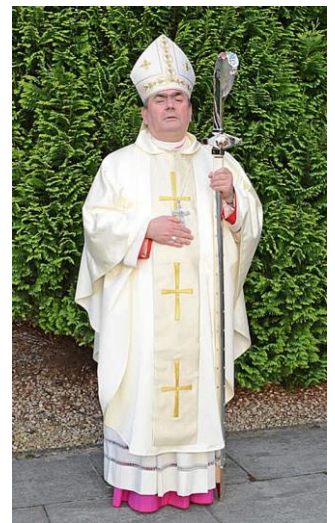


THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
19 DECEMBER 2021

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TOAL

In present circumstances it does feel difficult to look forward to Christmas as we are made aware of further restrictions due to the new variant of the coronavirus. Perhaps the ongoing crisis we are living through makes the happy, indeed joyful, celebration of Christmas all the more necessary as we celebrate the presence of God in our midst in the person of the Baby Jesus.

The birth of a child is a moment of great joy and of thanksgiving for the gift of life and the promise of how that life will grow and fulfil its potential through that person's time on earth. Just as the circumstances of Jesus' birth were challenging that can often be the case for others, but it is amazing how even the weakest, the most disadvantaged, do survive and find their place in the human family. Sadly not everybody does and the tragedies surrounding the loss of little children, and unborn babies, are among the hardest that parents and families face. As we acclaim the Child in the Manger as God, born as one of us, we commend to him those who have lost babies and all who are heart-broken over the loss of loved ones of all ages in recent times.



At Christmas we are invited to come to the manger ourselves in the spirit of the shepherds and wise men to do the Lord homage and present ourselves to him, seeking his grace and peace in our own lives. It is what we do constantly as we turn to God in prayer and come together to participate in the celebration of Holy Mass. Coming to the Christmas Crib is an extra beautiful expression of our faith in the Lord made flesh, who has truly dwelt among us. It is an added opportunity to express our desire to remain close to him always and to receive the fullest benefit of his presence within and among us. The words of the last two verses of Away in a Manger come to mind:

*Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

I wish you and your families a very Happy and Joyful Christmas and every blessing in 2022. With my prayers and very best wishes.

Yours in Christ,



Right Reverend Joseph A. Toal
Bishop of Motherwell

Parish Giving

If you are able, please continue to financially support your parish each week

There are lots of ways to support your parish:

- You can put into the Covid-safe collection bags at the weekend Mass
- You can drop your weekly offering in the letterbox of the Parish House.
- You can donate using the online payment feature on our website
- You can set-up a regular standing order which you can also *Giftaid*.
The online form is available on the Donate page of our site.
- Use our new Chip & Pin donation machine at the back of the Church by simply entering the amount you would like to give

Visit www.saintaugustines.org.uk/donate for more information.

– GRANT NEWS –

I am pleased to announce that our Parish was recently awarded a grant of **£35,652.06** from FCC Community Action Fund to help towards a much-needed upgrade of our Church heaters and pipework infrastructure. As you know we recently replaced the entire boiler room plant with new efficient boilers. However, in order to benefit from that upgrade, we now need to replace all the radiators, convactor heaters and pipe insulation which are now very old. The parish will need to pay the remaining £8912 to complete the works which are due to begin in stages in mid-November. If you would like to make a donation to this project then please speak to me at the Parish House.

My thanks particularly to Ken Boyle and Ellen Archibald for the work of submitting our grant application and for liaising with contractors. It is hoped that the works will achieve an enormous improvement in the heating situation in our vast church building which has been a long-standing problem for many years. I will keep you posted on further updates. *Fr. Kane*

HELPING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH FOOD AID



**The People's Pantry
Foodbank**

Blairgrove Shopping Precinct, Coatbridge. Next to Scotmid

**OPEN EVERY THURSDAY
12.00 - 3.00 PM**

HOGMANAY MASS

Join us as we bring in the New Year around
the altar of St. Augustine's Church.

Friday 31st December at 11.30pm

All welcome!



Many thanks to Myra Young for donating so much of her baking to the Brunch last Sunday. She raised £200 for parish funds.

Anna Strachan was the winner of the cake raffle. Could Anna collect her cake from the parish House this week (before Fr. Kane gives-in to temptation!)



SACRAMENTS IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

Baptisms

For baptism enquiries please contact the Parish Secretary Margaret Haggarty by calling 01236 423044.

