



ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
SACRED HEART & ST GERARD
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Services this Week

Tuesday	7.00pm	Mass in Sacred Heart
Wednesday	10.00am	Mass in Sacred Heart
Thursday	<i>Christmas Eve</i> 5.00pm 6.30pm 8.00pm 9.30pm	Mass in St Gerard's Mass in St Gerard's Mass in Sacred Heart Mass in Sacred Heart
Friday	<i>Christmas Day</i> 8.30am 10.00am 11.30am	Mass in Sacred Heart Mass in St Gerard's Mass in Sacred Heart
Saturday	4.00pm 5.30pm	Vigil Mass in St Gerard's Vigil Mass in Sacred Heart
Sunday	10.00am 11.30am 5.00pm	Mass in St Gerard's Mass in Sacred Heart Mass in Sacred Heart

The Scriptures

First Reading
2 Samuel 7

Psalm 88 (89)

I will sing for ever of
your love, O Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of
the Lord:
let what you have said
be done to me.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 1 26-38

Mass Booking Dates

Masses from
Saturday 26th Dec to Friday 1st Jan
can be booked on

Wednesday 23rd December
from 7.00pm

How to Book

Telephone 07510 490797

or online at
www.shsg.eventbrite.co.uk

New Year

On Hogmanay, Thursday 31st December
there will be a Holy Hour available to
watch on our Youtube Channel at 7.00pm
to provide a time of prayer and reflection
at the end of the year and ask for God's
blessing on 2021.

On New Year's Day, the Solemnity of
Mary, the Mother of God there will be
Mass in St Gerard's at 10.00am and in
Sacred Heart at 11.30am.

*Level 4 restrictions from Boxing Day
limit us to 20 people at Mass, all Masses
including weekday Masses must be booked.*

Masses for New Year's Day can be booked
this Wednesday, 23rd December from
7.00pm.

St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society

Which supports some of Scotland's most vulnerable children, is hosting a 'Virtual Crib' this Advent. The charity could lose up to £100k in donations made by the Catholic community to its annual Crib Appeal collection boxes as congregation sizes remain limited due to Covid19.

St Margaret's which is in the trust of the Archdiocese of Glasgow and dioceses of Motherwell, Paisley and Galloway has the bishops of these dioceses as its President and Vice Presidents. For the past 65 years the small charity based in Glasgow which has placed well over 2,000 children with families.

Donations made to St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society, fund its Extended Post Adoption Support Services (EPASS). These services are available to any adopted child who may have experienced trauma and neglect and adoptive families across Scotland. The standard post adoption support is one year, St Margaret's offers EPASS services for life to those who need it, including home visits, therapeutic playgroups, teenagers groups, peer support groups and family events.

The Virtual Crib will be on St Margaret's website from Sunday 29 November until the Feast of the Epiphany on 6 January. The Virtual Crib is a peaceful, animated crib scene accompanied by a full Christmas Carol Concert from the St Andrew's Cathedral Choir. Viewers will also hear a specially recorded version of 'Oh Holy Night' sung by St Andrew's Choir Director and St Margaret's Origins Worker, Maria Madden. Visitors to the St Margaret's Virtual Crib will be able to read messages from some of the families supported this year and donate on the website page or alternatively can post a cheque to the charity's office at 26 Newton Place, Glasgow, G3 7PY.

stmargaretsadoption.org.uk

Some fabric planning for the New Year

I propose in the New Year to remove the cry chapels from Sacred Heart Church. I think this will help improve the feeling walking into the Church, creating a sense of space and I suspect we will frown on small unventilated spaces for a while yet. We can replace the pews at the back of the church and not lose spaces. I am conscious they were liked for the immediacy of the sound but with some work we can improve the sound in the Church and provide better sound in the porch if someone feels the need to leave the body of the church with a child in distress.

I have started some discussions regarding the pipe organ in Sacred Heart but the cost of necessary repairs for it to be useable will be beyond us. I hope to place an electric organ in the choir loft to remove it from the front of the church.

In St Gerard's Church the ceiling is in need of some repair and this may be a more major project given its age that will require its replacement and will take a bit longer to accomplish.

I have spoken to the diocese about some major cracks on the hall at Sacred Heart which are a cause of concern. We will wait on a structural report in the new year and keep you informed on the progress.

Please remember in your prayers

Sick:

Baby Felix Durnion, Matt McDonald, Kathleen Grant, Jackie Chinskie, Jane Downie, Betty McDermott, Betty McAuley, Anne Taggart, M. A. Musgrave, Martin Burns, Margaret Quinn, Megan Carlin, Kirsty White, Gerard Foley, Tony Maschinsky, Elizabeth Ann Curtis, Michelle Miller (Cleary), Maureen Griffin, May Dick, Lauren Nicol, Joseph Townsley, Peter Mitchell, Thomas O'Donnell, John Hamilton, Michael Rennie, Rosemary Walsh, Jayne Murphy, Jim McIlroy, Lorraine McCarthy, Mary McCardle, John McKendry (Coatbridge), Albert Matusavage, Jane Curran,

Recently Dead:

Months Minds: Kitty Curran, Patricia B Hughes,

Anniversaries: Thomas (Tam) & Sally Malone, Joseph & Thomas Burns, Charlie & Sasie Johnston, Mary Jane Johnston, Billy O'Hara, George Steppie, Cathie Tobin, Mary Cleary, Edward Frew, Annie Frew, Robert Frew, Rena Frew, Denis O'Hara, Mary O'Hara, Mary Malone, James Canning, Helen McCann,

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