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

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Parish of the Most Blessed Trinity The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph B, 31st December 2023



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Monday	11.00 a.m. (No evening Mass)	Tuesday	10.00 a.m. Mass
Wednesday	9.30 a.m. Mass	Wednesday	10.00 a.m. Mass
Friday	9.30 a.m. Mass (funeral)	Thursday	10.00 a.m. Mass
Friday 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
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FEAST DAYS

Monday 1st January 2024 Mary, the Mother of God.

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

The Most Holy Name of Jesus.

Sunday 7th January 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord Monday 8th January 2024 The Baptism of the Lord. **Pope Francis' Prayer to the Holy Family**

(from Amoris Laetitia) Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Amen

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God on

1st January falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. The Blessed Virgin Mary is honoured as the Mother of God because she conceived and gave birth to Christ, who is the incarnation of God the Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, we are not only honouring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honouring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Since the first centuries of Christianity, the Church customarily has regarded the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of God for a simple, logical reason; by the power of the Holy Spirit, she conceived Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Since the Second Divine Person of the Blessed Trinity. God the Son took our human nature, Mary is the Mother of God in the fullest since: "What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ" (CCC 487). The Church solemnly defined this belief at the Ecumenical Council of Ephesus AD 431.

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

Many thanks to Father Kevin Ryan, S.X, for his help with the Christmas Masses. We are extremely grateful to him.



May I wish all of you, your families and friends the blessing and protection of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and St Joseph. And in the coming year, I entrust you to the care and love of Mary, the Mother of God, and of St Stephen and the Most Blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God bless and keep you,

Happy New Year, Father Doyle.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR JUSTICE AND

PEACE is on 8th January 2024, the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. A special collection will be taken up for Justice and Peace next weekend.

World Day of Prayer for Peace 1st January.

Conclusion of Pope Francis message: "It is my prayer at the start of the New Year that the rapid development of forms of artificial intelligence will not increase cases of inequality and injustice all too present in today's world, but will help put an end to wars and conflicts, and

alleviate many forms of suffering that afflict our human family. May Christian believers, followers of various religions and men and women of good will work together in harmony to embrace the opportunities and confront the challenges posed by the digital revolution and thus hand on to future generations a world of greater solidarity, justice and peace."

Note about Monklands Hospital:

"Our Chaplains and Eucharistic Ministers want to offer all Catholic patients Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick during their stay in hospital. To enable this, it is very important to inform the nursing staff working on your or your loved one's ward so that they can let the Chaplaincy team know to visit. "

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW BISHOP OF GALLOWAY, FR. FRANK DOUGAN

Fr Dougan is currently the parish priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, East Kilbride and has been appointed by Pope Francis as the new Bishop of Galloway. We offer our prayers and warmest congratulation and ask the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Ninian for the bishop-elect.

Grateful thanks: Our dear brothers and sisters from the Ukrainian community and their priest Fr Andrew wish to thank us most sincerely for the warm welcome and hospitality they received for their first Mass in the church on Christmas Day. They will continue to use the church for mass on Sundays and Solemnities for the foreseeable future.

Anniversary of Sr. Frances 7th January.

May God grant eternal rest to our dear Sr Frances, who laboured for so many years in Christ's vineyard of St Stephen's, may her family, friends and fellow parishioners know Christ's comfort and the assurances of our Catholic faith.