



HEARTBEAT

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jesus was born of Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



The Gospel of this Sunday, from the Gospel of Matthew 1:18-24 begins in a typical Hebrew fashion, by giving the genealogical table of Jesus, who was born of Mary. He does not mention the Annunciation, nor Mary's problem of preserving virginity while becoming a mother. But the revelation given to Joseph, Mary's betrothed, which Matthew here describes, brings out the fact of the virginal conception of Jesus, and his messianic mission of salvation. Matthew then adds that Christ was the Messiah, to be born of a virgin, of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke, seven centuries later.

This is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. Like Joseph, we can all feel unworthy of the honour of welcoming him into our hearts and our homes.

We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar.

The feast of Christmas should draw the hearts of every child of God towards the furnace of divine love. In the manger, the infinite love of God for us miserable sinners is dramatically and forcefully portrayed before our eyes. In that helpless Baby, represented by a statue, we know that the person, and the power, of the omnipotent Creator and sustainer of the universe lie hidden

"He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" for us. He became a creature, like ourselves, so that he would make us sharers in his divine nature. He came on earth to bring us to heaven. He hid his divine nature so that he could cover us with it.

"Unsearchable indeed are the judgements of God, and inscrutable his ways." But though we are unworthy of his infinite love, it nevertheless stands out as clear as the noonday sun in the Incarnation. We realize that we can never make ourselves worthy of this infinite love, but let us imitate Joseph and accept the honor which God is giving us, as we trust that he will continue to make us daily less unworthy.

—Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

VIGIL MASS OF THE SOLEMNITY OF
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

WEDNESDAY, 31 DECEMBER | 11.30PM

Saint Augustine's Church, Coatbridge





Bishop Toal's Christmas Message 2025

At Christmas this year we will bring to a close the Jubilee Year of 2025, so let us give thanks for the blessings received and the Spirit of Hope renewed. Through Advent that same Hope has been stirred up as we look forward with expectancy to the Celebration of Our Saviour's Birth, and to the Lord coming again in glory and majesty. The Advent liturgies have called on us to be ready and watching so that we "may inherit the great promise in which now we dare hope". Yes, we are indeed "Pilgrims of Hope", and each Christmas is a mile-stone on our earthly pilgrimage and an opportunity to be refreshed and renewed in our personal faith and its practice in the community of the Catholic Church.

It was the 1700th Anniversary recently of the Council of Nicea, whose great proclamation of the Christian faith we profess at Sunday Mass. We will do also with special fervour at the Christmas Masses, emphasising in particular the Lord's Incarnation, his birth at Bethlehem – "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man". We are a people of faith in God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and we are proud to profess it, particularly on Christmas Day. So let us be at Mass to do so!

Of course, we need to put our faith into action through our works of charity, our love for our neighbour, and Christmas is a time of generosity and sharing with those we love. Let us try also to extend our kindness to those who are more in need, both locally and further afield, recognising that the Lord asks us to do so in his name and with his compassion and self-giving. The Word did become flesh, and continues to dwell among us through those who show his love.

