

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All the Sick especially: Fernando M. A. Menoscal,
Orla Rose McMullen; Mary Francis Chance; Isa Keatings;
Enrique Menoscal Valarezo; Nazia McNulty.

Deaths: Margaret Collins – Stanefield Drive;
John McKendrick – Yett Road;

Margaret Molloy – formerly Knowe Crescent;
Rita Slowey; John McConnachie;

Dick Lynas; Peter Cannon; Betty MacKay; William (Bill) McCardie.

Months Minds: Mary Carrigan; Nicola Cairns;
Noreen Rafferty; Michael Clarke.

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Mary Rose Walker;
Sr Patsy McMahon; Maureen McMahon; Joseph Wilson;
Bernard O'Neill; George O'Neill; Brian Mulligan; Hugh McGlynn;
Joe Reilly; Pat & Sadie Gallagher; John & Sarah Rafferty; Jane Davies;
Thomas & Margaret McAvoy; Bet Johnston; Elizabeth O'Reilly;
Denis Daly; All the Holy Souls in Purgatory.



POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – December:

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Coffee and Tea after Sunday 10.00am Mass

The next teas, coffees and all, it is anticipated, will take place on Sunday 14th January 2024 after the 10.00am Mass, (please note this is 2nd Sunday of the month.) Thank you once again to all those who volunteer to provide home baking and make the providing of teas, coffees and all possible.

Hire of Parish Hall

To hire the Parish Hall please contact Joe Mullen on 01698 860015.



St. Teresa's R.C. Church

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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 17th December 2023 Gaudete Sunday

Day and Date	Times	Mass and/or other
Sunday 17 th December	10:00am 12.00noon	Mass Mass (Live-streamed on Facebook)
Monday 18 th December	9.00am 9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary Mass
Tuesday 19 th December	9.00am 9:30am 5.00pm – 6.00pm	Rosary Funeral Mass – John McKendrick Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 20 th December	9.00am 9.30am 6.00pm	Rosary Mass Reception and Rosary – Margaret Collins
Thursday 21 st December	9:00am 9.30am 6.00pm 7.00pm	Rosary Funeral Mass – Margaret Collins Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Friday 22 nd December	9.00am 9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary Mass
Saturday 23 rd December	9:30am 4.30pm	Mass Vigil Mass

Confessions

Confessions this week: 5.00pm – 6.00pm on Tuesday, 6.00pm – 6.50pm on Thursday and after the 9.30am Mass on Saturday until 11.00am.

Altar Servers

A meeting to prepare for Christmas will take place for Altar Servers this Monday 18th December at 6.00pm in the Chapel.

'Offertory' collection(s)

The Box at the entrance of the Church: last weekend – 9th/10th December - £817.76. Thank you again to everyone who contributes to the Offertory Collections using the Box at the Entrance to the Church and to all those who make payments direct to the Parish Bank Account.

Parish Social Events

Our final Parish Social Event for this year takes place this Sunday 17th December after the 12.00noon Mass - 'Tea with Santa.' Entry to the event is free. There will be a raffle and tombola's both for adults and children. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the raffle and tombola's, these are much appreciated.

As always, the Parish Social Events can only take place with the generosity of those parishioners who give of their time to plan, prepare and run the events. More volunteers are always welcome to join those parishioners who already volunteer. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

My Day by Day Booklets

The Advent 2023 Day by Day Booklets are now available from the Parish Stall priced at £1. These booklets include the readings for Services and/or Mass for each day from the 1st Sunday of Event to Sunday 31st December inclusive.

Western Catholic Calendar 2024

The Western Catholic Calendar is available from the Parish Stall priced £3.50.

Christmas cards and Calendars and Christmas Stamps

The Parish Stall has on display a selection of Christmas Cards and Calendars available to buy. Please buy and send Christian cards and use Christian Stamps that are available from Post Offices, you may need to ask for them. All help to remind everyone of the true meaning of Christmas.

Carol services - Motherwell Diocesan Choir

'In the Bleak mid-winter' is the title of this year's Carol Service by the Diocesan Choir. There will be two performances: Sunday 17 December at 7:30pm in St John the Baptist, Uddingston and Wednesday 20 December at 7:30pm in The Cathedral, Motherwell. Admission is free and all are encouraged to support these events as part of their preparation for Christmas. On each occasion the choirs from the associated primary schools will join the adult choir.

Catholic Families for Life

The first issue of newsletter from the Bishops' Commission for Marriage, Family & Life can be downloaded by clicking on www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk

Our Lady of Fatima – 1st Saturday Devotion

The next Devotion will take place on Saturday 6th January at 9.00am.

Advent, Christmas Preparation

This Sunday – 17th December is the 3rd Sunday of Advent when we continue our preparation for Christmas. Again, if you are able, why not also come along to the Morning Mass on Mondays to Saturdays at 9.30am or to the Thursday Mass at 7.00pm during Advent to help with your Christmas preparations.

On Tuesday – 19th December, the Chapel will be opened between 5.00pm – 6.00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament taking place. Why not take the opportunity, even for 10-15 minutes, to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as part of your preparations for the great Celebration of Christmas.

