

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

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**The Nativity of the Lord, 25th December 2022**



**All Saints**

Monday 26 December **NO EVENING MASS**  
Wednesday 28th December Mass 9.30 a.m.  
Friday 30th December Mass 9.30 a.m.  
Saturday 31st December Vigil Mass 4.30 p.m.  
Sunday 1st January Mass at 10.30 a.m.  
**NO EVENING MASS.**

**St. Stephen's**

Monday 26th December Mass 11.00 a.m.  
Tuesday 27th December Mass 10.00 a.m.  
Thursday 29th December Mass 10.00 a.m.  
Saturday 30th December Vigil Mass 5.30 p.m.  
Sunday 1st January Mass 11.30 a.m.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS are available at the back of the church. Please take one. Details of our Christmas Services are also available on our website in the Latest News Section.**

**THE O ANTIPHONS**

**December 21** *O Rising Dawn*, (Jer 23:5; Zechariah 3:8; 6:12), Radiance of the Light eternal (Habakkuk 3:4; Wisdom 7:26; Hebrews 1:3) and Sun of Justice (Malachi 3:20):  
Come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death (Ps 107:10; Lk 1:78).

**December 22** *O King of the Gentiles* (Jeremiah 10:7; Haggai 2:7), and the Desired of all, You are the Cornerstone that binds two into one (Isaiah 28:16; Matthew 21:42; Ephesians 2:20).  
Come, and save man whom You fashioned out of clay (Genesis 2:7).

**December 23** *O Emmanuel* (Isaiah 7:14; 8:8; Luke 1:31-33), our King and Lawgiver (Genesis 49:10; cf. Ezekiel 21:32), the Expected of the nations and their Saviour (Isa 33:22):  
Come, and save us, O Lord our God.

**FEAST DAYS:**

Monday 26th St. Stephen  
Wednesday 28th The Holy Innocents  
Friday 30th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

**St. MARGARET'S CHILDREN AND FAMILY CARE SOCIETY**

will receive the donations made at the Crib.



**HAMPER/RAFFLE**

**Winner: Margaret Bryceland**  
**1st ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF SR. FRANCES** is on 6th January 2023.



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



**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 stage.



**CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

*May the Blessings of Christmas be with you,  
May the Christ Child light your way,  
May God's holy angels guide you,  
And keep you safe each day.*

*Father Doyle*



“Our Saviour, dearly Beloved, was born this day. Let us rejoice. Sadness is not becoming upon the Birth Day of Life Itself, which, now that the fear of death is ended, fills us with gladness, because of our own promised immortality. No one is excluded from sharing in this cheerfulness, for the reason of our joy is common to all men. Our Lord, the Conqueror of sin and death, since there was no one free from servitude, came that He might bring deliverance to all. Acknowledge, O Christian, the dignity that is yours! Being made a partaker of the divine nature, do not by an unworthy manner of living fall back into your former abjectness of life. Be mindful of Whose Head, and of Whose Body, you are a member. Remember, that wrested from the powers of darkness, thou art now translated into the Light and the Kingdom of God. By the sacrament of baptism you have become the temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not, by evil deeds, drive out from you such a One dwelling with thee, and submit yourself again to the bondage of the devil. Because your price was the Blood of Christ; because in strictness He shall judge you Who in mercy has redeemed you, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, world without end. Amen From the Sermon of Pope St. Leo the Great for Christmas Day

**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](http://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.

**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.



**THANK YOU:** A sincere thanks to all the parishioners for all their support to the parish and their kind words and gifts they have given to me for Christmas. Also a most sincere thanks to all our Church workers who helped throughout the year and in a particular way to those who have helped to decorate the church so beautifully for Christmas.

*Father Doyle.*