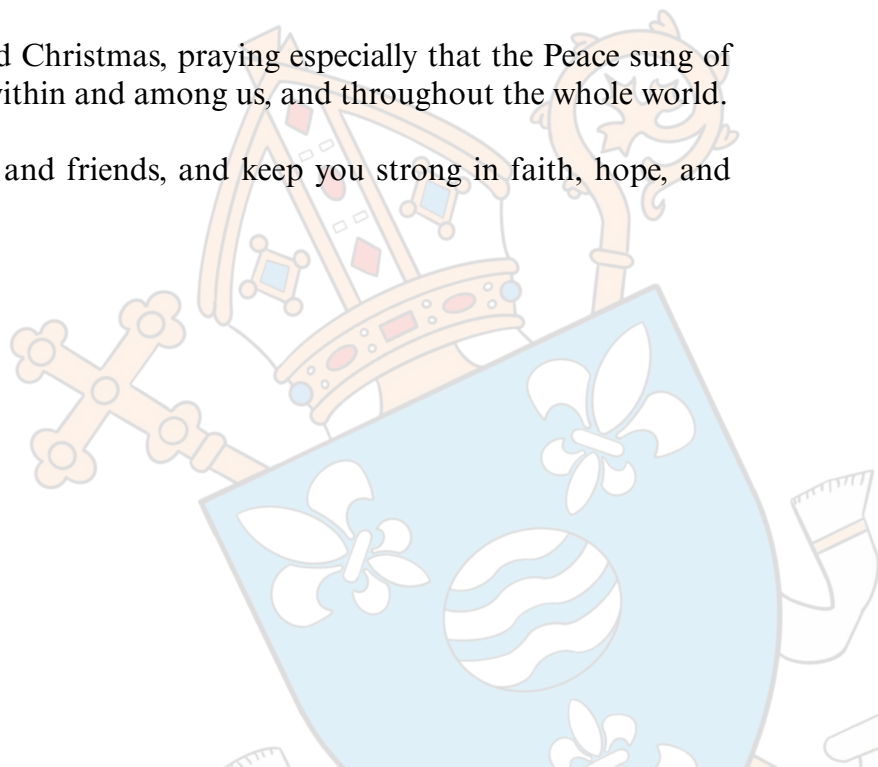
I wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Christmas, praying especially that the Peace sung of by the Angels at Bethlehem may reign within and among us, and throughout the whole world.

May the Lord bless you, your families and friends, and keep you strong in faith, hope, and charity.

With my prayers and best wishes

Yours in Christ,

+ Joseph Toal



YOUR WEEKLY

CATHOLIC NEWS

SCOTLAND

ADVENT ROSARY FOR LIFE 2025

Advent is a season of hope, and one of the most powerful ways we can prepare our hearts is by praying for those who need it most.

These Monday evening Rosaries are a gentle, prayerful pause in the busyness of December—an opportunity to unite as a community, interceding for unborn children, their mothers, and all pro-life intentions. Whether you join from home, on the move, or with family, your prayers make a real difference and help create a chain of spiritual support across our parish and beyond.

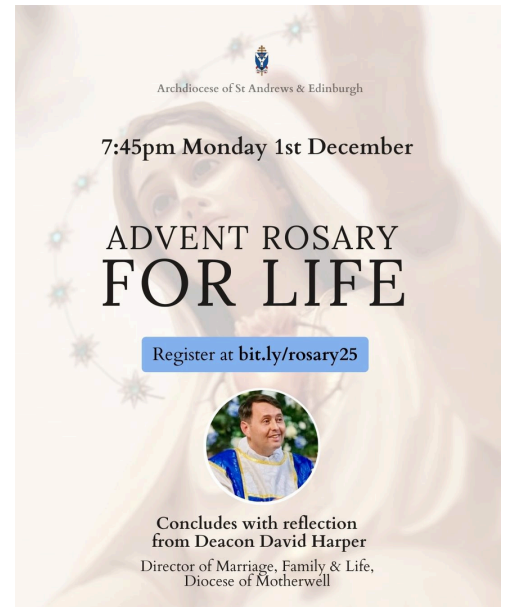
Please join us every Monday in Advent at 7:45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers, and all pro-life intentions.

Each session is on Zoom and lasts about 30 minutes.

Following the Rosary there is a short reflection from a guest speaker.

Dec 22, 2025 07:45 PM

Register at bit.ly/rosary25



VATICAN

A LOOK AT THE COUNCIL OF NICAEA'S IMPACT ON THE CHURCH

The Vatican's Christmas tree and Nativity Scene were lit up and officially inaugurated in St. Peter's Square on Monday, 15 December, by Sister Raffaella Petrini, President of the Governorate of the Vatican City State.

"Today, in this square that embraces the world, the Nativity scene and the Christmas tree are not merely Christmas decorations, but signs of communion, calls to peace and to the care of creation, and invitations to universal fraternity, which St. Francis placed above all else and which became the hallmark of his charism," she said, recalling that next year will mark the 800th anniversary of the death of the Saint of Assisi, who began the tradition of Nativity Scenes in 1223.

Religious and civil representatives from the dioceses that donated the elements were present and spoke at the inauguration event, and earlier in the day had the chance to meet with Pope Leo XIV.