Marriages

Marriages can be celebrated in the Church with restrictions on numbers of attendees. If you require your marriage to be rescheduled, please contact the Parish House without delay in order to discuss availability on alternative dates.

*It is essential that Fr. Kane is made aware of any change in date or time for your wedding. It is especially important to alert the parish office of any intention to delay or postpone your marriage in light of restrictions.

Capacity restrictions are subject to regular review by the Scottish Government.

Requiem Masses

One of the most difficult pastoral changes that has emerged from COVID-19 is the restriction now placed on the celebration of funerals. Capacity restrictions is subject to regular review by the Scottish Government.



ATTENDING THE CHURCH DURING COVID-19 UPDATE

ENTERING THE CHURCH

- There is no longer any need to book your place for Holy Mass online. Simply turn-up to the Mass you wish to attend. Our Church is a large, ventilated building which can accommodate large numbers safely.
- The Church will still undergo an enhanced cleaning regime regularly (pews, touch points, doors etc)
- Outside doors will remain open during Mass to ensure good ventilation. This means that you may need to wrap-up warm for Mass, especially as the temperature begins to dip.
- Enter & exit the Church through the middle doors. Please use sanitisers provided.
- In order to gather the necessary details for Track & Trace, you should now 'check-in online using a QR Code attached to the porch posters and attached to each pew. To check-in via the app simply point your smart phone at the QR code and follow the on-screen instructions.
- You are free to sit anywhere in the Church (including side aisles) as social distancing is no longer required. However, please be mindful of others and keep some distance and avoid seats that are cordoned off. You should avoid contact with those outside your group.
- Those attending should continue to wear masks at all times unless exempt. Young children are exempt.
- The First & Second collection baskets will be passed around at the usual times using touch-free poles.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- Please follow the guidance the stewards and keep some distance from others in the line.
- Please use your own personal sanitiser to gel your hands immediately before Communion
- Holy Communion will now be distributed from two or four points at the altar area.
- Once you have received Communion please return to your seat via the side aisle, using whichever side you are seated. The infirm will continue to receive Communion in their seats.

AFTER HOLY MASS

- Please do not congregate in large numbers outside the Church

Please be particularly mindful of those who are anxious or worried about the relaxation of rules.

St. Augustine's Parish, Coatbridge

Christmas Toy Appeal

CAN YOU HELP US SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES AT THIS TIME OF YEAR?

CAN YOU DONATE NEW GIFTS FOR 0-18 YEARS OLD?

DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO OUR TOY APPEAL SHOP

**84 Main Street, Coatbridge
(former Shoe Zone beside Asda)**

OPEN MON-SAT FROM 11AM-4PM



**OR SCAN THE QR CODE
FOR OUR AMAZON WISH LIST**
DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

God Bless



*****URGENT APPEAL UPDATE*****

Over 800 children are now registered to receive toys and gifts from our Appeal this Christmas. This number is significantly higher than any other previous appeal at this stage. This is, in part, due to the high number of families referred to us by local social work departments, kinship care services and local schools.

I make a heartfelt appeal to all our parishioners to give generously if you can. Please consider donating toys, gifts or money to help these struggling families in Coatbridge and Airdrie. We are especially looking for gifts for babies, 10-12 year olds and teens. The support of local businesses would also be greatly appreciated. Please note that the appeal only accepts brand new gifts. You can drop off donated items to the Parish House or sacristy. God bless, *Fr. Kane*

Please consider donating to our dedicated JustGiving page at:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/toy-appeal-2021

WEDNESDAY LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

We have now restarted
our Parish Lektion Divina Prayer Group.

This will take place in the Parish House
every Wednesday at 7.00pm.

New members are always welcome to join.
Tea/coffee available afterwards.

This is a great way to step into the Advent journey with prayer.



WINTER COAT APPEAL

St. Augustine's Parish, Coatbridge

**DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD COATS/JACKETS
ADULTS AND CHILDREN'S SIZES NEEDED
CAN BE DONATED AT OUR TOY APPEAL SHOP
84 MAIN STREET, COATBRIDGE
(THE OLD SHOE ZONE)**

FREE winter coats for adults and kids will be available outside the Church railings (Dundyvan Road) every Saturday from 12pm – 6pm every weekend (and through Saturday nights) until February. Check you size and simply take what you need! Spread the word!



ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH CENTRE

A great way to support your Parish! Our
two Function Suites available for:

Wedding Receptions / Funeral Breakfasts
Baptism Receptions / Birthday Parties
Anniversary Parties / Charity Events etc.

