

Parish Finance

First Collection Christmas weekend - £505
Second Collection for parish funds - £304
Christmas Quarterly Collection - £10 (total - £194) is now due
Crib Donations (in aid of St. Margaret's Society) - £30 (total - £186)
Donation to parish funds - £25
Loose Change - £15

Parish News

Day of Prayer for Justice & Peace takes place this Sunday 8th January 2017 - Feast of Epiphany. If you want to know more about Justice & Peace please visit www.justiceandpeacescotlnd.org.uk **Second Collection will be taken up on 8th January (this Sunday) for Justice & Peace.**

R.C.I.A.: Next meeting - Monday 23rd January at 7 p.m. in parish house.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: Please uplift new rotas from the Sacristy.

First Communion and First Confession Candidates are reminded to bring their Passport and Prayer Card to Sunday Mass Children's Liturgy Group.

Sponsored Lamp this coming week has been sponsored by the Flaherty Family in memory of their son Brian, whose 6th anniversary occurs at this time.

St. Mary's Primary - Registration for School: Children who will be 5 years old between 1st Mar 2017 and 28 Feb. 2018, should be registered for school during week commencing Monday 16 January 2017 at the following times:
Monday 16th - 1.30 - 4.00 pm
Tuesday 17th - 9 am - 12 noon
Wed 18th - 1.30 - 4.00 pm
Thu 19th - 9 am - 12 noon
Fri 20th - 1.30 - 4.00 pm.
Please bring Birth Certificate, Council Tax Bill as proof of address and Baptismal Certificate if applicable.

Marriage Preparation Guidance Courses 2017 commence on 21 and 28 January in St. Mary's Hamilton
18 and 25 Feb in St. Mary's Coatbridge
18 & 25 March in St. Mary's Coatbridge and
2 and 9 September in St. Mary's Hamilton.
Any couples planning marriage next year should first of all see Canon Dunnachie.



Congratulations to 250 Club December Winners !

1st - A. Corrigan - No. 57; 2nd - B. McStay - No. 105; 3rd - K. Holmes No. 39; 4th - Michael Dillon - No. 64
5th - Thomas Cox - No. 46



Senior Citizens Festive Dinner

There are lists at the back of the church for the Christmas Dinner which will take place on Friday 27th Jan 2017 in the Marian Hall at 6.30 p.m. This is open to parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Bernard's who are 65 years and above.

Ten Guidelines from God

1. Quit Worrying: Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

2. Put it on the List: Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to Me. And although My to-do-list is long, I am after all ...GOD. I can take care of anything you put into My hands. In fact if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realise.

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Parish Activities

Baptism Course is held on the first Tue of month (7th Feb.) - in parish house

Parish Bingo in the hall every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Pass the word to your friends!

Wednesday Cafe will re-open this Wednesday 11th Jan. - after 10 am Mass.

Novena to St. Peregrine (Patron Saint of Cancer Sufferers) here in St. Mary's every last Thursday of the month (26th Jan. 2017) at 7.30 p.m.

Calling Times - There will be none until Thu 19th January.

Saturday Breakfast Club in the hall after 10 a.m. Mass. Call round for bacon/sausage roll, tea or coffee.

Hall Bookings: Tel: 01236 600560 or 01236 435252 (for all your family group celebrations/functions)

Foodbank: Big Thank-you for your very generous on-going donations of food .

Recycling: If you have any old spectacles we will be happy to pass these on for use in third world countries.

Sponsored Lamp/Remembrance Book Application Forms are available at the back of the church .

To help with our collections, I would like to ask all those who pay Income Tax to join our Gift Aid Scheme, as this will give the parish an extra 25p for every £ donated. This is much needed funds we are missing out on. Thank you for your continued support.