The Vatican Gendarmerie's band, as well as different choirs and bands from the dioceses, performed traditional Christmas songs and dances.

The Nativity Scene and the tree will remain on display until the end of the Christmas season, which coincides with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 11, 2026.

The diocese of Nocera Inferiore-Sarno, in southern Italy, developed the Nativity Scene, and was represented by Bishop Giuseppe Giudice. The Christmas tree came from the Diocese of Bolzano-Bressanone, in northern Italy, and Bishop Ivo Muser was also present.

Archbishop Emilio Nappa and Giuseppe Puglisi-Alibrandi, both secretaries-general of the Governorate, also participated in the inauguration event.

The Nativity Scene is set on a 17 by 12-meter rectangle (56 feet by 39 feet) platform, with a 7.70-meter height (25 feet).

It features many traditional architectural and cultural elements from the Agro Nocerino-Sarnese area, as well as nods to certain saints and religious figures important to the region, such as St. Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Redemptorists (Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer) and the Servants of God, Father Enrico Smaldone and Alfonso Russo.

It also includes symbols that highlight the food and wine heritage of the area. The paving shows ancient Roman roads in stone slabs, and life-size shepherds and animal figures have been anchored to it.



The Christmas tree is a European spruce and came from the Diocese of Bolzano-Bressanone. It measures 25 meters (82 feet) and weighs around 8000 kilograms (over 17,000 pounds) and was a gift from the municipalities of Lagundo and Ultimo in northern Italy.

In addition to the main tree, 40 other smaller trees will also be brought to the Vatican and will be used to decorate offices, public places, and buildings in the Holy See.

At the end of the Christmas period, essential oils will be extracted from the branches of the tree, while the rest of the wood will be recycled by an association, in keeping with the principle of respect for creation.

CONFESSION
Saturday: 9.00am – 9.50am

MONTHLY MEDJUGORJE EVENING

The next Medjugorje Evening takes place **Monday, 29th December**

The parish hosts an evening of prayer, replicating the prayer schedule of the Marian Shrine in Medjugorje. Please join us if you are able at the next evening.

The evening format is as follows:

7.00pm *Holy Rosary*

7.30pm *Holy Mass*

Followed by Adoration

Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

The Parish collection for the last weekend is as follows:

- Plate collection: £1,900
- Gift Aid: £1,475
- Tax Reclaimed: £363
- Total: £3,738

*Through Gift Aid we can claim back 25p from every £1 paid of taxpayer donations.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



PEACE HOUR OF PRAYER

Every day throughout the week we will dedicate the hours of 2pm-3pm to pray for peace in our world. Come along at this time and pray before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for peace in our world, seeking God's guidance and healing for those affected by conflict and division. All are welcome.

PARISH NOTICES

Christmas Collection Envelope



Please return your Christmas collection envelope at the Christmas Mass you attend. This can be placed in the basket at the collection.

If you are a taxpayer, we can also claim GiftAid on your donation. This means that for every £1 you donate we can claim 25p from the government. This is at no extra cost to yourself. All you have to do is complete the reverse of the envelope.

Thank you again for your support.

God Bless,
Fr. Michael



Crib Appeal

For 70 years St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society have relied upon and greatly appreciated, your generosity from donations in helping us deliver a wide range of services to our children, young people and their families and we continue to need your help and support.

They are Scotland's only Catholic Adoption Agency and the support we receive from our local dioceses is invaluable to us and makes a difference to so many children and young people and their families. We offer a range of family days and events throughout the year, including an annual gathering and mass in the Cathedral which all our families are invited to, and which wouldn't be possible without your donations and generosity.

Your Crib donations help to fund this work and so much more.

We know times are hard for many families, and welcome even the smallest of contributions and thank you from the bottom of our hearts for any support you can offer us. You do make a difference.

