

ST. BRIDE'S

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



NEWS

A happy, peaceful and prosperous new year to everyone here at St Bride's.

patron St Bride, it will include Mass and a social celebration.

Thank you for the special Christmas collection which has reached £1784.

At the beginning of February we will have a special celebration for the feast of our

Some work remains to be done on the new windows, this will be done during this week.

Thank you also for the St Margaret's Adoption crib collection which has come to £628.63.

WINTER

Please keep an eye out for elderly and sick people in these cold days. Please see that they are warm enough and have enough food.

The last four weeks of our collection for the windows has realised - £1100

support given to the parish through this collection.

Christmas collection is now due at this time. Thank you for the

SVDP thank parishioners for the great response to their food appeal.

The Feast of the Epiphany

The Sunday that we celebrate is the feast of the Epiphany. The word means manifestation. We are directed to think of the child who is shown through the

wise men to the nations. Traditionally at this time we also remember the baptism of our Lord and the wedding feast at Cana, moments in which Jesus shows himself

and is revealed as the son of God. In the baptism his Father's voice is heard, in the changing of the water into wine, his glory is seen.



In the Encyclical Letter [Centesimus Annus](#), John Paul II warned of the need to “abandon a mentality in which the poor – as individuals and as peoples – are considered a burden, as irksome intruders trying to consume what others have produced.” The poor, he wrote, “ask for the right to share in enjoying material goods and to make good use of their capacity for work, thus creating a world that is more just and prosperous for all” [15]. In today's globalized world, it is increasingly evident that peace can be built only if everyone is assured the possibility of reasonable growth: sooner or later, the distortions produced by unjust systems have to be paid for by everyone. It is utterly foolish to build a luxury home in the midst of desert or decay. Globalization on its own is incapable of building peace, and in many cases, it actually creates divisions and conflicts. If anything it points to a need: to be oriented towards a goal of profound solidarity that seeks the good of each and all. In this sense, globalization should be seen as a good opportunity to achieve something important in the fight against poverty, and to place at the disposal of justice and peace resources which were scarcely conceivable previously.

15. The Church's social teaching has always been concerned with the poor. At the time of the Encyclical Letter [Rerum Novarum](#), the poor were identified mainly as the workers in the new industrial

society; in the social Magisterium of Pius XI, Pius XII, John XXIII, Paul VI and John Paul II, new forms of poverty were gradually explored, as the scope of the social question widened to reach global proportions [16]. This expansion of the social question to the worldwide scale has to be considered not just as a quantitative extension, but also as a qualitative growth in the understanding of man and the needs of the human family. For this reason, while attentively following the current phenomena of globalization and their impact on human poverty, the Church points out the new aspects of the social question, not only in their breadth but also in their depth, insofar as they concern man's identity and his relationship with God. These principles of social teaching tend to clarify the links between poverty and globalization and they help to guide action towards the building of peace. Among these principles, it is timely to recall in particular the “preferential love for the poor” [17], in the light of the primacy of charity, which is attested throughout Christian tradition, beginning with that of the early Church (cf. *Acts* 4:32-36; *1 Cor* 16:1; *2 Cor* 8-9; *Gal* 2:10).

“Everyone should put his hand to the work which falls to his share, at once and immediately”, wrote Leo XIII in 1891, and he added: “In regard to the Church, her cooperation will never be wanting, be the time or the occasion what it may” [18]. It is in the same spirit that the Church to this day carries out her work for the poor, in whom she sees Christ [19],

and she constantly hears echoing in her heart the command of the Prince of Peace to his Apostles: “*Vos date illis manducare* – Give them something to eat yourselves” (*Lk* 9:13). Faithful to this summons from the Lord, the Christian community will never fail, then, to assure the entire human family of her support through gestures of creative solidarity, not only by “giving from one's surplus”, but above all by “a change of life-styles, of models of production and consumption, and of the established structures of power which today govern societies” [20]. At the start of the New Year, then, I extend to every disciple of Christ and to every person of good will a warm invitation to expand their hearts to meet the needs of the poor and to take whatever practical steps are possible in order to help them. The truth of the axiom cannot be refuted: “to fight poverty is to build peace.”

Christmas and New Year Messages will be available from web; saint-brides.com

Died: Isabella McCormack; Margaret McGuire; 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

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;

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