

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

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**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph C
29th December 2024**

All Saints

Monday NO MASS
Wednesday **11.00 a.m. Mass**
Friday 9.30 a.m. Mass

Saturday 4.30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday 9.00 a.m. Ukrainian Mass
Sunday 10.30 a.m. Mass
Sunday 5.30 p.m. Mass

St. Stephen's

Tuesday 10.00 a.m. Mass
Thursday 10.00 a.m. Mass

Saturday 5.30 p.m. Vigil Mass#
Sunday 12.15 p.m. Mass



The Holy Family: It is amazing that God chose to enter our fallen human condition by becoming Incarnate in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was born of her, raised by her and Saint Joseph, acquired human knowledge through their teaching, worked with His hands, experienced the fullness of human society, and did so within the context of an earthly family. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph made up a sacred family, the Holy Family. Today's feast continues our Christmas Day celebration. This feast falls within the octave of Christmas that culminates January 1 with the Solemnity of the Mother of God.

Prayer: Most Holy Family of Nazareth, you were a true school of love in which the perfection of family love grew strong. Please bestow upon me, my family, and families everywhere the grace needed to more fully imitate the love you shared, so that families everywhere will continue to be the fundamental building block of the world. Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us and have mercy on all. Jesus, I trust in You.

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



HOLY YEAR:

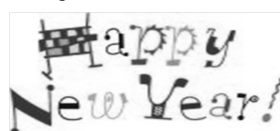
The Holy Year opens in our diocese with a pilgrimage moving towards the Cathedral behind the cross prepared by Holy Cross High School for the jubilee – a pilgrim people behind the cross of Christ which remains the anchor of Salvation.

People are invited to gather at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Carfin at 1pm today 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.

THANK YOU to all the Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, cleaners, all who supported the various events in the parish throughout the year, those who donated money for flowers, those who supported the various hamper raffles and other fundraising events during the year and to all parishioners for their support and generosity throughout the year. *Father Doyle*

FONTES magazines are available.
Please take one.



Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God, New Years Day

Mary is the Mother of God because she is the Mother of Jesus, true God and true Man. Because of this, she more than anyone else can lead us to her Son, for no other like her knows who Jesus is, and no one knows how to relate with Him as well as she does. Mary is the Mother who, on hearing the shepherd's words, understood immediately that the Child was not just "her Son". *"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and put it into practice"* Jesus would say one day (Lk. 8:19-21). She, who for nine months had borne Him in her womb, knew how to listen to everyone the Lord allowed her to meet: the shepherds, the magi, Simeon and Anna...because each of them would "reveal" something about Jesus' identity and mission. This is one of the Our Lady's most ancient titles conferred in the year 431 AD, during the Council of Ephesus that concluded on 22 June, the dogma of faith regarding "Mary's divine maternity" was declared. **EXCERPT FROM MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE 1ST JANUARY 2025:** At the dawn of this New Year a year of Jubilee in the spirit of hope, I offer heartfelt good wishes of peace to every man and woman. I think especially of those who feel downtrodden, burdened by their past mistakes, oppressed by the judgment of others and incapable of perceiving even a glimmer of hope for their own lives. Upon everyone I invoke hope and peace, for this is a Year of Grace born of the Heart of the Redeemer!

Throughout this year, the Catholic Church celebrates the Jubilee, an event that fills hearts with hope. The "jubilee" recalls an ancient Jewish practice, when, every forty-ninth year, the sound of a ram's horn (in Hebrew, *jobel*) would proclaim a year of forgiveness and freedom for the entire people (cf. *Lev 25:10*)...a reminded the entire people, rich and poor alike, that no one comes into this world doomed to oppression: all of us are brothers and sisters, sons and daughters of the same Father, born to live in freedom, in accordance with the Lord's will (cf. *Lev 25:17, 25, 43, 46, 55*). *For the full message go to parish website, Latest News Section.*

Second Collection Next Sunday for the work of Justice & Peace

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.