Parish Social Events

All events take place in the Parish Centre

Friday, 27th February at 7.00pm

Evening with Peter Grant

Tickets £20 each

Friday, 13th March at 7.00pm

Evening with Murdo McLeod

Tickets from £15 each

*Too book your place, please visit
www.saintaugustines.org.uk/events or scan the QR code.*



Getting ready for **CHRISTMAS** at St. Augustine's

Christmas Candle

Collect a free red candle to light at home on Christmas Eve during the hours of **6pm-9pm**. This is an old Irish tradition of placing the candle in the window on Christmas Eve to welcome the child Jesus. Candles can be collected at Holy Mass on Saturday, 20th December, and Sunday, 21st December.



Remember to take a photo of your candle in the window and share it with us on Facebook and X (Twitter).

Facebook: @saintaugustines

X: @frkane

Christmas Bells

All children are invited to bring a little bell to Holy Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The children are asked to ring out their bells when we sing the Gloria for the first time at Mass since the start of Advent.

Please bring along your bells again this Christmas so that we can celebrate the joy of Christmas!

We will also have some bells to give to children.



Parish Cribs



This Christmas, we invite you to visit the cribs in the church and outside the church house. These are peaceful spaces to take a moment for prayer and reflection. You're also welcome to leave your prayer intentions in the hay if you wish.

We hope these cribs will offer a quiet reminder of the reason for the season.

Nativity Bauble



We have a special tradition for the children in our parish. Each child will receive their very own nativity bauble at school or the parish to take home and design. We invite them to bring their bauble to their Christmas Mass to be blessed and then take them home to hang on the Christmas tree to celebrate Jesus' birth.

It's a simple but meaningful way to connect the joy of the Mass with the celebration at home, reminding us all of the true meaning of Christmas and keeping Christ at the heart of the season.

DIOCESE NOTICES



Stella Maris invitation to retired seafarers

STELLA MARIS

Join the inaugural Stella Maris Lourdes Pilgrimage: Mon 25 – Sat 30 May 2026 We warmly welcome serving or retired seafarers, fishers and their family members or carers to spend six grace-filled days of prayer, healing, and fellowship in the beautiful sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes.

This pilgrimage will be fully funded (including travel, accommodation, and meals). To register your interest, or request further information please contact:

Deacon John Fogarty: john.fogarty@stellamarismail.org | 07986 723015
Hugh Ramsay: hugh.ramsay@stellamarismail.org | 07432 654032

Makaton Training



SCES and the Diocese of Motherwell offer this unique course to equip those teaching RE and leading liturgies with the skills to use Makaton signs and symbols to make the Christian faith page 3 accessible and inclusive for all children and learners.

Participants will develop confidence in everyday and faith-based Makaton vocabulary while exploring strategies to promote inclusive communication during Masses, parish events, school prayers and liturgies. Hosted over 6 weeks, this course offers 3 twilight in-person sessions (in Motherwell Diocesan Centre) and 2 study-at home sessions.

The course includes the “KNOW AND GROW” workbook and certification for all participants and would be beneficial to parishes, schools, chaplaincy teams, clergy and laity.

More information can be found on the attached flyer.

Email primaryre@rcdom.org.uk for more details



Pastoral Directory

What's going on in the Diocese?

Diocese of Motherwell

**Sign Up Now to receive a
weekly newsletter detailing
special Masses and events that
is going on around the Diocese.**

SCAN ME



*working in collaboration with
the Knights of Malta*



ORDER OF MALTA
COMPANIONS



THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY

**Open: Mon 6.00pm - 7.30pm /
Thurs 12.00pm - 3.00pm**

No referral is required. Simply show-up and we will give you a free bag of food for you and your household. Please make only one visit per week.

We have also linked with the local Citizens Advice Bureau who offer advocacy services via our Pantry.

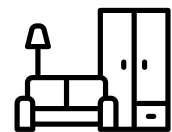


CLOTHING BANK

Open: Thurs 10.30am - 12.30pm

Need assistance with clothing?
We can support you. New and good quality pre-loved clothing is available for all ages. **Please donate clothing only.**

Thank you for your continued support to the clothing bank. It is greatly appreciated.



FURNITURE PROJECT

If you or someone you know is in need of furniture or household essentials, our parish Furniture Project is here to help. We provide good-quality items to anyone needing support. If you need support or know someone who does, please get in touch—we're here to help!



