

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
5TH JANUARY 2020



POPE'S MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE



The journey of reconciliation calls for patience and trust. Peace will not be obtained unless it is hoped for.

In the first place, this means believing in the possibility of peace, believing that others need peace just as much as we do. Here we can find inspiration in the love that God has for each of us: a love that is liberating, limitless, gratuitous and tireless.

Fear is frequently a source of conflict. So it is important to overcome our human fears and acknowledge that we are needy children in the eyes of the One who loves us and awaits us, like the father of the prodigal son (cf. Lk 15:11-24). The culture of fraternal encounter shatters the culture of conflict. It makes of every encounter a possibility and a gift of God's generous love. It leads us beyond the limits of our narrow horizons and constantly encourages us to live in a spirit of universal fraternity, as children of the one heavenly Father.

For the followers of Christ, this journey is likewise sustained by the sacrament of Reconciliation, given by the Lord for the remission of sins of the baptized. This sacrament of the Church, which renews individuals and communities, bids us keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, who reconciled "all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross" (Col 1:20). It requires us to set aside every act of violence in thought, word and deed, whether against our neighbours or against God's creation.

The grace of God our Father is bestowed as unconditional love. Having received his forgiveness in Christ, we can set out to offer that peace to the men and women of our time. Day by day, the Holy Spirit prompts in us ways of thinking and speaking that can make us artisans of justice and peace.

May the God of peace bless us and come to our aid.

May Mary, Mother of the Prince of Peace and Mother of all the peoples of the earth, accompany and sustain us at every step of our journey of reconciliation.

And may all men and women who come into this world experience a life of peace and develop fully the promise of life and love dwelling in their heart.

JUSTICE AND PEACE SCOTLAND

In Scotland the Day of Prayer for Peace takes place today, the Feast of the Epiphany. A letter from Bishop Nolan, the President of the Justice & Peace Commission, will be read and a Second Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

SAINT MARGARET'S CHILDREN AND FAMILY CARE SOCIETY

This is the final week for donations to the box for Saint Margaret's which can be found beside the crib. Please be as generous as you always are to this cause.

MANY THANKS

Thank you again to all of you for the many cards and gifts received by Fr Wyllie and Deacon Jim over the Christmas period and for attending the Christmas Masses in such good numbers. As we begin a new year it is a good opportunity to thank all those parishioners who give of their time, talent, expertise and initiative in building up the parish, making it a true place of worship and prayer.

We thank our Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the part they play in the liturgical life of the parish. In the case of the Extraordinary Ministers for bringing Holy Communion to the sick and housebound too. Thank you to our team of Altars Servers, both junior and senior, who faithfully assist at Holy Mass. Thank you to the pass-keepers and those who help to tidy the church after each Mass. A group who work very much behind the scenes are the cleaners who faithfully clean our church and keep it spick and span - thank you. We also thank our three organists and our choir who enhance our worship week in and week out. We thank those who work in the church, the house, the grounds and within the community - sacristans, MC's, money counters, house-keeper, SSVP, Legion of Mary and our groundskeeper. The Xavier Centre is the heart of the social life of our parish so we also thank all those who work to ensure the smooth running of the centre and for making themselves available to plan and organise the various functions held there during the course of the year. For all you do to build up the Church here in Carfin, thank you very much indeed. We pray that all we do to build up the life of our community of faith will reap rewards which will last into the future.

OUR LADY & SAINT FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Children who attain the age of 5 years between 1st March 2020 and 28th February 2021 should register for school during the week beginning Monday 13th January to Friday 17th January 2020. Registration will be available daily, Monday to Friday, from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Parents who wish to register should bring along the child's Birth Certificate, current Council Tax bill and Baptismal Certificate where available. Please note that all children should enrol in their designated catchment area school where advice will be given regarding placing requests. Please pass the above registration arrangements to any friends or neighbours who have children of age to start school in August 2020.

NEW SCHOOL TERM

We wish all the pupils and teachers heading back to school tomorrow (Monday) a very blessed and happy term. Fr Wyllie will also be back to Saint Andrew's and Saint Bride's High School, East Kilbride on a Monday, Thursday and Friday. Fr will be unavailable on Monday and Friday mornings until just before the parish 10.00am Mass due to the 8.20am Mass and other commitments in the High School those mornings. On a Thursday morning after Mass he will also head off to the school shortly after the morning Mass.

VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Could all those who take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound within the parish give the details of those they visit to Fr Wyllie for him to bring them Holy Communion.

THE GOLDEN BOOK

The Golden Book which records all those enrolled to be remembered at Mass on the 15th of each month is now completely up to date. Thousands of names have now been compiled and entered into the Golden Book, so much so that we've had to make use of another book. Both are available to view behind the Sanctuary Wall. Many thanks to the very generous scribe who spent hours this week entering all the names into the Books.

THE SOCIETY OF THE INNOCENTS

The Innocents are a pro-life organisation who provide a range of services to anyone who thinks they may be pregnant and for whom this may be a problem. If you or anyone finds themselves in this position or would benefit from confidential counselling or practical help with a pregnancy please get in contact with the Innocents on 01698 262699 or email them: theinnocents@btinternet.com

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

RECENTLY DEAD - William Coll, Tommy Donnelly, Rev. Fr. Martin O'Keefe (*Reception of Body to Holy Family, Mossend on Monday 6th January at 6.00pm, Requiem Mass on Tuesday 7th January at 12noon*), Rev. Fr. John Breslin (*Reception of Body to Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell on*), Agnes McBride, Frankie Dunn

MONTHS MIND, ANNIVERSARIES, AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES — Mary Donnelly, The Docherty Family, Eric Williamson, Teresa Sweet, John McCormack Senior, Theresa Williamson, Gerald McMorow, Bernard & Catherine McCardie, John McDonald

Intimations for inclusion should reach the Chapel House by 7pm on a Thursday evening

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER - £1789.00

Sincere thanks for your generosity to our Parish

FINAL TOTAL FOR THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION - £4557.00

