

The Haven

Stonehouse Male Voice Choir will present an evening of music on Friday 1st December in St Andrew's Church, Church St Blantyre to support the work of The Haven. Doors open 6.30 pm and tickets [priced £6.00] are available from 01698 727505 or events@thehavencentre.com .

St Joseph's Primary School & Nursery Christmas Fayre

You are invited to the annual Christmas Fayre in the school 6.00 - 8.00 pm on Friday 24th November. Lots of Christmas items and activities: gifts, raffles, tombola, café and more. Any business or individuals able to donate a prize for the raffles can do so at the office. Looking forward to seeing you!

Mary's Meals

Any donations made to Mary's Meals by 31st December will be matched by the government up to a total of £1.9 Million.

+ Please Remember in Your Prayers +

Recently Dead:

Ellen Reynolds

Gabriella Rossi Stonefield Road

Margaret McCafferty, Michelle O'Donnell, Thomas Daly, Chris Burns, Fr Tom Welsh SX, Ian Donnelly.

Months Minds & Anniversaries:

Rose, Jim & Robert Conroy, Hugh Conroy, Duncan Findlater, Sal & Pat O'Neil, Ann Traynor, Jim McAleenan, Margaret, William, Catherine, Robert & Maureen Hutcheson, John Donachie, Ann Summers, Summers family, Jacqueline Reid Hart, James Boyle, Rose Cairns, Joseph Kellachan, Rose Kellachan, Thomas Slaven, Leona Quinn, Gerard Donnelly, Margaret & Frank Boyle, Rose Mary Queen, John Morran, Joseph McLachlan, Elizabeth Kelly, Hazel [Wallace] McKenna, Thomas Cox.

And all whose names are placed before our altar

+ May They rest in the peace of Christ +

Ellen Reynolds Wednesday 10.00 am Requiem Mass
Gabriella Rossi Wednesday 6.30 pm Reception of body & rosary
Thursday 10.00 am Requiem Mass



Parish of St Joseph

&

Parish of St John Ogilvie



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33rd Sunday of the Year

19th November 2017

Blantyre Catholic Bulletin

St Joseph's

Masses

Vigil 5.00 pm
10.00 am, 12.00 noon & 6.30 pm
Mon - Sat 10.00 am
Also Thursday 7pm

Exposition

Thursday 6.00 - 6.55 pm

Confessions

Thur 6.30 - 6.55 pm
Sat 9.30 - 9.55 am
& after Vigil Mass

St John Ogilvie's

Masses

Vigil 6.30 pm
11.00 am
Mon - Fri 9.30 am

Confessions

After Vigil Mass

WORK FOR THE LORD!



You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.

Parish Priest: Rev. Brian Lamb Ph.B. S.T.L.
Assistant Priest Rev. John-Paul McShane B.A. S.T.B.
Deacon Rev. Joseph Dowds

Church Collection

St Joseph's	£ 2,027.00
St John Ogilvie's	£ 450.00
Xaverian Fathers Appeal	£ 635.00

Sincere thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

Church's Social Teaching

[International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women is observed on 25th November]

Mary was able to turn a stable into a home for Jesus, with poor swaddling clothes and an abundance of love She is the woman whose heart was pierced by a sword and who understands all our pain. As mother of all, she is a sign of hope for peoples suffering the birth pangs of justice.

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 286

November Lists

November Lists are now available at the back of the Church. During the month of November we are asked to remember our dead loved ones. During this month Mass each day will be offered for the repose of the souls of those names on the November Lists. Please take a November List home, fill it out, and return it over the next month to have Masses offered for the faithful departed. Mass offering may be included in the envelope as all are opened.

Xaverian Fathers Mission Appeal

Fr John the Xaverian Fathers will be in St Joseph's this weekend to make an appeal for their missionary work. A collection will be taken up at these Masses.

First Communion Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents/guardians from both St John Ogilvie parish & St Josephs parish who wish to present children for First Communion in May/June 2018. The meeting will take place in St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 28th November at 7.00 pm. Meetings for Confirmation will follow in a few weeks time.

Stalls

Christmas cards, calendars, and other Christmas items are now available from both church stalls.

St Joseph's Church Hall

We hope to launch the 500 in January with a weekly £1.00 draw payable quarterly [£13.00 per quarter] paying out prizes of £100, £75 & £50. This would generate an income of £12,000 per year which would be used to maintain and develop the hall for the community. The success of this venture is dependant on 500 individuals/families subscribing to the draw. More information to follow.

Do you have an Aviva Insurance/Investment?

We have applied to the Aviva Community Fund for a grant to support the redevelopment of the church hall at St Joseph's. Anyone who has an investment with them is entitled to vote in a community investment programme [votes may come from any policy holder, they do not need to be parishioners or living in Blantyre] Our request is available by going onto their website and going through - Church Hall, Blantyre to register your 10 votes in favour of this project. All you need to register is your policy number.

Proposed Amalgamation of Parishes

Bishop Toal will visit Blantyre to discuss the possible amalgamation of the parishes of St Joseph's and St John Ogilvie. There will be a meeting at 7.00 pm this Tuesday 21st November in St Joseph's Hall. Parishioners from both parishes are invited to participate. This is a significant proposal for the future identity of the parish/parishes. Please come along and hear the bishop's proposal and get involved with the discussion. Tea/ Coffee will be served.

Mass Attendance Census

Last weekend's census gave the following figures for Mass attendance in Blantyre.

St Joseph's 1,107 people and St John Ogilvie's 193 people.

Pre-Baptism Meeting

Any parents who wish to present children for Baptism within the parishes of St John Ogilvie and St Joseph are invited to a short meeting in St Joseph's Presbytery on Tuesday 5th December at 7.00 pm