**For booking enquiries call
Margaret at the Parish Office:
01236 423044 (Mon-Thurs from 9am–1pm)**

**SOME WEEKEND DATES STILL
AVAILABLE FOR 2021 & 2022**

Sunday Brunch is back!



Hot breakfast rolls, tea,
coffee & soft drinks
available in St. Augustine's
Parish Centre after the
10am Family Mass every
Sunday.

*Come along and be part
of our family of faith!*

Donation
only

Brunch will be back after the Christmas Break

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

CHURCH HEATING

Following our recent upgrade, heating has now been restored to our Church.

This has made an enormous overall improvement in the ambient temperature in the Church building.

Thanks be to God!

Thank you for your patience over these past few cold weeks.

God bless, Fr. Kane



JOINING THE CATHOLIC FAMILY



As you know around about this time of year the RCIA Team are getting ready to accompany those within our community who feel drawn to the Catholic family. I would ask that you continue to pray for all those discerning the Lord's call to embrace the Catholic faith. During these months of prayer, discernment and preparation they will come to know the Lord and His Church more profoundly, with the hope that they will formally join the Church at Easter. If you, or someone you know, would like to take the next step, then speak to Fr. Kane.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

During the COVID-19 restrictions home visits to the sick and housebound were severely disrupted. At that time Fr. Kane was only able to visit those who were seriously unwell. With the relaxation of some guidance, the parish is now able to restart regular pastoral visits. If you or a loved one, neighbour or friend would like a home visit from Fr. Kane please complete and return the following form to the Parish House. The office will then be in touch to arrange a suitable time for Fr. Kane to visit, as well as a more long-term arrangement for the housebound person to receive Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick at home.

St. Augustine's Parish - Pastoral Visit Request Form

Name of Sick or housebound person: _____

Address for visitation: _____

Contact Number: _____

**Please return this completed form to the Parish House. The office will be in touch to make arrangements.*

HOLY MASS TO CELEBRATE THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday 1st January 2022
11.00am

Join us to commemorate the Motherhood of Our Lady as we begin a New Year 2022. We pray that our Mother Mary will bless us, our families and parish throughout the coming year.



DIOCESAN 'BENEMERENTI' MEDAL AWARD

Recently I announced that one of our parishioners is to be awarded the Diocesan Medal for services to Saint Augustine's Parish. Ken Boyle is a most worthy recipient of this honour. The Mass is now confirmed to take place on Friday 14th January 2022 at 7.30pm, following by a reception in the Parish Centre. We will welcome Bishop Toal that night to celebrate the Mass and to present Ken with his medal. Once again we offer our congratulations to him on this happy occasion. God bless, *Fr. Kane*

CHECK-IN CHANGES

You are invited to check-in to Mass using the QR codes now attached to the Church pews. This should reduce queues outside the church during the winter spell. Please continue to use the hand sanitisers in the church porch and also your personal sanitiser before receiving Holy Communion. Face coverings should also be worn in the church unless you are exempt.



SUNDAY OBLIGATION TO BE RESTORED

Please read the Pastoral letter from the Bishops of Scotland about the restoration of the Sunday Obligation. This letter is published online. It is worth highlighting that those who are genuinely unable to restart attending Mass due to illness or because of a serious anxiety or fear, should not feel obliged to attend. This important point was stressed recently by a letter Bishop Toal sent to the Parish Priests of the diocese.

PARISH BREAKFAST CLUB

Parents are reminded that the parish breakfast club finished for Christmas on Wednesday 15th December (inclusive). The club will restart again after the Christmas holiday break.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Envelopes will be given out with Christmas Mass tickets & in the Church porch. Please return in the Second Collection basket at the Christmas Mass you attend (Christmas Eve or Christmas Day). I thank all our parishioners for the generous way you support the work of our parish. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.



CHRISTMAS MASSES

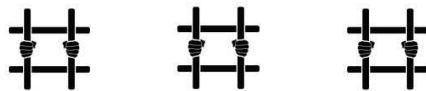
You will see in the Christmas Mass Schedule that we are distributing tickets to attend all the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. This allows us to manage the numbers attending in a safe way.

If you do not yet have your tickets for a Christmas Mas, you can collect them from the Church porch before or after any Mass, or from the Parish House at any time.

The Christmas collection envelopes will also be distributed at that time. Remaining tickets will be available after every Mass until Christmas Eve.

