

Intimations

Parish Christmas Cards please take one per family from the porch area

Baptised in the name of the Blessed Trinity: Congratulations to *Sam James Coia (cum permissu)*. May he ever be a person filled with Christian hope.

Of your Charity please pray for:

Sick: Sr Mary Bernard McCarroll *MMM*, Mary Muir, Gina Holland, Kevan Donoghue, Miss Cathie Carberry, Joseph Weldon, Jim Bradley, Anna & Rena MacDonald, Elizabeth McGrory, Liz Kelly, Tom McLaren, William Henderson, Mary Martin, Sheila Graham, Margaret Johnstone, Mary Brady, Tom McLaren, Emma Biggins, Kathleen McKeown, Daniel Rooney, James McVey

And for the happy repose of the souls of:

Recently Dead: Mary (née Currie) Martin (Weldon Place), Mr Bill Quigley, Joe Ollmann (Canada), John McNeil, Jim Bathgate, Francis McGeachie

9 Months Mind Sonny Doolan

Anniversary: Jay Livingstone, Hugh & Cathy Fitzsimmons, Jeff Paterson, Petsey Higney, Pat Boyle, John O'Neill, Hugh McCartan, Robert McLaren, Betty Malone, Pat Boyce, Brian Walsh, James Kiernan, Kenny Brown, John Docherty, Edward McCarroll

In Good Company:

Feast days this week: Saturday: *St Peter Canisius (Priest & Doctor)*



In my Father's house are many rooms (John 14: 2)

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15 December 2013 *Third Sunday of Advent*

Year "A". Is 35: 1-6, 10; Ps 145; Jam 5: 7- 10; Mtt 11: 2- 11

Clergy: Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan

Holy Mass

Saturday Vigil: 6pm; Sunday: 9.30am & 11.40am

Monday to Saturday: 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession: Saturdays after 10am & 6pm
Mass or by arrangement

Holy Rosary daily at 9.30am

Novena in honour of *Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal* on Tuesdays at the end of Holy Mass

Day Visits the Church building is open during the day.

YOUCAT Catechism for Young People & upwards and for those thinking about becoming an RC. On sale in Piety Stall= £8

PCT- St Nicholas Care Fund Advent Appeal: *Caring Sunday* takes place today, when we will have the opportunity to contribute to the *St Nicholas Care Fund*. Please return the Advent box before Christmas. Letter from Archbishop Tartaglia: "My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Each Advent, as we prepare to welcome Christ into our lives in a special way at Christmas, it has become the custom to turn our attention to those neighbours and fellow citizens of ours, those on our own doorstep, for whom this period is especially difficult..

The *St Nicholas Care Fund* is the Archdiocese's own charity for assisting those in our midst whose lives have been affected by poverty, disadvantage, illness or misfortune.

Each year your generosity allows a huge variety of practical assistance to be given to people in and around Glasgow - food for the hungry through grants to food banks; companionship for the lonely through support for a volunteer drop in centre; new opportunities for young people whose lives are blighted by poverty allowing them to take part in school trips and activities. Today I ask you once more to give up a little of what you have for those who have nothing. The *St Nicholas Care Fund* is more necessary today than ever. Though the experts tell us the recession is lifting, in Britain today - the seventh richest nation in the world- people are living in real poverty. Parents are going without food so that their children can eat. This is happening in our own parishes... if you know of a group or organisation who might benefit from some support from the Fund, put them in touch. The Archdiocese has a proud record of helping the poor. That tradition is as true today as it always has been. I trust in your generosity for those in need, and in their name I thank you in advance."

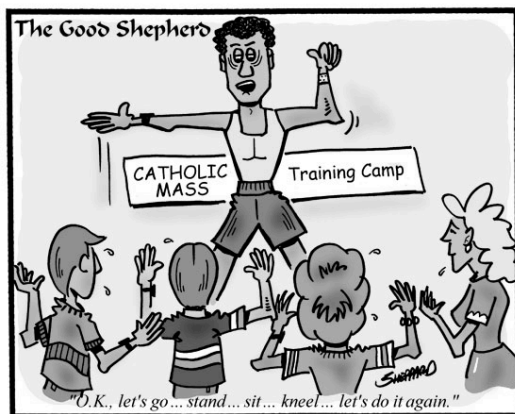
Kind Offer of a lift to Mass/ shops once/ twice per week. If interested please see Fr Sullivan asap

Proceeds: *Coffee Morning* = £130- to the Homeless Charity *Emmaus*.
Acoustic Night Musical evening= £514 this will help pay off the Hall Debt.
 Congratulations to those who organized, ran & attended these Initiatives.

We long to see Thee so,
 To see Thee newly born.
 The sands of time run slow,
 We long for Christmas morn.

Chorus:
O come, O come, O come.
Our Saviour dear to be,
O come, O come, O come,
We have no King but Thee.

We long to see You so,
 To see the angel's glory,
 To hear their midnight story
 And with the Shepherds go.



Christmas Preparation Penitential Service with extra Priests: Monday 16 Dec at *Sacred Heart* Parish, Cumbernauld, Tuesday 17 Dec at *St. Lucy's* and Thursday 19 Dec here at *Holy Cross*; all at 7pm.

In addition, on Saturday (21st) morning Fr G Sharkey will celebrate 10am Mass & offer the Sacrament of Confession/ Reconciliation on Saturday (21 Dec). Barring a funeral Fr Sullivan will reciprocate at *Our Lady & St Helen's, Condorrat*



Prisoners of Conscience by *Action by Christians Against Torture UK* Christmas/ Greetings Cards List. Suggested names & Addresses are available from Porch Area, organized by the parish *Justice & Peace Group*. Guidelines: Do not include your address; Simple messages of goodwill are enough. Do not advance any religious or political view; please send an appropriate card either Religious or Non-Religious; www.acatuk.org.uk

Glasgow Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 18 – 25 July 2014. Don't let disability, age or infirmity stop you. Contact: Mrs Agnes Findlay, 5 Crofthead Drive, Lennoxton, G66 7HP Tel: 01360 312676. Pilgrims will stay in the *Accueil Notre Dame* under the care of the Lourdes Hospitalite. Price= approx £625 (inc taxes) pp for 7 nights full board. See poster in Porch area.

Growth of Glasgow, City & Church In the late 18th century & the 19th century, the city of Glasgow grew because of the industrial revolution, the Highland Clearances & the Potato Famine in Ireland & Scotland. The Catholic Church opened its first mission in Glasgow since the reformation in 1792. The city's population in 1801 was 77,000. This was to increase rapidly, reaching 1.1 million souls by 1921. The archdiocese was re-established in 1878 & there were 30 parishes to look after the growing number of Catholics. Many of the priests serving in Glasgow came from Ireland.

Thank You The family of *Martin MacDonald* (Bournemouth- formerly Croy) wish to thank most sincerely all relatives & friends for their prayers, Mass Cards & expressions of sympathy received on the death of *Martin*. It has been a source of great comfort & consolation to all.