CONTACT US

If you require support or have donations you need to drop off, please contact us on the following email and someone will be in touch: outreach@saintaugustines.org.uk



OUTREACH OPENING TIMES OVER CHRISTMAS

The People's Pantry

CLOSED

Thursday, 25th December

Thursday, 1st January



OPEN

Monday, 22nd December 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Monday, 29th December 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Toy Appeal Collection

For anyone seeking help, please ensure you have submitted a referral via:

www.saintaugustines.org.uk/toy-appeal-referral

You will be notified directly with collection days.

Winter Coat Appeal

Coats and jackets along with winter care packs will be available every weekend throughout the winter months. These will be available from the railings

Clothing Bank

CLOSED

Thursday, 25th December

Thursday, 1st January

OPEN

Thursday, 8th January 2026



IGNITE SACRAMENTAL CATECHESIS PROGRAMME 2025/26

Please ensure your child attends at least 6 of the 9 Ignite lessons

First Reconciliation (P3)	First Holy Communion (P4)	Confirmation (P7)
1. 7 th September	1. 14 th September	1. 21 st September
2. 5th October (Family Day: Rosary)	2. 5th October (Family Day: Rosary)	2. 5th October (Family Day: Rosary)
3. 26 th October	3. 2 nd November	3. 9 th November
4. 16 th November	4. 23 rd November	4. 30 th November
5. 7th December (Family Day: Christmas Wreath)	5. 7th December (Family Day: Christmas Wreath)	5. 7th December (Family Day: Christmas Wreath)
6. 11 th January	6. 18 th January	6. 25 th January
7. 1 st February	7. 8 th February	7. 22 nd February
8. 1 st March (Family Day: Pilgrims of Hope)	8. 1 st March (Family Day: Pilgrims of Hope)	8. 1 st March (Family Day: Pilgrims of Hope)
9. 8 th March	9. 15 th March	9. 22 nd March

PARISH INFORMATION

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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. Please use the form printed below. Simply cut out and return completed to the Parish House.

REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

You might consider leaving your parish a personal legacy gift in your will. Such gifts help the parish in its Gospel mission into the future. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

300 CLUB

The 300 Club is one of the ways we raise vital funds to help with the upkeep of our church buildings and grounds.

It's £5 per week, and every month there are five cash prizes, including a first prize of £700.

To sign up or find out more, visit:
www.saintaugustines.org.uk/300-club

PARISH GIVING

St. Augustine's depends on the generosity of our parishioners and visitors to continue our mission and maintain our historic buildings. There are lots of ways to support your parish:

- You can donate via the regular collection baskets at the weekend Mass you attend.
- 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.

SCAN TO DONATE



- You can donate using the secure online donation feature on our website.

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES

The meeting takes place on the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Parents and Godparents of children due to be baptised are asked to attend this single meeting. Please call the Parish Office or speak to the clergy.

PARISH CENTRE

Saint Augustine's Parish Centre
Booking our function suites is 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 email Chris at
the Parish Hall on
staugustine@rcdom.org.uk.

Weekend dates are still available for
2025.

Function Suite Hire from £80



KAIROS CAFE

Please support your parish café which
is open Monday – Friday
from 10.00am - 2.00pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare a couple of hours a week
to help in our café? Kairos Café is
looking for some new volunteers. Please
email: staugustine@rcdom.org.uk.

St. Augustine's Parish - Pastoral Visit Request Form

Name of Sick or
housebound person: _____

Contact Number: _____

Address for visitation: _____

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

**For urgent sick calls please make direct contact with the Parish House and leave a message on the answer phone if necessary.