If, for some reason, you can no longer attend your chosen Mass, it is essential that you return your tickets to the Parish so that those spaces can be made available to others.

I would ask that parishioners try to allow young families to attend the earlier Masses on Christmas Eve. I know this would be a great help to families if they are able to secure those tickets.



"I was in prison and you visited me"

ACTION BY CHRISTIANS AGAINST TORTURE

This organisation encourages us to send cards to prisoners of conscience and those who support them. Receiving a Christmas card means a great deal to them, letting them and their jailers know they are not forgotten. It can be like a candle in a dark cell. In the Church porch there are lists of prisoners & guidance notes on how you can help.

CHRISTMAS BELLS FOR KIDS

In previous years Fr. Kane has invited children to bring a little bell to Holy Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. He then invites the children to ring out their bells when we sing the Gloria for the first time at Mass since Advent. Please bring along your bells again this Christmas so that we can celebrate the joy of Christmas! Small hand bells can also be purchased for £1 in Parish Shop after any Mass.



COMING TO HOLY MASS THIS WEEKEND

18TH / 19TH DECEMBER (FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

Please read the following information in preparation for Holy Mass this weekend.



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY

The children of the Ignite Drama Club will perform a short nativity play on the sanctuary during the homily part of the Mass. This will take place at the 4pm Saturday Vigil and the 10am Sunday Family Mass this weekend 18th / 19th December.

BLESSING OF BABY JESUS CRIB FIGURES

We invite you to bring along the Baby Jesus figure from your home nativity set at the following Masses: Saturday 18th of December 4pm Vigil Holy Mass, and Sunday 10am Holy Mass 19th of December. Father Kane will bless the crib figures at the end of the Mass so that they are ready to enter our home cribs when Christmas comes. This is also a great lesson to our children of the importance of the Baby Jesus in the nativity scene.



FREE CHRISTMAS WINDOW CANDLE



This weekend 18th / 19th December every family in the parish is invited to collect a red Christmas window candle to light at home on Christmas Eve during the hours of 7 - 9pm. This is in keeping with an old Irish tradition of placing a candle at the window on Christmas Eve to welcome the child-Jesus when there was no room for Him at the Inn. It is also a 'welcome to the stranger' on Christmas Eve.

I hope the candle serves as a public sign of our Catholic faith at Christmas time and a witness to the real reason for the season. I invite all families to light their candle, taking great care to ensure it is lit safely & never unattended.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December

4.00pm Family Mass – Carols start at 3.30pm (**ticket required*) **FULL**

7.00pm Family Mass – Carols start at 6.30pm (**ticket required*)

12 Midnight Mass - Carols start at 11.30pm (**ticket required*)

Christmas Mass Saturday 25th December

10am Family Mass (**ticket required*)

12 Noon Mass with senior choir (**ticket required*)

Feast of the Holy Family Sunday 26th December

10am Family Mass

12 Noon Mass

Monday 27th – Thursday 30th December

11am Holy Mass

Friday 31st December

10.00am Morning Mass

11.30pm Hogmanay Mass

The Motherhood of Mary Saturday 1st January 2022

11.00am Holy Mass

The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday 2nd January

10.00am Family Mass

12 Noon Mass

TICKETS: Please note that tickets will be issued for the Christmas Eve & Christmas days Masses (x500 per Mass). This is to ensure a more even spread of congregations, so that we do not exceed a safe capacity during this stage in the pandemic.

TICKET COLLECTION: Each person (excluding under 5's) will need their own ticket. These are still available to collect from the Church porch after any Mass or from the Parish House / sacristy at any time. Please note: the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve is now full. If you would like to move over to the quieter 7pm Christmas Eve Mass, feel free to do so. This helps us create a more even spread of people attending each Mass.



Ignite Drama Club - Nativity Play

Please note the dates and times of these Nativity Plays which will take place on the altar at the homily part of the Mass. The young actors should arrive in the church 1 hour before the Mass begins. Please remember anyone is free to attend.

- Saturday 18th December at the 4.00pm Vigil Mass
- Sunday 19th December at the 10am Family Mas

Pope Francis Faith Award Enrolment Holy Mass

Congratulations to our Primary 6 pupils who were enrolled as candidates for the Pope Francis Faith Award at a special parish Mass recently. The children are committed to sharing their faith at home, parish and at school. We accompany them with our prayers and support.

