

**PARISH OF THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY
CHURCHES OF ST. STEPHEN AND
ALL SAINTS**

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**MASSES IN ALL SAINTS' AND ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCHES ARE SHOWN ON
THE CHRISTMAS SERVICES LEAFLET, AVAILABLE AT EACH ENTRANCE.
TIMES OF SERVICES AS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE HOME PAGE
OF OUR WEBSITE. PLEASE NOTE THAT CHRISTMAS DAY IS A
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION.**

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able to respond with obedience.

**St. MARGARET'S CHILDREN AND
FAMILY CARE SOCIETY** will receive
the donations made at the Crib.



HOLY YEAR:

The Holy Year opens in our diocese with a pilgrimage moving towards the Cathedral behind the cross prepared by Holy Cross High School for the jubilee – a pilgrim people behind the cross of Christ which remains the anchor of Salvation.

People are invited to gather at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Carfin at 1pm on Sunday 29th December for a short gathering that introduces the pilgrimage and the opening of the Holy Year. Bishop Toal, with a small group of young people, will then make the first part of the pilgrimage towards the Cathedral.

At 2.30pm, all people from across the Diocese are invited to gather in St Bride's Hall (across from the Cathedral) for another gathering time on the journey behind the cross and for the short pilgrimage to the Cathedral, the veneration of the Cross, a memorial of our baptism and the celebration of Mass on the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS now on sale.

JUSTICE AND PEACE

A collection will be taken up for Justice and Peace on Sunday 4th January, the Solemnity of the Epiphany and World Day of Prayer for Peace.



CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May the coming of our infant Saviour at Christmas, find a welcome place in every home.
May the Mother of Christ be honoured in every heart, and may St. Joseph the guardian of the Holy Family guard you throughout the coming year, and may the fullness of God's blessing be upon you, your family and your friends in the coming year.

Fr. Doyle

*May the Peace
of the
Holy Family
be with you
always.*



BISHOP TOAL'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

On Christmas Night Pope Francis will begin the Jubilee Year of 2025 by opening the Holy Door of St Peter's in Rome. Along with dioceses throughout the world we will begin the Jubilee here in Motherwell on Sunday 29th December, the Feast of the Holy Family. I invite you me to join me that afternoon for the Opening Service, followed by Mass in the Cathedral. Like Christmas, our Jubilee Year will be a period of more and more hope as we make extra efforts to celebrate and live our faith both at home and on pilgrimage. The theme for the year is Pilgrims of Hope, and as we continue our earthly pilgrimage in our difficult world we do indeed need more and more hope, flowing from our faith in God, and witnessed by our charity as members of Christ's Body. May the Lord bless you and your families with love and peace this Christmas and may our celebration of his birth bring renewed hope to all in hardship and distress. + Joseph Toal
The full text is on the Latest News Section of our website.

Challenging winter fuel poverty; the winter brings special challenges, especially in Scotland with low temperatures and short days. Heating and lighting our homes can be difficult and costly. If you are struggling and need some help and advice, please don't hesitate to contact our **WELLSPRING SUPPORT GROUP**. **Just leave your name and contact details with us** and we will be in touch, please be assured that your privacy will be respected and we will safeguard any personal information. **There is a leaflet the back of the church to record your details. Please fill it in and put in the box.**

BANK DETAILS FOR DONATIONS

If you wish you can contribute directly to the parish using these bank details below.

Details of our new Bank Account are as follows:

Sort Code: 80-12-97; Account No: 10245365

Account Name: Holy Trinity & All Saints

If you are already paying by Direct Debit **you don't need to do anything**, this is only for people who wish to do online banking.

