

Thanksgiving Service

A Service to thank God for all his graces in the course of the last year and to ask his continued blessings on the year to come on New Year's Eve (Sunday) at 7.30 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY



Monday 1st January is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It is not a holy day of obligation but many people would want to start the New Year by participating at Holy Mass. There is one Mass on New Year's Day at 12 noon.

On Tuesday 2nd January there is also one Mass at 12 noon

RETIRING COLLECTION

There is a retiring collection today for pro-Life causes. Everyone has been very generous in support of their parish over the Christmas period and we really appreciate that there are so many demands on your charity but if you can, please give something to this week's retiring collection which is shared among various pro-life initiatives.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

The Archbishop will be taking part with other Church leaders in a Hogmanay Watchnight Service at Glasgow Cathedral (High Street) on 31st December, beginning at 11.00 pm. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC CALENDAR

Copies of the Western Catholic Calendar are on sale from the stall, price £3.20

GLASGOW FAITH FORUM

...is an organization which organizes talks for young people every fortnight on a variety of topics to deepen and strengthen their knowledge of the faith. They take place at Turnbull Hall, the Catholic Chaplaincy of Glasgow University (Southpark Terrace). The first talk in the New Year is on 18th January at 7.30 pm and is entitled *Saint John Paul and the New Evangelisation* and will be given by Father Davide Marino from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

FROM POPE FRANCIS...

Here is an excerpt from the Holy Father's message for 1st January – world day of prayer for peace. The whole message can be found at www.vatican.va:

“Peace to all people and to all nations on earth! Peace, which the angels proclaimed to the shepherds on Christmas night,[1] is a profound aspiration for everyone, for each individual and all peoples, and especially for those who most keenly suffer its absence. Among these whom I constantly keep in my thoughts and

prayers, I would once again mention the over 250 million migrants worldwide, of whom 22.5 million are refugees. Pope Benedict XVI, my beloved predecessor, spoke of them as “men and women, children, young and elderly people, who are searching for somewhere to live in peace.”[2] In order to find that peace, they are willing to risk their lives on a journey that is often long and perilous, to endure hardships and suffering, and to encounter fences and walls built to keep them far from their goal”.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

The Church will close each day this week after Mass. There will be no Exposition or Devotions. Our normal schedule will resume the following week. We take this opportunity to express great gratitude to our key holders who give so much of their time to ensure the Church is open and prepared for all our services.



Sick

Mgr. Peter Smith, George Burnett, Kay Fernandez, Patricia Murphy, Stephen Hart, Vanessa Young, Michael Campbell, Mary Kelly, Michael Gallagher, Nancy McCabe, Norah Webster, Norah Sweeney, John O'Neill, Susan Slater

Recently Deceased

Lillian Sharp, Arlene Barker, Nan Coyle, Constantine Kelly, Martha Preston, Helen McCluskey

Anniversaries

John McGinn, Joe Cluckie, Clara Piacentini, Mary Connell, Hugh Connell,

Please also remember...

Arlene Barker who died just before Christmas and whose funeral took place on Friday.

Lillian Sharp, a well known parishioner in Saint Helen's before moving with her husband to Kilmarnock, died recently after a period of illness. Her funeral will take place next Friday in Saint Joseph's, Kilmarnock at 10.00 am. Please pray for the repose of Lillian's soul and for the comfort of her husband John.

May they rest in peace

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 127(128):1-5

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-17

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a

pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.



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31ST DECEMBER 2017 – THE HOLY FAMILY

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MASSES:

Vigil (Saturday) 5.30 pm; 9.00 am,
11.00 am and 5.00 pm

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Mass at 10.00 am preceded by Morning
Prayer at 9.50 am. The Rosary is prayed
every day after Mass.

CONFESSION:

Saturday 10.30 – 11.00 am
Saturday 6.15 – 6.45 pm
Thursday 7.00 – 7.30 pm

ADORATION:

Tuesday to Thursday from after the 10.00
am Mass until 1.00 pm

ROSARY FOLLOWED BY NOVENA:

Thursday at 7.00 pm

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

Masses on holy days of obligation are at
7.30 am, 12.30 pm and 7.30 pm

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FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.