Parish News & Events

Parish Bible Study - St Luke's Gospel

The first part of our Bible Study **concludes this Monday 25th November at 7.00pm in the Hall**, exploring the Nativity of Jesus (Chapter 2)
All are most welcome, and encouraged to come along, even if you haven't been yet.

Monthly Baptism Course

For parents wishing their child to be baptised in the coming weeks/months, **it is necessary to attend our baptism course in the Hall**. Our monthly class takes place this **Wednesday 4th December at 6.30pm**.

Altar Rails

Our new altar rails are nearly complete, and should be finished by next weekend. They won't be used immediately, as we are awaiting cushions arriving to make it comfortable for those who wish to kneel to receive Holy Communion.

Men's Christmas Quiz Night

The St Joseph's Group is organising a **Men's Quiz Night** on **Friday 6th December in the Hall**. Tickets are **£3 each**, and all funds raised go to support the parish. The bar will be open for drinks.
Tickets **can be purchased after Mass this week**, all are most welcome, even those outwith the parish.

Advent Food Bank Donations

If you are able to make a contribution to the advent food bank, you can **leave donations at the back of the church after Mass.**
Non perishable goods such as tins, dry food, tea, coffee, sugar, as well as toiletries would be very much appreciated. In this holy season, it is important for us all to help those who are struggling.

Diocese of Motherwell Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocese pilgrimage to Lourdes is from 14-21st July 2025. The cost is from £929pp and includes flights, luggage up to 20kg, and full board accommodation.
If you are interested, please contact Joe Walsh Tours by phone on **08081 890468** or email **info@joewalshtours.co.uk**

Christmas Cards and Mass Times

Parish Christmas cards listing all Mass times for the Christmas period will be available at Masses next week. Please take as many as you need for friends and neighbours.

Christmas Fayre - This Weekend

Our Christmas Fayre takes place today, **Sunday 1st December 2024** between **11.30am and 1.30pm**. Entry: **£3.00 for adults** (tea/coffee and mince pie included) kids go free. There are lots of stalls to purchase Christmas items, with hotdogs available and home baking for sale - including
Fr Paul's Christmas cake, which has been very generously fed with brandy since October!
Please do come along if you can, all donations help to support the parish.

Advent Rorate Masses (by Candlelight)

This week, on **Thursday evening at 7pm**, is our first Rorate Mass, and these will continue next Thursday 12th, and 19th December.
A Rorate Mass is a traditional Advent devotion when we celebrate Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, during which the church is lit only by candlelight, highlighting the interplay of light and darkness, and the meaning of Advent: the coming of the Light of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ, soon to be born at Christmas.
The sombre violet vestments of Advent are set aside for the joyous white vestments of Our Lady, as we give thanks to God for her, Mother of God and our Mother too. In these hectic days before Christmas our Thursday evening devotions and Mass provide **a perfect opportunity for some quiet time in prayer**, and to help us make the most of Advent, so I warmly invite as many of you as possible to come along. (After the third Rorate Mass on 19th December, all are invited to the hall for mulled wine and festive snacks in the Hall).

Parish Pilgrimage to Italy Meeting

There will be an information evening for those travelling onour parish pilgrimage next year on **Weds 11th December at 7.30pm in the Hall**.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis won't take place on today, **Sunday 1st Dec** due to the Christmas Fayre in the hall.

Monday Club

The Monday Club will be hosting a lunch, followed by a panto-entertainment show on **Monday 2nd December at 12noon**. The cost for non-members is £12. Details are on the notice in the porch.

Hall Bookings

For those wishing to book the Hall, please contact **Val Reid on 07938 873113**.

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Sunday 1st December - First Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule		Groups Schedule
Monday 2nd December	**Mass at 9.45am** *Holy Rosary 9.20am*	**Monday Club 1.00pm** **St Luke's Gospel Bible Study at 7.00pm**
Tuesday 3rd December	**Mass at 9.45am** *St Francis Xavier, Priest*	
Wednesday 4th December	**Mass at 9.45am** *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.10-9.40am*	
Thursday 5th December	**Candlelit Rorate Mass at 7.00pm** *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00pm, concluding with sung Benediction before Mass. Confessions 6.00-6.40pm.*	**Cantores Matris Dei Chant Class - 7.45pm**
Friday 6th December	**Mass at 9.45am** **Requiem Mass for Jean Caddell RIP**	
Saturday 7th December	**Traditional Latin Mass 10.00am** Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9.00-9.50am	

Sunday 8th December - Second Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass 7th December at 4.15pm *Confessions 3.30-4.00pm*.

Sunday Mass at 9.00am & 10.30am (with Children's Liturgy)

Prayers for the sick and housebound

May Rooney, Jim Kelly, Anne Thérèse Judge, Betty Cannon, Nora McCann, Rose McGhee, John Foley, Brian Judge, Tony Gallagher, Michael Nilsson, Barbara Lucock, Mary Slevin, Cathie Dunnachie, Thomas Martin, Peter Fleming, Eileen Wilkie, Caroline Boland, Jean Graham, Heather Flanigan, Geraldine Boyce, Janey Tominey, Rachel Dillon, John & Mary McDade, William Gilmour, Andrew Cane, Patricia Grace, Felix Dillon, and Rosaleen Grogan.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Jean Caddell (Requiem Mass Fri 6th Dec at 9.45am, Reception before Mass), and Penney Pine, and Mary Baillie.
Anniversaries: Patrick McGroarty, Elizabeth Clenaghan, Patrick Kelly, William Price, Rita Sinclair, and Danny McConnell.
Month's Mind: Margaret Ferguson, Rena Willis, and Archie, Mary & Jane McConnell.
Birthday Remembrance: Michael Murphy.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.