Advent Craft Pack & Jesse Tree



We gave away 500 FREE Advent craft packs for the children at the start of December. You are invited to use your pack at home every day with your children. As you know each bag includes a craft book with daily activities and also all the materials needed to make your very own home Jesse Tree. The pack includes card, glue, pens, glitter, ribbon and more! Daily videos are available on Being Catholic TV to accompany each daily craft. All the details are found in the book.

Remember to bring your completed Jesse tree to Church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Holy Mass for a special blessing of your Jesse Tree.





Altar Servers

Servers have now started the rota with a new Christmas Masses rota also going out to parents this week. Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, only 4 servers will be on the altar at each Mass. There will be a special Christmas practice in the Church for all servers this Thursday 23rd December at 6.30pm. Contact the Servers' Co-ordinator Nadine Henderson on 07864287952 for more details. Updates are also posted regularly on the parents' WhatsApp group.

Children's Liturgy

This fun group is open to all children in Primary 4 and below and takes place during the 10am Sunday Family Mass. The priest will invite all the children to go to the sacristy at the start of Mass for their own liturgy. There the children will listen to the Gospel and learn about Jesus' words through a craft lesson.



Ignite Clubs

The Ignite Club continues again this Sunday from 10.45am - 11.45am immediately after the 10am Family Mass. These clubs will help to prepare the children preparing for sacraments this coming year. It will work on a 2 week basis (one Sunday for P3 & P4, and then the next Sunday for P7 kids). Each club will contain a fun teaching through craft!



The Ignite Club won't meet over the Christmas break. It will restart again once the schools return in the new term. When it does return, children in the sacramental classes are asked to attend the 10am Mass and then go to the Parish Centre afterwards for Ignite. During this time parents can enjoy a tea/coffee and a hot breakfast roll in the lower hall.

Below you will find the Ignite schedule for the next few weekends:

This weekend 18th/19th December - **Nativity Play**

**There will be no Children's Liturgy over the Christmas weekend.
It will restart again after the Christmas break.*



Weekly Kids Competition

Every week the Parish Bulletin will feature a colour-in page for kids. We invite children to complete the craft and post your finished work through the letterbox of the Parish House. All entries will be displayed on the windows of the Parish House (facing the outdoor Calvary scene) for all to see and admire! Fr. Kane will choose a winner each week with a small prize for the best! Well done to last week's winners.





Ignite Drama Club

This weekend we have our first ever parish Nativity Play. Every week we have been rehearsing within the Church and Parish Centre. Thank you to all the children for their hard work and commitment and thank you to the parish volunteers for giving their time to help grow Youth Ministry within our Parish.

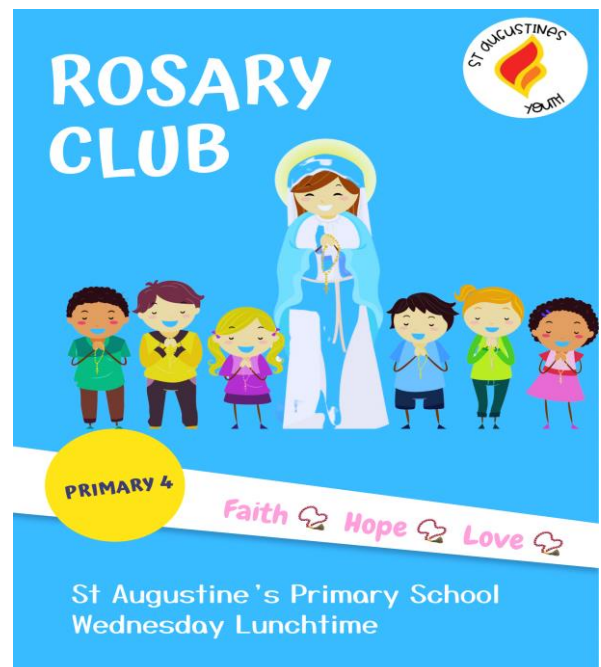
The Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Toal announced his decision to limit the sacrament of Confirmation to Primary 7 children only this coming year. This will mean that our present P6 children will not make this sacrament in 2022, but rather in 2023 when they are in P7. More information will follow soon for the current P7 Confirmandi candidates.



