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SACRED HEART & ST GERARD
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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	Mass in St Gerard's Confessions after Mass
Friday	9.30am	Funeral Mass in St Gerard's <i>Johann Nairn RIP</i>
Saturday	4.00pm 5.30pm	Vigil Mass in St Gerard's Vigil Mass in Sacred Heart
Sunday	10.00am 11.30am	Mass in St Gerard's Mass in Sacred Heart

The Scriptures

First Reading
Baruch 5:1-9

Psalm 125
What marvels the Lord
worked for us! Indeed we
were glad.

Second Reading
Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
And all mankind shall see the
salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Luke 3:1-6

Advent Penitential Service

There will be an Advent Penitential Service on Wednesday 15th December at 7.00pm in St Gerard's Church. As we remain in uncertain times with continued hesitancy the bishop has given permission for General absolution to be used on this occasion. Having listened to the Word of God we will be invited to reflect and examine our consciences before the celebration of the Sacrament with general absolution.

Individual celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation continues to be available on a Tuesday evening in Sacred Heart Church and a Thursday morning in St Gerard's Church.

Thank You

The collection last weekend was £1488. The parish also receives an average of £430 weekly in electronic donations.

The second collection during November for the work of Scottish Catholic Education Service and Catholic Education Week was £760.

Society of St Vincent de Paul Sacred Heart & St Gerard's

The senior citizens Christmas Dinner Dance planned for Friday has been cancelled due to the uncertainty with coronavirus.

Please remember in your prayers

Sick:

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

Recently Dead: Bishop John Cunningham, William Connor, John Maguire, Robert Laird, Ellen McCusker, Johann Nairn, Arthur Lenagh, Jane Curran, Sacha Zanjani,

Months Minds: Catherine Howard,

Anniversaries: John Foley, Helen Dale, Jim & Mary McGhee, John McAuley, Cathie Malone, Bridget Ann Thomson,

Sisters of St. Peter Claver

Our mission calendars are available at the back of both Sacred Heart & St. Gerard's churches

Your donations are most appreciated!

Please Pray for

Johann Nairn RIP

Whose funeral will be celebrated on Friday 10th December at 9.30am in St Gerard's

Arthur Lenagh RIP

Whose funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday 14th December at 1.30pm in Holytown Crematorium

Jane Curran RIP

Whose funeral details are to be confirmed

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Carfin Grotto

To celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Wednesday 8th December, Mass in Saint Francis Xavier church, Carfin, at 7:00 PM followed by procession to the Lourdes grotto. The music will be led by the Motherwell Diocesan Music Group.

Parish Christmas Card

There are parish Christmas cards available as you enter both Churches with times of Mass at Christmas and New Year.

There are 5000 of the cards available so please take some and put them through your neighbours door and extend an invite to those who may not have been at Mass for a while.

Please help to share the news of our Christmas celebrations.

Mass for Deceased Clergy

The Mass for deceased clergy in the Diocese will take place at St Bernadette's Church in Motherwell on Monday 6th December, beginning at 7pm with Fr Briody offering a short recall of the lives and ministry of those who have died in the past year and then the celebration of the Mass.