

## MASS and PRAYER REQUESTS

**RECENTLY DECEASED** : Ann Bradley, Thomas McGeever, May Smith

**ANNIVERSARIES** : Margaret McKell, Arthur and Ann Monaghan, Sophia MacDougall, Charles MacDougall, Maureen Haggerty, Patrick Ferry, Thomas Gibney, Patricia and Anne Louise McGlinchey, Hugo McGlinchey, Bernard McGeever, Mary and George Gilhouley, Ellen and Owen McGeachy, Isa, Hugh and John Fairley

**MONTHS MIND** : Charles Haggerty, Sean Haggerty, Muriel White

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS** : Betty Lamont, Mary McLoone, Pat McGeever, Patrick McKell, Andy Murray, Margaret, Sean and Aiden Heraghty, Margaret Wilson, The souls furthest from the gates of heaven

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

### YOUNG ADULT St.MUNGO CITY PILGRIMAGE WALK

Join RCAG Youth and other young adults on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 to celebrate the City's Patron Saint whilst walking off some of those pigs in blankets! All 18 – 35 year olds welcome. 1000 – 1500. Pilgrimage Walk – Mass – Pub. [www.tinyurl.com/stmungowalk](http://www.tinyurl.com/stmungowalk)

### FORMED MONTHLY YOUTH GROUP (S1 – S6)

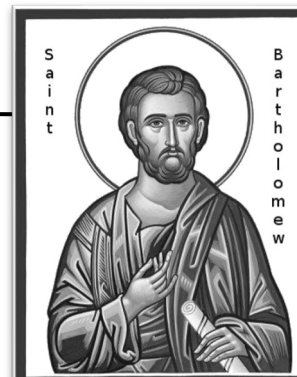
Ran by the Youth Office for those in S1 - S6, FORMED provides young people the opportunity to meet and explore their faith in relationship with Jesus, the Church and one another through engaging activities, inspiring teachings, beautiful times of prayer and small groups with their peers! To find out more and to register your young person go to [www.rcagyouth.co.uk](http://www.rcagyouth.co.uk)

## FUNERAL SCHEDULED

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December, 9:30am, St. Bartholomew's

ANN BRADLEY

REQUIESCANT IN PACE



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4th Sunday of Advent, Year B

24<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### PARISH PRIEST

Fr. Ian Bathgate sx

### ASSISTANTS

Fr. Eugenio Montesi sx

Fr. Willie Hattie sx

Fr. Robert Sowa

### SAFEGUARDING COORDINATORS

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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** : 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-16

*Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** : Psalm 88

**RESPONSE**: *I will sing forever of your love, O Lord*

**SECOND READING** : Romans 16 : 25 -27

*The mystery is revealed that was kept secret for endless ages*

**GOSPEL** : Luke 1 : 26 - 38

*"I am the handmaid of the Lord"*

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God.'

### **LAST WEEK'S MASS COLLECTIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection, £468.12

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Caring Sunday) £418.48

Thank you for all your contributions to the parish and to the Archdiocesan special collections. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank you.

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



### **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR ARCHBISHOP**

My Dear People,

The star that led the Magi to Bethlehem was a light shining in the dark sky. The light that shines for us today is Jesus Christ, who is a guiding light shining in the darkness of our world. A world of conflict, a world of inequality, a world where so many suffer. If only all humanity let Christ be the light guiding us as we lead our lives, then there might be peace and justice.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus the prince of peace, may our celebration revitalize the hope in our hearts that only Christ can fulfil, the hope of a better world for us and for all.

Despite the troubles we may have in life and the wars taking place in the Holy Land and elsewhere, may this Christmas be a time of peace and joy for you, your family and friends as we rejoice that God has come to save us.

With every blessing,

+William Nolan

Archbishop of Glasgow

### **St.MUNGO FESTIVAL 2024**

The upcoming St Mungo Festival, celebrating Glasgow's patron saint in a series of free events, talks and concerts throughout the city, takes place from 8 to 14 January 2024.

Among the events are Professor Elaine Moohan talking about the music heard in Glasgow Cathedral up to and beyond the Reformation; the 'Opening of the *Vita Kentigerni*': readings and song in praise of St Mungo at the Mitchell Library and a concert in honour of Saints Mungo, Ninian and Brigid performed by Alan Tavener with the Strathclyde University Chamber Choir.

Full details and booking on our website: [stmungofestival.co.uk](http://stmungofestival.co.uk).

### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**

The church will have its final preparation for Christmas Day after the 11am Mass today. A big hand and thank you to everyone who has been working behind the scenes cleaning, hoovering, flowers, piety stall, children, banners, music, tree and crib. You all work so hard (not just for Christmas, but throughout the year too!) and our parish are very lucky to have such a dedicated team of workers. Hopefully you'll feel and see the spirit of Christmas when you join us for Christmas Mass.

There will be NO TEAROOM in the parish hall today or next Sunday. The Tearoom will return on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January, after the 11am Mass.

There will be NO COFFEE MORNING on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December. The coffee morning will return on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024, after the 9:30am Mass.

## **ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, CASTLEMILK**

### **CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR MASS TIMES**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Vigil Mass, 5pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
11am

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December  
11am and 5pm  
Night Prayers, 9:30pm

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024  
12 Noon



### **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

### **SCRIPTURE ROSARY**

You are invited to a Scripture Rosary in St Margaret Mary's Hall on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December immediately after 10 am Mass. The intentions are prayer for Peace, prayer for all who are suffering, prayer for all who are struggling to live and prayer for the intentions of all attending.