FAITHBOOK - New Monthly Newsletter for Kids

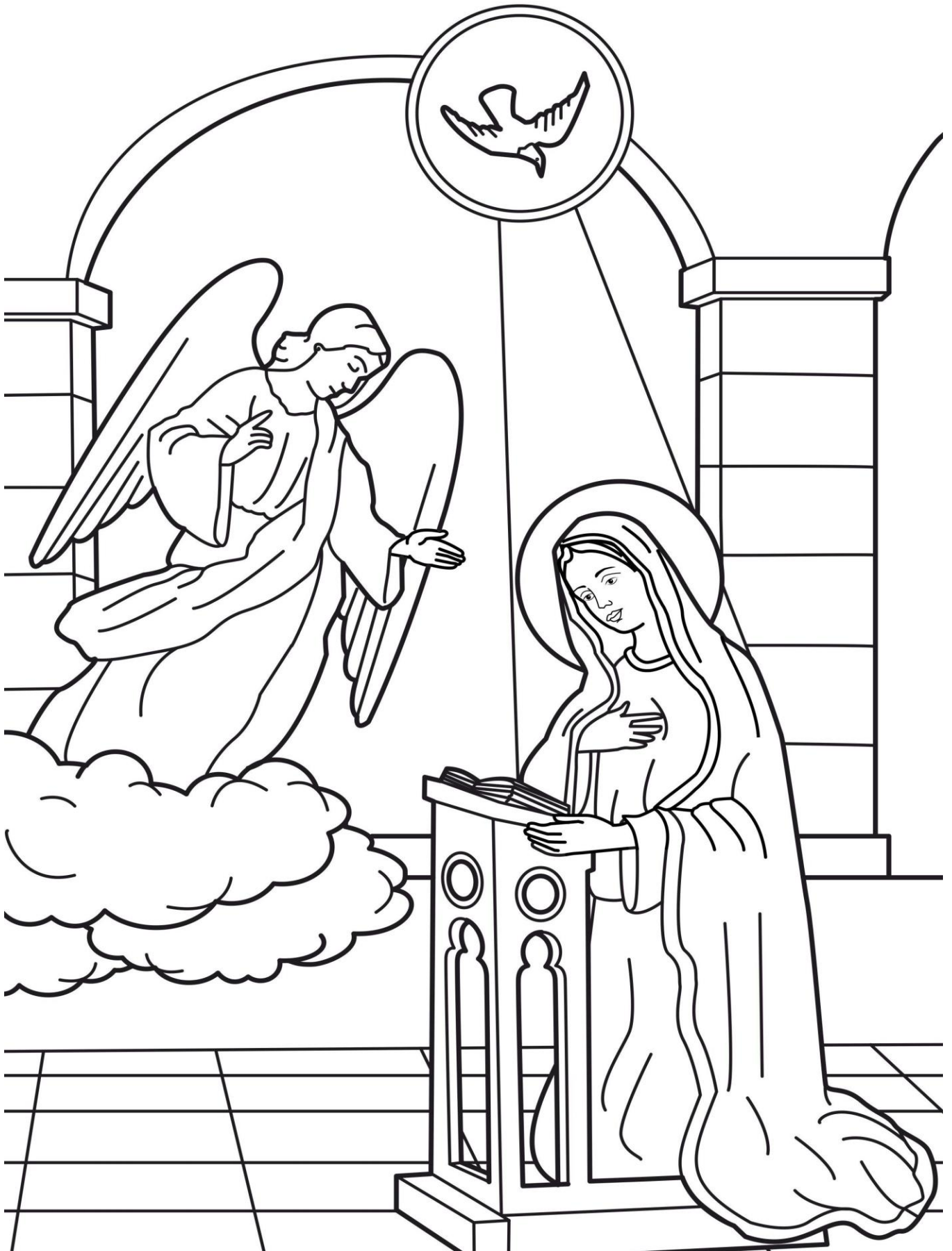
Our Parish Youth Officer Jan has been busy putting together the second edition of our fun-filled 12 page newsletter which will soon be given-out to all the children in our Primary School. It will also be available every month online for download. This new project allows our young people to learn more about their faith and keep informed about all the different activities and clubs available for them here in the parish. It also includes craft exercises, puzzles and games!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Families should now have the date of their child's First Holy Communion (either 8th or 15th May 2022). The children are now preparing for this important sacrament using their school workbook and by attending the twice-monthly Ignite clubs!

The Annunciation



Remember to return your colour-in sheet to the Parish House to enter into our weekly kids competition! Fr. Kane will choose the winner this week!

We want to remind the elderly, vulnerable or isolated members of our community that we remain close to you. We are here to help you stay connected to others in a variety of different ways.

