

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

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Mary, the Holy Mother of God, 1st January 2023

Happy
New Year!

All Saints			St. Stephen's		
Monday	7.30 p.m.	Mass/Novena	Tuesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	Mass	Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.30 a.m.	Mass	Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	4.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Mass	Sunday	12.15 p.m.	Mass
Sunday	5.30 p.m.	Mass			

FEAST DAYS:



Monday 2nd St. Basil the Great and
St. Gregory Nazianzen
Tuesday 3rd The Most Holy Name of
Jesus
Sunday 8th The Epiphany

The Catholic Church observes many important feasts during the Twelve Days of Christmas. This includes the feasts of Saint Stephen, Saint John the Apostle, the Holy Innocents, and the Holy Family. However, none of these feasts are as important as the one observed on the eighth day of Christmas — the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

After Christmas started to be celebrated with its own day and feast on December 25, the octave or eighth day of Christmas took on a new meaning.

Celebrating the feast of the Mother of God, Mary, on January 1, became a common tradition in the East and most of the West. "This celebration, assigned to January 1 is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the 'holy Mother . . . through whom we were found worthy . . . to receive the Author of life.' It is likewise a fitting occasion for renewed adoration of the new born Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels, and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace. For this reason . . . we have instituted the World Day of Peace, an observance that is gaining increasing support and is already bringing forth fruits of peace in the hearts of many" (no. 5).

1st ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF SR. FRANCES is on 6th January 2023.

The Vigil Mass in St. Stephen's on Saturday 7th January 2023 will be celebrated for the repose of her soul. May she rest in peace.



MEMORY TREE:

There is a Christmas Tree in the Muiryhall Street Porch. Gift tags are available and you may want to remember an intention for someone who has gone before marked with the sign of faith. Write on the gift tag and hang on a branch of the tree. If desired, donations may be given.

SYNOD

Bishop Toal invites everyone who contributed to the diocesan phase to gather in the St Bride's Hall, Motherwell, on Saturday 7th January from 12-2pm to discuss the next phase.

St. MARGARET'S CHILDREN AND FAMILY CARE SOCIETY

will receive the donations made at the Crib. The Society was founded in 1955 and has over 60 years' experience of providing high quality services and support for children and families affected by adoption. Further information on Adoption from <https://stmargaretsadoption.org.uk/>



TODAY IS THE 56th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

JUSTICE AND PEACE

There will be a special collection next weekend 7th/8th January for Justice and Peace.

Striving for Social Justice. The National Commission for Justice and Peace advises the [Scottish Bishops' Conference](https://www.scottishbishopsconference.org/) of the Catholic Church in matters of social justice, peacebuilding, promoting care for creation and human rights, supporting the Catholic community to live the values of the Gospel in service to the poor and marginalised. Please support this collection and **anyone who would like to help form a Justice and Peace**

Group in the parish please speak to Fr Doyle.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

online booking is open for couples preparing for Marriage in the Catholic Church. The course costs £50 and includes course material. **Dates of courses are:**

21st January 2023, 18th February 2023, 18th March 2023 and 22nd April 2023.

Book online at www.marriagefamilylife.org.

ARRANGING MARRIAGES: A reminder that at least 6 month's notice is required when booking a marriage in order for the appropriate preparation and paperwork to be carried out

Motherwell Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 14th-21st July 2023.

Are you between 18 and 25 years of age (or just finished 6th year at school)? A youth group is being formed to cater for the needs of the sick of the Diocese and to help assist with the Liturgy, during the pilgrimage. If you are interested, there will be a meeting in St. Aloysius Chapelhall on Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 7.00 p.m. Further information from the Youth Chaplain Fr. Mark O'Donnell at frodonnell@rcdom.org.uk.



PATRONAL FEAST We celebrated with great joy the feast of St Stephen along with our fabulous team of Altar Servers who received their various badges of merit. This year there was a new badge The Guardian Angel Badge which was commissioned in honour of Sr Frances and was given to those servers who worked with Sr Frances. Many thanks to all the parents for their support and encouragement to the children.