PARISH NOTICES

SICK

Hugh Kelly; James Trower; Francis Wardhugh; Billy & Molly Bothwell; Patricia Bannan; Veronica Bannan; Pat Sludden; John McShane; Ann McShane; Anne Clarke; Madge Mallon; Andre McGuinness; Brian Sneddon; Raymond Sneddon; Caroline Mitchell; Marion Moran; Josephine Martin; Irene Crawley; Simon Howard; Craig Cameron; Barbara Martin; Catherine Brown; Paul Morton; Luke Morton; Bernd Reimann; Marianne McMillan; Susan Robb; Margaret McLelland; Eileen O'Kane; Sharon Dolan; Paul McCormack; Andy Kelly; Caroline Dawson; Alison Wilson; John O'Brien; Maureen O'Brien; Jim Allan; Betty Stillie; Stephen Jamison; Frank Martin; John Currie; Thomas Robertson; Catherine Graham; Ann McDonald; Mary Coyle; Marie Boswell; Mary Paton; Jim McDonald; Eddie Heron; Sophia Loughran; Susie Bannan; Aileen Scott; Linda Tayler; Kathleen Wynn; Sadie Parr; Teresa Donnelly; Desmond Coyle; Billy Bannan; Morag & Rowan Lennen; Anna McPherson; Bill Bothwell; John Caufield; Peter McPake; Anne Donnelly; Frank Donnelly; Helen Watmore; Sophia MacCallum; Allan Clark; Eileen Kelly; Sue Rawlings; Rosy Dovey; Helen Sloan; Ian Smillie; Yvonne Meina; Bobby Winslow; Christine Hamilton; Sharon Dollan; Betty McNamee; Alex Dowdalls; Irene Lannigan;

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ella McGivern; Jim Cummings; Larry McIntyre (Wishaw); Margaret Diamond; Brian Gorman; John Towey

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Hugh Parr; Grace Parr; Daniel Smith; Sarah Smith; William Smith (Snr); Sarah Smith (Snr); William Smith; Jenna Doig; William & Mary Hoy; John & Agnes Docherty; Catherine Grant; Annie & David Trower (Snr); David Trower (Jnr); Thomas & Mary Mahoney; Thomas & Mary Gunn; Daniel & Mary Reilly; Jim Davis; Aidan & John O'Neill; Katie O'Neill

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Tommy & Doris Gibbons & Family; Ellen Finnigan; The McGinness Family; The Leonard Family; The Thomson Family; The Lawtie Family; Jim & Maggie McPherson; Bob Clark; Briony McPherson; Anna McPherson; Libby Shannon; Lorna Paterson; Stephen & Donna O'Byrne; Willie & Margaret Cairns

*We kindly ask that all notices for the bulletin are handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday at 12noon.
Please write all notices clearly.*

PARISH NOTICES

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES

Helen Mearns; Danielle Furnage; Theresa Toal; Ellen Toal; Margarel McLuskie; Anne Quate; Jenna Doig; Mary Keating; Gerald Joseph Murphy; Ann & Michael Hollins; Angela & John Parker; Patrick, Bernard, Jessie, Bernard (Jnr) & Cathy Kearney; Elizabeth, William, Betty & Neil Flaherty; Daniel, Moira & John Gallagher; Patrick & Catherine Campbell; Ellen & Edward Owens; James & William Archer; Br. Gregory Gallimore; Br. Alfred Giulfoyle; Br. Livinus Lallor; Br. Oliver Kiernan; Canon James Foley; Canon Gerald Maher; Canon John Moss; Joe McCabe; Sally Ann Matthews; Mary & Eddie Rice; Norrie Malloy; Sally & Danny Murray; Agnes & Peter Turley & Family; Agnes & John Atkinson; Isobel Kinlan & Family; Susan and Joseph Delaney; Pius Buckley and Family; Francis and Mary Doyle and Family, John & Rose Brodie and Family; Patrick and Mary Clark; Hugh and Katherine Glen; Kevin Robertson; Robertson Family; Edward, Rose and Betty Docherty; The Docherty Family; Rose and Joseph Rieley; Romey Queni Parker; Ellen Farrell; Thomas Farrell; Moira Donnachie; Jim, Nancy and John McLeish; Hazel Bain; Michael & Kristopher Donnachie; Stephen Nobis; Michael McGhee; Gordon & Debbie Davies; Martin Reily; Arthur & Margaret Reily; Joe & Nan McLaughlin; Joe Donnelly, Peter & Margaret McDade; John and Nancy McDade; Margaret McDade; Lauren Dinnen; Michael McDade; Margaret Elliot; Peter & Marie McDade; Pat & Jessie McDade; Rowan McDade; Jim, Mary & William Fulton; Thompson & Annie Jarvie; Jean, Daniel & Gary Crawford; The McDade Family; The Donnelly Family; Moira Mackie; Kathleen & John Ferris; Kathleen & Denis Coogans; Terry McLaren; Ella McLaren; Brenda McLaren; Edward Priestly; Betty Kennedy; Jonathan Gibbons; Agnes McKeown; Tony McCleary; Jessie McCleary; Ellen Brown; Gerry Burns; Pat, Ina, Robert & John Reilly; John & Theresa Hughes

