

# St. Lucy's Parish

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## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

### This Week in the Parish

#### Sunday: New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God World Day of Prayer for Peace

11.00am Mass  
12.30-1.30pm Hour of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for World Peace.

#### Monday Memorial of Saints Basil and Gregory Nazianzen

10.40am Morning Prayer  
11.00am Mass

#### Tuesday

9.10am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass

#### Wednesday

9.10am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass

#### Thursday

Optional Memorial of  
St. Raymond of Penyafort  
9.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass

#### Friday

9.10am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass  
6.00pm Holy Hour

#### Saturday

Our Lady's Day  
9.10am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays  
10.30-11.00am: 5.15 - 5.45pm

#### Sunday

10.30-10.45am: 4.30-4.45pm

NO 5pm Mass or Confessions on  
New Year's Day

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the  
Epiphany

you maybe a parent already, but if you think you can offer a loving family home to a child or even siblings, then we would like to hear from you. Adoption can be a rewarding experience for you as parents, and it will make the world of difference to children's lives. For a confidential chat or more information tel. 0141 332 8371 [www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk](http://www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk)

### Please Pray For RIP Anniversaries

Patrick Mc Andrew, Harry Boyle,  
Valentine & Rose Bolan,  
Anthonelly Connelly, Jean  
Gordon, Theresa Mc Neill and  
Peggy Weir  
Sick

Fr. Noel Barry, Clare Adams, Joan  
Gallagher, Johnny Donnelly and  
Anne O'Donnell

**Names of sick will be renewed  
next week and should be  
submitted by e-mail or in 'black  
box' by Thursday evening.**

**Message of the Holy Father for  
Peace & Justice** If you would like  
a copy, there are a few at the back.  
If more are required, please ask.

### Parish Finance MANY THANKS

#### First Collection

Non-GAD £210.04  
GAD £ 316.87

#### Pro-Life Charities

Non-GAD £190.69  
GAD £ 179.68

#### Second Collection

##### This week

Approved Fundraising for parish

##### Next week

Justice & Peace Commission

### KARTOON KNUGGETS

By Troy Knechtel



All I'm saying is, would it cause any major damage to say "Thanks?"  
Offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving Psalm 50:14

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### Eucharistic Congress in Dublin

**1-17 June 2012** Please pick up a prayer card and pray for the spiritual success of this important Ecclesial event. Please also think of participating actively and let me know if you would like to take part. It is my own intention to be there and it would be nice if a few of us could also be there. In October, on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, the Church begins a **Year of Faith**. This congress is a most fitting way to prepare ourselves for this Year of Faith for "the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith".

### It is truly right to give thanks and praise!

I would like to express my personal thanks to all of you for your warm wishes at Christmas time, for your prayers, your love, your friendship and support. Thanks also to those who gave a card or a gift. It is, I assure you, very humbling to be so appreciated as I know it is an expression of your charity and patience rather than my merits. That is, we know, the true meaning of family life.

**Thanks also**, on behalf of us all, to the many people who gave generously of their time and talent to prepare the Church and the liturgies. As always they have done God and us proud. There are so many people who work away so faithfully and without whom we would be very much the poorer. May God bless all of you and may we help one another to come closer to Jesus this year.

**Thanks to Mary** It is lovely that, this year, Sunday is the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. Without her *Fiat*, her unconditional 'yes' to God, there would be no Christmas, no salvation.

"Hail, Mary, full of grace!" If we do not have a special place in our home for Mary, let us begin our year by creating such a special place. Let us gather there often to pray to her, she longs, with a Mother's love, to receive our prayers and

petitions, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

**Thanks be to God** I will offer a Novena of Masses for my family, friends and benefactors, for all who have been good to me for Christ's sake.

God bless you all in 2012.

Fr. Joe McAuley

**November Lists** Letter of Thanks from Custodia Terrae Sancte for the offering of \$770.

### Women's Weekend of Prayer

**20-22<sup>nd</sup> Jan** in Kendal at the Salesian House of Prayer. The theme is *Homecoming*. Cost £95. Opportunity for prayer & reflection, to go walking and to meet like minded people. See notice. I have booking forms.

### Relationship Helpline

by Scottish Marriage Care 0845 122 8655. Research shows that Parental Conflict has a profound impact on children's emotional and social development. Home is where children learn to love, care and respect others. Troubled family relationships can lead to troubled children at home, in school and in the community. Good relationships between parents are crucial for children and give them the best start in life.

Financial pressure is one of the main causes of couple relationship conflict. Since the beginning of the recession, there has been a 20% increase in demand for SMC's relationship counselling services. SMC's Relationship Counselling can:

- Support, build and sustain healthy relationships
  - Improve family life
  - Increase warmth of parent/child relationship
  - Reduce underachievement at school and anti-social behaviour
- See poster of pick up a leaflet at the back.**

**Supporting Mental Health** This valuable local project entitled *NowYou're Talking* can help people suffering from such problems as anxiety or depression and resulting feelings of being undervalued and excluded. To participate tel. 012360730050.

**St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society – Collection for the Crib.** Children in Scotland who are accommodated by the care system, and who require adoption placements, continues to rise, and so the need for adoptive parents is more acute as ever. More couples who are prepared to consider adoption are needed.

**Thinking About Adoption?** You may be a couple with no children,