Christmas and New Year Mass Times

Further copies of separate leaflet are available this weekend detailing the Christmas and New Year Mass times for anyone who missed it last weekend.

Confessions for Christmas

On Tuesday – 19th December, Confessions will take place between 5.00pm – 6.00pm with a visiting priest also present and until 11.00am on Saturday morning – 23rd December after the 9.30am Mass.

Confessions will also take place at Motherwell Cathedral on Friday – 22nd December between 6.00pm – 7.30pm with visiting priests being present.

Christmas and New Year Mass Times and Confessions

A leaflet is available this weekend detailing the Christmas and New Year Mass times, please take a copy for your home. As you know Christmas falls on a Monday this year, this means we have our normal Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass times on the 23rd & 24th December and the Christmas Masses starting with the Vigil Mass on Sunday 24th December as detailed in the leaflet.

Parish Building Fund

Building Fund Envelopes continue to be available at the entrance to the Church, allowing as previously suggested, parishioners when able, in light of their own circumstances, to make a financial contribution to assist with the ongoing maintenance, repair and renewal of Parish Property. The envelopes, that can be placed in the Offertory Collection Box at the entrance to the Church, are totalled on a monthly basis. For the month of November £180 was received.

Pensioners' Tea

As some of you may remember, Taylor High School, in the years prior to Covid, offered a Pensioners Tea in the School just before Christmas. This has been reinstated, albeit on a smaller scale for this year. As such, pensioners from St Teresa's Parish are invited to join the Tea on Wednesday 20th December 1.30pm – 3.30pm. If any pensioners in the Parish would like to attend, then please add your name to the sheets at the entrance to the Chapel. If transport is required, please tick the box beside your details.

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Parish Bulletin continued ...

Youth Group Meetings – Diocese of Motherwell

The next Youth Group Meeting of the Diocese of Motherwell takes place this Sunday – 17th December in Motherwell Cathedral beginning at 7.30pm then to St Bride's Hall across the road from the Cathedral.

Prayer to be criminalised in Scotland

A reminder - Green MSP, Gillian Mackay, has brought forward a Bill to the Scottish Parliament that, if it becomes law, will introduce the world's most extreme buffer zone law to Scotland. The Scottish Health, Social Care and Sport Committee is currently seeking submissions from the public for the consultation they are running on the Bill. This new bill due to come before the Scottish Parliament proposes criminalising prayer in designated 'buffer zones' around abortion clinics in Scotland, including inside private homes within a 200m zone. Please visit www.rcpolitics.org/buffer-zones for more information on what you can do to stop this disproportionate and intolerant law being introduced. Please respond to the parliament consultation which ends on 20 December. Copies of a Briefing paper are available at the entrance to the Church. For more information follow this link to the Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office: [Buffer Zones – Catholic Parliamentary Office \(rcpolitics.org\)](http://www.rcpolitics.org)

Mary's Meals – Double the Love

"From 22 November 2023 to 22 January 2024, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1 million. Amongst the many challenges we see in today's world, from conflict to the cost-of-living crisis, your little acts of love can go further thanks to Double the Love, bringing hope to desperately hungry children and their families. Please pray that we can reach even more children around the world with our life-changing school meals this Christmas. There are many ways to give, including our gift cards and e-cards. Find out more at marysmeals.org.uk "

Cook needed at Carfin Spiritan Community

A message from The Holy Ghost Fathers at Carfin, "Are you a skilled cook with a heart for serving others? Join our community and enrich it with your service. Contact us now at carfin@spiritans.co.uk, or, Holy Ghost Fathers, 117 Newarthill Road, Carfin, Motherwell. ML1 5AL."

ARCH - Post of Operations Administrator

Abortion Recovery Care & Helpline (ARCH) is employing a full-time Operations Administrator to join our team based in Glasgow. ARCH is dedicated to promoting the emotional and psychological well-being of service users, by the provision of counselling and support to women, men and families after abortion. To find out more about us, please go to: www.archtrust.org.uk

The role includes a variety of administrative tasks. Duties of the Operations Administrator include providing support to the Director and Counsellors, assisting in daily admin needs and assisting with the running of our Helpline, which includes liaising with our volunteer Befrienders. A very important aspect of the job is answering calls and emails from our service users, giving them initial support and more information about our services. Contact Louise for application pack: louise@archtrust.org.uk Closing date: 18th December

The Scottish Catholic Heritage Collections Trust

A message from Bishop Toal - 'The Scottish Catholic Heritage Collections Trust (SCHCT) is working with the Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) to create a new museum of Scottish Catholic History. To do this the SCHCT is reviewing and updating its vision along with developing plans for a new museum. We would love your help by spending a few minutes answering a short survey. The survey can be found at: <https://forms.office.com/e/6D7EuB8EvU>.'

The survey will be open till the end of the year and will be used to inform the design and vision of the new museum. The QR code below can also be used to access the survey. The Blairs Museum's Facebook will also have a link to the survey which you can share if that is easier. Please feel free to email the SCHCT curator at jackie.masiunas@blairsmuseum.org or respond to this email if you have any additional questions.

