

MASS and PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED : Ann Bradley, Thomas McGeever, William McMenemy

ANNIVERSARIES : Margaret McKell, Thomas Gibney, Bernard McGeever

MONTHS MIND : Muriel White

SPECIAL INTENTIONS : Betty Lamont, Patrick McKell, Margaret Wilson, Holy souls closest to heaven, who don't have anyone to pray for them, Jean Cowan, Stephen Geddes

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

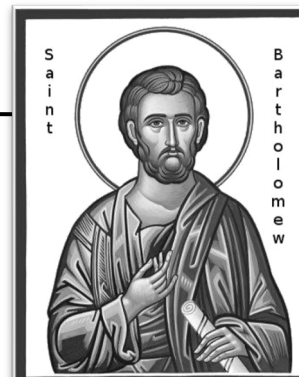
- You should have received a card with the bulletin this morning, and on the back it has the Mass times for Christmas and New Year. Keep it in a safe place and it'll save you having to telephone the parish house asking what time Mass is at!
- As Christmas Day is on a Monday this year, and to enable a Christmas Vigil Mass to be held early evening, there will only be one **Sunday** Mass next weekend, at 11am. The 5pm Mass is a Christmas Vigil Mass and will not fulfil your Sunday obligation.
- The church will require final preparation after the 11am Mass next Sunday, and as the Christmas Vigil Mass is at 5pm, the team only have a few hours to transform the church.
- There will be NO TEAROOM next Sunday, 24th December – we'll be in the church carrying out final preparations.
- There will be NO COFFEE MORNING on Wednesday 27th December.

FUNERALS SCHEDULED

Thursday 21st December, 10am, St. Margaret Mary's
WILLIAM THOMAS McMENEMY

Wednesday 27th December, 9:30am, St. Bartholomew's
ANN BRADLEY

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3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B

17th December 2023

PARISH PRIEST

Fr. Ian Bathgate sx

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Fr. Eugenio Montesi sx

Fr. Willie Hattie sx

Fr. Robert Sowa

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SUNDAY MASS

St. Bartholomew's

11:00am and 5pm

St. Margaret Mary's

6pm (vigil) and 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

St. Bartholomew's

9:30am, Mon / Wed / Fri

St. Margaret Mary's

10:00am, Tues / Thurs / Sat

FIRST READING : *Isaiah 61 :1 – 2, 10 - 11*
He has sent me to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : *Luke 1: 46-50, 53-54*

RESPONSE : *My soul rejoices in my God.*

SECOND READING: *1 Thessalonians 5 : 16 - 24*

May you all be kept safe for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

GOSPEL : *John 1 : 6 – 8, 19 -28*

"There stands among you the one coming after me"

LAST WEEK'S MASS COLLECTIONS

1st Collection, £681.00
Today is CARING SUNDAY and there will be a 2nd collection at our Sunday Masses.

Caring Sunday: Your chance to make life better for our friends in need

The world has changed dramatically since Cardinal Winning founded the charity which is now known as the St Nicholas care fund just over 30 years ago but the need for it is greater than ever as growing numbers turn to it for help.

Archbishop Nolan says

"This year more than ever before, a combination of the cost-of-living crisis and international events have meant a surge in requests for assistance from the Care Fund. Widening health inequalities, food inflation and diminishing financial support has badly affected those already struggling".

For more information, contact the St Nicholas Care Fund on 0141 226 5898 or Email: PCT@rcag.org.uk

GAUDETE SUNDAY / 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near."

We mark this Sunday on our Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near. We await his coming, not with fear, but with tremendous joy!

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S SSVF ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Many thanks to everyone who has donated to our SSVF annual Christmas Appeal. There's still time to donate toiletries for **males and/or females**.

Donations will be distributed to homeless people who visit the Ozanam Centre and Wayside Club in Glasgow. Please place any items in box at back of the church. Your support for this project is much appreciated.

HOGMANAY PARTY

Tickets are now available from Eddy Kelly for a Hogmanay Party in the parish hall, 10pm – late. Live DJ, tea/coffee, raffle. Cost : £5

QR CODE
(to donate to
St. Bartholomew's)



REV. DR. ROBERT SOWA

Congratulations to Fr. Robert on receiving his Doctorate at Glasgow University on Tuesday. This was followed by a lovely celebration with some family and friends in the parish hall.

Fr. Robert worked so hard to achieve his award and can now take a well-earned break from studying!! Well done!

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Our Christmas Fundraiser last Sunday was a great success. A great wee crowd attended and helped raise over £1000.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated prizes, setup the hall, managed a stall, baked cakes, made teas/coffees etc. and to those who attended, THANK YOU for spending money and emptying your pockets.

What an amazing supportive parish community we have!

POINSETTIA'S REQUIRED

To help decorate our church for Christmas, **POINSETTIA'S are REQUIRED** – lots and lots of them! Would you consider purchasing 1 (....or even 2!) to help us? They can be handed in any time / left in the porch between church and house.

SSVP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thank you to the SSVF for providing an excellent lunch for our pensioners on Thursday afternoon and thanks also to the Caritas students from St. Margaret Mary's Secondary who did an excellent waiter/waitress service and helped wash up afterwards. A most enjoyable afternoon for all who attended. Thank you.

PRO-LIFE MASS

The monthly Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 20th December at 7.30pm at Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm. Tea in the hall afterwards – all welcome. The celebrant will be Fr Paul Denney.

ALPHA YOUTH DISCOVERY DAY (See post on parish Facebook)

Alpha Youth is a great resource for the formation and evangelisation of our young and could be used in our parish!

Join Michael Roche of Alpha and the Archdiocesan Youth Office for an opportunity to sample Alpha Youth sessions, find out how Alpha works in a Catholic parish setting and have your questions answered.

Sat, 17th February 2024, 10am – 4pm, 196 Clyde St, G1 4JY. This event is in-person and free. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/alphayouthscotland>