say that I am?' Peter's confession of faith is at the heart of Mark's Gospel. In the year of Mark the Gospel sticks to his structure of and message with the exception of a major insert from St John's Gospel in which Jesus reveals himself as the Bread of Life.



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

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

Next week booklets will be made available at the Masses for Sciaf Christmas gifts. This is a scheme for donors to provide alternative gifts for Christmas to their families and friends that support third world countries.

Silver Circle

Winners: 30th November Anne Keating 32 Croft Rd (69)

St Andrew's Day

This would normally be St Andrew's day, but because it is the first Sunday of Advent, this day takes liturgical precedence.

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