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CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES - Joseph Wilson, Cathie Hughes, The McGinn Family, The Hughes Family, Elizabeth "Betty" Fullarton, Elizabeth McGurk, Anthony Stewart, Frank Fullarton, Hugh Campbell, Catherine Denholm, Thomas Denholm, James Denholm, Sheila Denholm, John Carson, Edward Kearney, Jane Kearney, The Kearney Family, Bernard & Elizabeth Cullen, John & Catherine Deerin, Gerard Wyllie, Hugh & Margaret Wyllie, Martin Wyllie, George Wyllie, David James, Canon Kieran O'Farrell, Frank Lyons, Jack Thomas, John & Mary Thomas & Family, Owen & Mary Donnelly & Family, David Menzies, Patrick Heffernan, Angela Heffernan, The Heffernan Family, Ellen Quinn, The Quinn Family, Jack Thomas, John & Mary Thomas & Family, Owen & Mary Donnelly & Family, David Menzies, John Reilly, The Burns Family, The McGowan Family, The Savage Family, Kenneth Hart, Maria Hart, Anne Watters, Catherine Watters, The Watters Family, Cathie Hughes, Mary Rodgers, Maurice McMonagle, John & Elizabeth McMonagle, The McMonagle Family, John & Mary Doherty, John & Marion Doherty, The Doherty Family, Theresa & Frank McCormick, Peter & Janie Longworth, Matilda & Owen Gallagher, Margaret Hassen, Frankie Roy, Martin Roy, Paul Todd, Edward & Hannah O'Neill, Elizabeth O'Neill, The O'Neill Family, Frank & Margaret Roy, James & Esther Roy, William & Mary Roy, Des & Margaret Annesley, Charlie & Margaret McMahon, Walter Leslie, Annie Leslie, Anne Leslie, Dan Leslie, Colin Leslie, Margaret Leslie, James Leonard, Margaret Leonard, Alice Leonard, Mary Brennan, David Brennan, Charles Brennan, Kenny Brennan, Gerry Mitchell, Theresa Sharkey, Joseph Sharkey, Cathie Sharkey, Charles Sharkey, The Sharkey Family, The Mitchell Family, Geraldine Orr, John Orr, Margaret Orr, Howson John Orr, Valentine Joseph Orr, Evelyn (Orr) Boyle, Glenn Boyle, John Neil, Edith Pearson, The Orr Family, The O'Reilly Family, The Howson Family, Mary (Howson) Queen, Margaret (Howson) Simpson, Jimmy Paterson, Michael McGarry, Margaret McGarry, Pat Plunkett, The Quinn Family, The Meechan Family, Alice O'Rourke, Kevin O'Rourke, Bartholomew & Ellen O'Rourke, The O'Rourke Family, James Patrick Brown, James Doherty, Alice Doherty, The Doherty Family, Agnes, Gerald & John Riordan, The Riordan Family, The Devlin Family, William & Nettie Ahearn, Patrick & Maryann Cullen, Martha & Norah Cullen, Alec Cullen, Pat & Dorothy Cullen, Margaret & Joe McCall, Theresa Henderson, Joe McGurk, Owen & Mary Gallacher, Alicia & Edward Gallacher, John & Annie Hughes, Joseph & John Hughes, Peter & Margaret Kirley, Peter Kirley (Jnr), Neil & Alicia McDaid, Pat McCourt, Margaret Mary Rice, Joseph, Annie & Kathleen Hughes, Michael & Gwyneth Clark, George & Susan Ilgunas, Bill Perkins, Julia Perkins, Richard & Ellen Mullen & Family, Patrick, Bridget & Sadie Skeffington, Joe Grogan, Elizabeth McCarron, Nan Wilson, May McIsaac, Elizabeth McAuley, The Gibb Family, Edward & Jean McGahan, Marie McGahan Murray & John Murray, Rachel McGahan, Sarah, John & Michael McGahan, Tommy & Sadie Tague, John & Ellen McGahan, Margaret McGahan, Joseph & Mary Sharkey, John & Eleanor Mallon, Jim & Liz Sharkey, James & John O'Neil, The O'Neil Family, The Mackay Family, The Sharkey Family, The Hughes Family, The McGahan Family, The Fitzsimmons Family, Dan McCann, The Welsh Family, Ann & Joseph Murphy, William Cogan, James Kenny, Annie Kenny, Jim Kenny, Jim Mays, The Harvie Family, John, Margaret & Gerald Ferrie, Nicola Harvie, Jane Underwood, Alex & Jane Smillie, Ryan Sneddon, Mark Divers, Liam Currie, John & Therese Cairns, Allan Wright, Jim Hastie, James, Mary & Hugh Cullen, Emily & Jim Mackay, Joe Fletcher, Karreen & Katrina Stuart, Jim Robb, Bridget Donnelly, Charles & Kate Cullen, Charles Cullen Jnr, The Cassidy Family, Bronie & Margaret Smith, James & Mary McLachlan, James McLachlan Jnr, Malcolm McLachlan, Daniel McLachlan, Robert McLachlan, Rose & John Carolan, Rosemary Farrell, Kathleen Flynn, Hugh Reynolds, Mary, Jim & James McBride, Phyllis & Joseph Burns, The McBride Family, The Duffy Family, The Dougan Family, The Burns Family, Aeneas Maher, Stephen Maher, Margaret Maher, Jeanna Maher, Frank Smith, Jeanie Smith, Eddie Cowan, Wendy Cowan, George O'Donnell (Shettleston), Richard & Ellen Mullen, Richard & Cathie Mullen, Joseph Mullen, Jimmy & Mary Kelly, The Kelly Family, Jimmy Burns, Mary Therese Hattie, Andrew & Margaret Lees, Mathew & Annie Lees, Andrew & Agnes Lees, Margaret (W) Lees, Shaun, Thomas & Peter Lees, The Lees Family, Liam Currie, Robert & Margaret Wilson, The Wilson Family, William, Jean & Billy Wardrope, Thomas, Pat & Christine Postlethwaite, Pauline Shaw, Cathy Dobbins, Mags Conway & Family, Paul Flynn, Eileen Flynn, John McKay, Michael Collins, Frank McMahon, John & Mary McShane, Jim McShane, Rosemary & Ronald MacIntyre, Hughie, Mary & Charles McShane, Frank, Agnes & Desmond McMahon, Jean Gallagher, The Connelly Family, The Mitchell Family, The Giblin Family, The Hodgson Family, The Murphy Family, The Mimnaugh Family, Danny Murphy, Daniel Francis Murphy, Catherine, Charles & Tracy Devine, Anna Devine, Joseph Devine, Charles, Mary Magdalene Devine & Family, Alice & John McFarlane & Family, McAtear Family, Hughie Kelly, Jeannie Whyte, Robbie McNaughton, Frank Milne, Phil Milne, Patrick & Margaret Hart, James & Bridget McKenna, James & Annie Christie, Ellen & Jim Imrie, Alex & Helen Lavery, Joseph & Mary Martin, Gwenie Martin, John & Nellie McFarlane, William McFarlane, Charles & Mary McGhee