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Ellen Steppie; Mary Bradley; Anne Morrow; Betty & Bill McPake; Walter Traquair; Margaret Seggie; Vina Malloy; Sadie White; Peter & Betty McPake; Patricia MacKenzie; Vic Augustine & Family

MEDJUGORJE MASS

WITH HOLY ROSARY AND ADORATION

MONDAY, 29 DECEMEBER

HOLY ROSARY: 7.00PM

HOLY MASS: 7.30PM

FOLLOWED BY GUIDED ADORATION



PARISH DIARY

Sunday, 21 December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass 12.00 noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass 6.00pm: Advent Devotions
Monday, 22 December	7.00am: Early Morning Mass for Advent 9.30am: The Holy Rosary (<i>Church</i>) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.30am - 12.00pm: Church Cleaning 4.00pm - 7.00pm: People's Pantry (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Precinct</i>)
Tuesday, 23 December	7.00am: Early Morning Mass for Advent 9.30am: The Holy Rosary (<i>Church</i>) 10.00am: Holy Mass After Mass: Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus
Wednesday, 24 December <i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>No morning Masses</i> 4.00pm: Holy Mass of the Nativity of the Lord (<i>Carols begin at 3.30pm</i>) 7.00pm: Holy Mass of the Nativity of the Lord (<i>Carols begin at 6.30pm</i>) Midnight: Holy Mass of the Nativity of the Lord (<i>Carols begin at 11.30pm</i>)
Thursday, 25 December <i>Christmas Day</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass of the Nativity of the Lord 12noon: Holy Mass of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday, 26 December <i>Saint Stephen</i>	10.30am: The Holy Rosary (<i>Church</i>) 11.00am: Holy Mass
Saturday, 27 December <i>Saint John</i>	10.00am - 10.50am: Confession 11.00am: Holy Mass 4.00pm: Holy Mass (<i>Vigil</i>)
Sunday, 28 December <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass 12.00 noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass

- **KAIROS CAFE IS CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. IT WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, 5TH JANUARY**
- **DUE TO ON GOING MAINTENANCE, THERE WILL BE NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING THE DAY**

A huge and heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this year's Toy Appeal such an incredible success.

In a very special way, we want to thank Kathleen and her amazing team of volunteers, whose dedication, generosity and countless hours of hard work made all the difference. Your commitment and kindness truly brought hope and joy to so many families.

Thank you also to all who donated so generously — our parishioners and the many local businesses who supported the appeal. Your generosity has been overwhelming and deeply appreciated.

Because of you, over 1,000 children have been supported this year.

We are so grateful to each and every one of you for helping to make such a real difference in the lives of children and families in our community.



SAINT AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

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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. The family should make this request clearly to nursing staff.

CATHOLIC TEACHER APPROVAL

Those wishing to teach in the Catholic sector are reminded that it is first necessary to obtain approval from your parish priest to show that you accept and live the Catholic faith. For those living within the parish of St. Augustine's this means approval from Fr. Kane. This applies to those about to enrol for the teaching course, those starting out as probationary teachers, and all those applying for new posts (promoted or otherwise) within a Catholic school. Please contact Fr. Kane if you have any questions about this process.

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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Morning Mass | 11.00am

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Holy Mass | 12noon

Holy Mass | 5.00pm



Christmas Mass Schedule

Saint Augustine's Church, Coatbridge

Christmas Eve

4.00pm

with carols from 3.30pm

7.00pm

with carols from 6.30pm

Midnight

with carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day

10.00am

12noon