



ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
SACRED HEART & ST GERARD
BELLSHILL ~ EST. 2018

Holy Family

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Services this Week

Tuesday	6.00pm 7.00pm	Confessions until 6.45pm Mass in Sacred Heart
Wednesday	10.00am	Mass in Sacred Heart
Thursday	9.30am	Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart <i>Elizabeth Melia RIP</i>
<i>New Year's Eve</i>		
Friday	9.30am	Mass in St Gerard's
	7.00pm	Prayer & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacred Heart Church
<i>New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>		
Saturday	10.00am	Mass in St Gerard's
	11.30am	Mass in Sacred Heart
<i>2nd January - The Epiphany</i>		
Sunday	10.00am	Mass in St Gerard's
	11.30am	Mass in Sacred Heart

The Scriptures

First Reading

1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

Psalm 80

They are happy who dwell in
your house, O Lord.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2,21-24

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
To accept the words of your
Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

A Christmas Prayer

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness, and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

Pope John XXIII

Coming to Mass

Masses remain open and free for people to attend without major restriction. However please bear in mind that the churches will be well ventilated and you are asked to maintain a respectful distance and hand sanitise on entry. Please wear a mask to help protect yourself and others. It is also helpful to take a lateral flow test before attending Church.

The Church will continue to open no more than 30 minutes before the start of Mass and we will return to 1m social distancing after Christmas and keeping an empty row between people.

Thank You

The collection last weekend was £1142. The parish also receives an average of £430 weekly in electronic donations.

Please remember in your prayers

Sick:

Baby Felix Durnion, Jackie Chinskie, Betty McDermott, Lorraine McCarthy, Leanne McGovern, Billy Mosedale, Thomas O'Donnell, Marcella Taylor, Fr Raymond Jaconelli, Avril Finnon, Matt MacDonald, Jean Murphy, Megan Carlin, Jamie Devine, Elizabeth Lunny, Margaret McMahon, Tom Downie, Mary Malone, Annie Taggart, Betty McAuley, Angela Ferguson, Mary Hughes,

Recently Dead: Jane Curran, David McAlroy, Elizabeth Melia, Mary McFall, John James Maguire, Tommy McGeoghan, Michael Skeoch,

Months Minds: George & Margaret Bradley, Catherine Docherty, Catherine Traynor, Joseph Costello Jnr, Iain Girvan, Tessa & Robert McDade, Christopher Bernard Collins, Margaret Collins, Annie & James Collins, Mary & John Feeney, Patrick Dale, Helen Dale, Joseph Dale, Alex & Marjory Sloan, Helen Scobbie, Catherine Crombie, Rob Logan,

Anniversaries: Jack McIntyre, Michael Murphy, Frank & Alice Waddell, Mary McDowell, George Steppie, Thomas (Tam) Malone, George Logan, Sandra Robertson, Mary Malone, Jim Canning,

From the Bishops of Scotland

Regarding the Sunday Obligation

At the beginning of Advent the Bishops of Scotland looked forward to welcoming the faithful back to Holy Mass and anticipated that the restoration of the Sunday Obligation might be possible as we begin the New Year. Sadly, there has been a serious worsening of the situation and the restoration of the obligation will be postponed until a more favourable time. For us Sunday is always a Holy Day and we invite those who are unable to be with us in person to continue to join with us in prayer and spiritual communion either by personal or family prayers or by online celebrations of Mass.

We ask everyone to continue to pray for a speedy end to the Pandemic and for the good health of you and your loved ones in 2022. We also pray for all those who passed during 2021 and those who grieve. May Our Lady Health of the Sick pray for us and may Saints Andrew and Margaret protect us.

Christmas Collection

Thank you for your generosity to our parish Christmas collection, the Christmas Collection boxes are at the Church entrances.

Crib Collection

The Christmas collection at the crib supports the work of St Margaret's Children and Family Care society. The box is in front of the crib in Sacred Heart and at the church entrance in St Gerard's.

Justice & Peace

Next Sunday, on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, there will be a collection to support the work of Justice and Peace in the church in Scotland.

Parish Building & Finance Meeting

on Wednesday 19th January
at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Church

Everyone is welcome to discuss the repairs and maintenance of our churches and halls as well as the financial implications of these decisions for our parish finances.

Please Pray for

Elizabeth Melia RIP

*whose funeral will be celebrated on Thursday
at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Church*

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,