



ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
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	Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart <i>Robert Laird RIP</i>
Thursday	9.30am	Mass in St Gerard's Confessions after Mass
Friday	9.30am 11.00am	Mass in St Gerard's Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart <i>Ellen McCusker 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
Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25
To you, O Lord,
I lift up my soul.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
And give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Luke 21:25-28,34-36

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 £1351. The parish also receives an average of £430 weekly in electronic donations.

The second collection during November is to help the diocese support the work of Scottish Catholic Education Service and Catholic Education Week.

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 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, Ellen McCusker, Tom Downie,

Recently Dead: William Connor, John Maguire, Robert Laird, Ellen McCusker, Johann Nairn, Arthur Duffy, Margretta Toal,

Months Minds: Betty Mays, Helen McAuley, John McAuley (Snr & Jnr), Cathy McAuley, James McAuley, George McAuley, Ann McAuley, Lilian Whittingham, Patrick Duffy, Brian Duffy, Jacqueline Duffy, Joe & Lizzie Costello, Jeanie Costello, Joseph Costello jnr,

Anniversaries: John Foley, Helen Dale, Jim & Mary McGhee, John McAuley,

Please Pray for

William Connor RIP

Whose funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday 30th November at 12.30pm in Holytown Crematorium.

Robert Laird RIP

Whose funeral will be celebrated on Wednesday 1st December at 10am in Sacred Heart

Ellen McCusker RIP

Whose funeral will be celebrated on Friday 3rd December at 11.00am in Sacred Heart

Johann Nairn RIP

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

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

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.

A message from Bishop Joseph Toal

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Along with my Brother Bishops in Scotland I have issued a pastoral letter this week to encourage the faithful in Motherwell Diocese to participate in the liturgical life and communal worship of the Church, most particularly through your willing presence at Sunday Mass. To this end, the Sunday Obligation to attend Holy Mass is to be re-instated at the beginning of 2022.

Some clergy and faithful have contacted me, or expressed their opinions elsewhere, to raise concerns about the decision to re-instate the Sunday Mass Obligation. They rightly tell me that some of the Faithful have a fear of coming to public gatherings, however meticulous the precautions put in place, and don't wish to feel pressured into returning to Sunday Mass before they are ready to do so. Earlier in the pandemic I wrote that the "tenderness" of individuals' consciences in another liturgical matter should be respected and I apply the same thinking here. If you are afraid to come back to Sunday Mass at present, take your time in deciding when to do so and do not feel it as a weight on your conscience if you are not fulfilling the obligation. By following your conscience in your own particular mitigating circumstances, it should not be considered a serious sin to make this decision. Indeed we are being told today that further problems may lie ahead with possible repercussions for us all.

With my prayers and good wishes as we are about to begin the Season of Advent,