

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin

2nd Sunday of Advent – 8th December 2025

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MASSES and SERVICES

Monday

9.30 am Rosary

10.00 am Daily Mass

Wednesday

9.30 am Rosary

10.00 am Daily Mass

Thursday

9.00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by recitation of the Divine Chaplet

10.00 Funeral Mass for Robert Lochart

Saturday

Vigil Mass 4.00 pm

Sunday

9.30 am Sunday Mass



CONFESSIONS

Thursday 9.30 am

Saturday 3.30 pm

Today we celebrate The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

RIP: Sadie Neary (St Thomas'), Betty Irvine, Mary Jackson, Francis Curran (Carfin), James Fisher, Robert Lockhart.

MONTH'S MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Eddie Brown, Phil Taylor, Ann McCrum, Tommy Campbell, Pat and Grace McCready, Charlie Skelly, John and Maria Doyle

SICK: Liz Phillips, Maureen Thompson, Janette Connor, John Dobbin, Marie McDonald, Roseleen Daly-Higgins, Theresa Gilgunn, Joseph Hawthorne, Ann Kenny, Margaret McCluskey, Dar Simpson, Kevin Kennedy, Theresa Frame, Gerry Hamil, Gerry McCann.

Funeral arrangements

Robert Lochart's remains will be received into the Church on Wednesday 10th December at 6.00 pm. His Funeral Mass will be on Thursday at 10.00 am.

It is important, when arranging a funeral for your loved one, to contact the Clergy as soon as possible. Often, we find out about a passing on social media which is not great. To give the family both practical and pastoral support, please notify us as early as you can. Many thanks for your consideration.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FR PADDY GAFFNEY CSSp

Wednesday 10th December body arrives at the Spiritan Community, 117 Newarthill Road, Carfin ML1 5AL for whole night wake. Thursday Requiem Mass at St Francis Xavier Parish, Carfin at 12.00pm. Burial follows in St Patrick's Cemetery. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

St Aidan's High School presents "One Candle Lights the Way", an evening of Christmas music and festive fun, on Monday 15th December at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5.00 available from the Music Department. Doors open with refreshments available from 7.00 pm.

The School is also organising a "Senior Citizens' Concert" on Tuesday 16th December at 2.00 pm. Call the Office to reserve FREE tickets: 01698 522738.

St Patrick's is hosting a Christmas Carol Service on Thursday 11th December at 7.00 pm. Tea and coffee afterwards in the Parochial Hall. After an opening prayer, announcements and welcome. The Order of Service will be:

- Congregational carol: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*
- St Thomas's School Choir: *Open your hearts*
- Reading: Isaiah: Ch9 vs 2-7
- Craigneuk and Belhaven Singing Group
- Reading: Luke Ch2 vs 1-14
- Berryhill School Choir: *He is Emmanuel*
- Congregational choir: *It was on a Starry Night*
- Christmas Message: Fr Ricky
- Berryhill and St Thomas's joint Choirs: *Away in a Manger / Rejoice with us*
- Prayers for the World
- St Patrick's Church Choir
- Congregational Carol: *O Come all ye Faithful*
- Blessing

Thanks

St Thomas' is organising its customary "School Christmas Tree Appeal". At the back of the Church there is a tree with gift tags on it, each having an item request to help families over Christmas. Please take a tag, purchase the item, wrap it up and attach the tag back on the gift, returning it to the box as soon as you can and by 15th or 16th December as the school closes on 18th December. If all the tags are taken, perhaps you could donate a voucher from one of the local supermarkets or Amazon which can be handed into the stall. Past years have seen you being so generous, helping deserving families over the festive season. Many thanks in anticipation.

The recently fire-damaged garage has now been fully repaired and much of the original has been conserved. It looks really splendid, and a colour photograph is on our website to view.



Visit our Parish Website
www.stpatricksshieldmuir.co.uk
Parish bulletins and other information will be uploaded here. **Please get in touch with Fr Mallya if you have notices for the website.**

The Charity Shop will close on December 18th for the Christmas Holiday reopening in January

We now have almost 100 numbers taken for the 200 Club. To get the Club up and running by the end of January, we need to sell ALL 200 numbers or more. The more numbers sold, the bigger the prizes will be! If you are not familiar with how this works it's rather like a lottery. Your annual £12.00 will see your number(s) entered into a draw each month. The Committee will decide the value of the prizes, perhaps 1st/2nd/3rd of £50.00, £25.00 and £15.00 respectively or a single prize of £100.00 each month. At the end of the year, about Christmas time, we would have a "Grand Draw" paying out a bigger sum of money. There is a sheet at the back of the Church to sign up, taking as many numbers as you wish.

New year treat – blow away the winter blues with the musical *Bugsy Malone*. This takes place on Saturday 10th January at 2.30 pm in the Town House, Hamilton. It will be followed by high tea at the Wishaw Golf Club around 6.00 pm. Names with a deposit of £5.00 should be handed into the Stall. Times of bus departure will follow.

PARISH INCOME

Parish income:	£884.14
Mission Appeal:	£1061.05
Sort Code:	80 12 97
Account number:	10243263