



St Lucy's Parish



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A

This Week in the Parish

Vigil Mass of Sunday
6.00pm (Saturday)

Sunday

11.00am Mass
5.00pm Evening Prayer, Rosary & Benediction

Monday:

9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
7.00pm Pro-life Rosary
8.00pm Confessions

Tuesday:

Christmas Eve
9.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass

5.45pm

Blessing of the Christmas Trees
6.00pm

Vigil Mass of Christmas

11.30pm

Carols and Proclamation of Christmas

12.00 Midnight

Mass of the Solemnity of the Birth of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ

Wednesday:

Christmas Day
11am Mass

Thursday:

Feast of St. Stephen, Martyr
Morning of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood
11.00am Mass
11.30am Rosary and Benediction

Friday:

Feast of St. John, the Evangelist
9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass

Saturday

Feast of the Holy Innocents
A Day of Atonement for the crime of abortion
9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
10.00am Rosary

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday
10.30-11.00am
5.15-5.45pm
Sunday
10.30-10.45am

Please pray for Month's Mind

James Mc Laughlin [2nd]

Anniversaries

James Kiernan, Jean Gordon, Betty Mc Lellan, James Corbett, and Bernard Mc Conville

Sick:

Fr. Noel Barrie, Charlotte Hall, Paul Peterson, Agnes Wilson, Alex Jacks, Claire Adams, Billy Kerr, Alan Mc Kinney and Iain Steele

MANY THANKS

First Collection

GAD £246.00

SDS £259.29

St. Nicholas Care Fund

£597.52

This week's Second Collection is for Parish

The Order of Catechumens

"For me Catholicism is a journey, a life-long journey of enlightenment. For the last year and a half I have allowed my brain to stumble across many aspects of the Catholic faith that I had never even began to think of before. I love the fact that no matter how much we discuss there is always something more to be said. It is a long process that I am determined to be part of."

Bronwyn Byrne

Plenty of room at the inn!

"Last Sunday I took my wee boy to Mass and thoroughly enjoyed and felt enriched by the Mass itself. Afterwards we were invited to stay for St Lucy's Nativity, where we fully experienced the true meaning of Christmas through the eyes of the children of the school and parish.

After the Nativity we were invited into the hall for tea. I have only recently become a Catholic and started attending St Lucy's. On Sunday I felt I truly belonged to a real Christian community. I thank God for the blessing of my faith and also for being part of the St Lucy's community. Thanks also to Liz Love and Karen Gallagher for

keeping the Sunday Café open for us.

Lesley Maguire

Food-bank for Christmas.

St Lucy's SVDP would like to contribute, on behalf of our parish, to the food-bank organised by the Cumbernauld Community Churches (CCC). Donations of long-life food (tinned soup, beans, fruit and goods in packets or boxes etc.) can be placed in the large box, marked "SVDP" or handed to any member of the SVDP. Connect Food Bank (Cumbernauld Churches). It is overseen by Isobel Charteris (a member of the Free Church) the contact number for the Food-bank is **07500725514**.

Isobel has a few volunteers who will deliver the food in the Cumbernauld area.

New Head teacher for St.

Lucy's: Mrs. Elaine Johnstone, who is presently head teachers of Holy Family Primary School, Bellshill, has now been appointed and will take up her post on 6th January 2014. We wish her every blessing and success. We hope she will be as happy in her new appointment as was Mrs. Karen Greechan who, for 7 hectic weeks, had to 'step into the breach' when Mrs. Strobb went off to have her baby. Sophia and her mum doing well!

Family Planning – God's Way – Nature's Way

The Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Family Planning is 99% effective in avoiding pregnancy with **no side effects**. This method is also very helpful for those couples having difficulty conceiving and is a natural alternative to IVF. For an information pack or details of a tutor in your area, contact Fertility Care Scotland Tel:0141 221 0858; em: info@fertilitycare.org.uk www.fertilitycare.org.uk.

Parish Consultation On

behalf of all of us on the Parish Pastoral Council, thank you for the generous and positive response to the questionnaires issued last weekend. This weekend provides further opportunity to respond to the questionnaire before the consultation is closed for this year. We meet again on



Thursday 9th January 2014 and will communicate with all "volunteers" after that meeting. Thank you.

Christmas blessings

I hope that during the holy season of Advent you have been able to find peace and time to prepare spiritually for the coming of the Lord. Follow the star of faith and sing joyfully to the Lord.

Glasgow after the Second World War

the city council began to demolish the slum tenements and build new housing estates around the city. It also cooperated with the development of several New Towns. In 1948, the Archdiocese was divided into 3 dioceses: Glasgow, Motherwell and Paisley. The Archdiocese had shrunk in size and now only comprised the city itself and Dunbartonshire and, of course, Cumbernauld New Town which, at that time, formed part of Dunbartonshire. In the 25 years from 1945 till 1970, the diocese opened 38 new parishes in the city of Glasgow. However, even as these parishes were opening, the city population was falling, down to 825,000 by 1971 and to 650,000 in 1981.