Can we help to give you some support?

Contact us if you feel lonely or isolated.

We offer friendship and support at the end of a phone.



You may also need someone to take care of essential errands such as:

- Providing urgent assistance with food or toiletries
- Delivering essential pet foods
- Or responding to some other practical need



Simply call the number at the bottom of this leaflet and we will offer you help, support and friendship to ensure you **STAY CONNECTED**.

Can you help us give support to others?

- We need healthy volunteers to assist in taking phone calls at St. Augustine's Parish, Dundyan Road, Coatbridge.
- We also need 'runners' to make essential errands for the elderly and isolated.
- We need people to donate foodstuffs to stock our **People's Pantry** Foodbank which will be used to provide for those unable to leave their homes at this time.

Finally, you may wish to give a financial donation to support the **Stay Connected** project which will be used to purchase supplies. You can leave a donation at St. Augustine's Parish or donate online at:

www.saintaugustines.org.uk/stayconnected



Call our 'Stay Connected' phone line on:
01236 427538 from 11am - 1pm Mon - Sat.

You can donate to support our Coatbridge Stay Connected project via our Justgiving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/coatbridge-stay-connected>



Parish Religious Shop - Open daily after each Mass

Our new Christmas stock has arrived...

JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CLUB!

A small deposit secures any article until Christmas. Speak to Charlotte about making weekly payments for any item.

Marriage Preparation Courses



Online booking is now open for couples preparing for marriage within the Catholic Church. These single day courses will take place at:

St. Augustine's Parish Centre, Dundyvan Road, Coatbridge ML5 1DQ

Courses take place on Saturdays from 11.30am - 2.30pm on these days:

18 September 2021

22 January 2022

19 March 2022

23 October 2021

19 February 2022

23 April 2022

The course costs £50 per couple and includes all course materials.

Book your course today at www.marriagefamilylife.org

Please book only ONE day course. For more information contact Fr. Michael Kane from the Marriage & Family Life Agency at familylife@rcdom.org.uk



Church Cleaning Group

If you would like to join our small team of volunteers who help clean the church each week then please contact the Parish House.

Tesco Community Grant for Stay Connected

Stay Connected has been selected for a Tesco Community Grant Award. This grant is allocated on the basis of the number of in-store votes we receive from customers (max. £1500). When you make a purchase in-store you can vote by dropping your vote token into the box for Stay Connected Coatbridge. You can vote at our local Tesco stores until 3rd December. The grant will help us to support more local families with emergency food supplies.

VOTE FOR US
TESCO
Community Grants

Breakfast Club is BACK!

Enrol your child today in our Parish Breakfast Club which starts back on Monday 23rd August

Our Club runs every school day from 7.45am - 8.50am with pupils dropped-off safely at the gates of St Augustine's Primary in time for the school bell.

Our healthy breakfasts consist of cereals, fruit juices, fruit, crepes, toast and preserves. Children also enjoy fun games and crafts.

Cost: £1.50 per child (Only the first two children in any family pay. The third child and any others go free).

To register your child please complete the printed form which each child will receive via the class teacher and return to the Parish House.



Contact Club Leader
Liz Quate for more info
on 07703 774512.



PARISH TIMETABLE FOR THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday 19 December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 	10.00am Holy Mass with Kids Nativity Play *No Children's Liturgy or Ignite Club today *No Sunday Brunch today 12 noon Holy Mass 1.30pm Baptisms 5.00pm Holy Mass
Monday 20 December of Advent	7.30am Early Morning Advent Mass for Workers 10.00am Holy Mass (with the P1 - P3 children of St. Augustine's Primary) <i>Chaplet to St. Michael immediately after Holy Mass</i> 5.30pm Vigil of Reception for Paul McGoldrick RIP 7.30pm RCIA Meeting (Sacristy) <i>*Please note the Christmas Choir Concert has been cancelled this year</i>
Tuesday 21 December of Advent	7.30am Early Morning Advent Mass for Workers 8.35am Holy Mass for Staff & Pupils at St. Ambrose High School (Oratory) 10.00am Requiem Mass for Paul McGoldrick RIP 7.00pm Anniversary Memorial Mass for Sarah-Jane Cannon RIP <i>*No Advent Devotions tonight</i>
Wednesday 22 December of Advent	7.30am Early Morning Advent Mass for Workers 10.00am Holy Mass (with the P4 - P7 children of St. Augustine's Primary) 11.30am End of Term Christmas Mass for Pupils & Staff of St. Ambrose High 12.30pm Lunchtime Kids Rosary Group (St. Augustine's Primary) 7.00pm Lectio Divina Prayer Group (Parish House)
Thursday 23 December of Advent	7.30am Final Early Morning Advent Mass for Workers 10.00am Holy Mass <i>Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots immediately after Holy Mass</i> 12pm-3pm The Parish People's Pantry foodbank OPEN at Blairgrove Shops 5.30pm Vigil of Reception for Michael McDade RIP 6.30pm Rehearsal for Altar servers (Church)
Friday 24 December of Advent Christmas Eve	<i>*No 7.30am Mass today</i> 10am Requiem Mass of Michael McDade RIP 12.00 noon Requiem Mass of Kathleen Brennan RIP <u>CHRISTMAS MASSES</u> 4.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas (Carols at 3.30pm) <i>Ticketed Mass</i> 7.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas (Carols at 6.30pm) <i>Ticketed Mass</i> 12.00am Midnight Mass (Carols at 11.30pm) <i>Ticketed Mass</i> <i>*St. Augustine's Senior Choir will lead the music at the Midnight Mass</i>
Saturday 25 December Solemnity of the Lord's Birth Christmas Day	<u>CHRISTMAS MASSES</u> 10.00am Family Mass of Christmas Day (Ticketed Mass) 12.00 Noon Holy Mass (Ticketed Mass) <i>*St. Augustine's Senior Choir will lead the music at the 12 Noon Mass</i>
Sunday 26 December The Holy Family	10.00am Family Mass 12.00 Noon Holy Mass 12.00pm - 6.00pm & overnight FREE COATS available from Church rails <i>*No 5.00pm Evening Mass today</i>

Please remember there is a full online schedule available every day from 10.00am - 9.30pm

Visit www.beingcatholic.org

RECENTLY DECEASED

Paul McGoldrick; Catherine Brennan; Michael McDade; Loretta Sidonio; Bob Brannan.

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY & CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES

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SICK

We remember all our loved ones, friends and fellow parishioners who are sick at this time. We remember, too, all those who are suffering with Coronavirus and other ailments, seeking the intercession of Our Lady for their protection and healing. We pray especially for:

Baby Jackson Watters; James Trower; Patricia Third; Catherine McAllister; John Lennon; Jane (McGoogan) Dick; Kathleen McLeary; James Stewart; William Houston; Catherine Kane; Mark Hill; Alec Goldie; Janette & Johnny McLean; Mr Hernandez; Robert Warner; Heather Flanigan, Patrick Maguire; Rose Bree; Amelia Jepsome; Sharon Brown; Morag Dunn; Rebecca McNally; Stephen Harper; Ruby Brown; Alice Iwalumo; Baby Charlotte Emery; Sophie McLelland; Mary Mitchell; Margaret Rowan; Marie Gallagher; John Cairney; Bridie Dolan; James Trower.

Please alert the clergy of any particular prayer intentions to be included for those who are seriously unwell at this time. **Our Lady, help of the sick...pray for them.**

****Please note that the above names (excluding sick) will be read-out at the Sunday 10am broadcast Mass each week. Please ensure names are handed-in to the Parish Office by Thursday of that week at the latest.***

Parish Clergy: Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Michael Kane Deacon: Rev. David Harper

Youth Officer: Mrs. Jan Cavin / Mrs. Margaret Haggarty (*Secretary*) / Miss. Antoinette Parr (*Safeguarding*)

Calling Times / Office Hours

Appointments to speak to Fr. Kane may be made through his Secretary Mrs Haggarty by calling 01236 423044. Please note that for the time-being face-to-face appointments at the Parish House are limited. Telephone appointments with the clergy may also be made by emailing office@saintaugustines.org.uk.

Sacrament of the Sick / Hospital Visitations

Those who require the Sacrament of the Sick at home should contact the Chapel House to arrange for a visit from Fr. Kane. This should ordinarily be arranged *prior to* any prolonged hospital visit. In cases of emergency where you or a family member require the pastoral assistance of the Chaplain please request this from the hospital nursing staff. Please note that even during this time of pandemic individuals have a right to be seen by a Minister of Religion, even if they are in COVID-19 isolation. The family should simply request a pastoral visit by the on-call emergency Chaplain.



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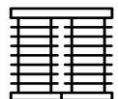
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