

# Holy Family Mossend, Parish Newsletter

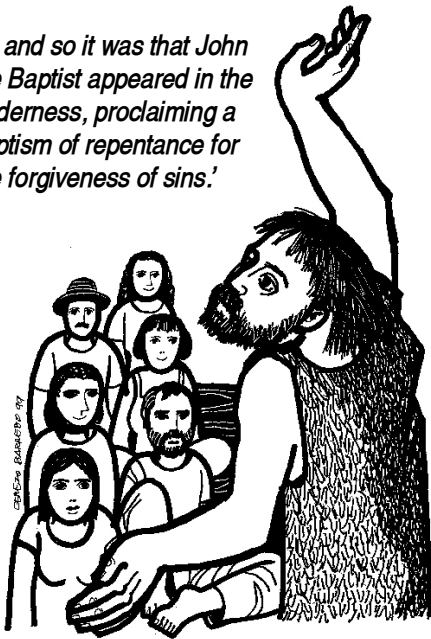
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## + SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT +

'... and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.'



THE CENTRAL FIGURE in today's Mass is JOHN THE BAPTIST and the overall theme of the readings is THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND PREPARATION FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD.

The Gospel today is the opening of the gospel according to Mark. He sets the theme for his gospel in his opening sentence: "The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

The story of Jesus begins with the appearance of John the Baptist. His role is to announce and to prepare people for the coming of Jesus. The Gospel describes him as fulfilling an Old Testament prophecy.

MARK'S GOSPEL is one of a gradually unfolding identity of the man Jesus. It reaches its climax and completion when -- not, surprisingly, a disciple -- but a pagan soldier at the foot of the cross says in awe: "TRULY THIS MAN WAS SON OF GOD!"



### THIS SUNDAY EVENING

6.00pm - 7.00pm

**HOUR OF PRAYER AND ADORATION**  
before the Blessed Sacrament  
to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

Fr. Billy Bergin will hear confessions during the hour.

**Evening Prayer at 6.40pm**

### CHRISTMAS CARDS BACK IN STOCK IN THE STALL

LITHUANIAN MASS will be celebrated in Holy Family on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm.

**BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE**  
will visit Holy Family Parish Centre on

Mon 22nd. & Tue. 23rd December 4.00 - 7.30pm.

### CLOSING CELEBRATIONS AT CARFIN GROTTTO

Today - Sunday / 7th December 3.00 pm

Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception with Anointing of the Sick Tea, coffee and light snacks in The Xavier Centre afterwards

**Monday 8th December**

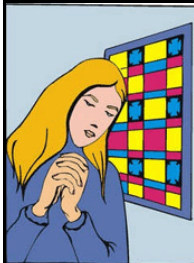
**11.30am** : Mass in the Church for Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**1.00pm** : Final Pilgrimage Mass of the 2008 Season in the Glass Chapel.

**7.30pm** : Torchlight Procession and Fireworks Display concluding the Lourdes Jubilee 2008.

### YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

<b>Mon</b>	6.50pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer Mass <i>Immaculate Conception</i>
<b>Tue</b>	11.40am 12.00noon	Holy Rosary Holy Mass
<b>Thu</b>	9.20am 9.30am <b>7.00 - 8.00pm</b>	Morning Prayer Holy Mass <b>Adoration/confessions</b>
<b>Fri</b>	9.20am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Holy Mass
<b>Sat</b>	9.20am 9.30am 6.00pm	Morning Prayer Holy Mass Holy Mass
<b>Sun</b>	10.00am 12.00noon 2.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass <b>Holy Mass (Lithuanian)</b>



### EXTRA CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT

Monday evening after 7.00pm Mass

Tuesday morning 11.00 - 11.50am

**Confessor: Fr. Billy Bergin, Salesian.**

## Cathedral Events

There will be a Christmas Charity Concert at 7.30 PM on Tuesday 16th December in the Cathedral, in aid of St. Andrew's Hospice, given by students of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. Tickets costing £3 and £5 are available on the night or by calling Monica McGhee 0775 327 9141

THE DIOCESAN CHOIR will give their annual Christmas Concert in the Cathedral at 7.30 PM on Wednesday 17th December.



### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Please make a point of asking for the religious stamps depicting the Madonna and Child.

## TAIZÉ PRAYER EVENING

The Young Adult Ministry Team invite you to join them for a peaceful style of meditative singing and prayer from the Taizé Community on the **FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH** in the Glass Chapel of Carfin Grotto. Starts tonight, 7th December 2008, at 7.00 pm. For more information contact Elizabeth on 01698 269114 or email :

[yamt@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:yamt@rcdom.org.uk)

## Advent Podcasts

"Listening to the Lord's Call in Advent" is a series of podcasts prepared by *Priests for Scotland* for each of the days of Advent. The reflections are recorded by bishops and priests throughout Scotland. These can be listened to or downloaded from the *Priests for Scotland* website

[www.priestsforScotland.org](http://www.priestsforScotland.org)

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Stickers for envelopes are now available at the back of the church. It is our duty to remind ourselves and others of the true meaning of Christmas. Use them on all your correspondence leading up to Christmas.

### HOSPICE COLLECTION

The collection last weekend for St. Andrew's Hospice, came to **£505**.

**THE BULLETIN**  
is now back on the website.

### FR. PETER & GAMBIA

Envelopes from the porch. Just take a box and hand in your envelope via the usual Sunday collection basket.

## MARY'S MEALS Christmas Gift Card

More than just a card, this makes a thoughtful gift for a loved one - and for children trapped in poverty. To purchase the card you make a **£10** donation and you can then give this card in lieu of a present. The image used in the card is called, La Faruk Madonna. It was painted by prisoners of war held captive in Sudan. They used it to decorate a mud chapel they had built. Inside the card reads "*This Christmas card is a gift to you.....This Christmas card is a gift to them.*" **AVAILABLE FROM SACRISTY**



**GIFT AID** If you pay tax, the treasury allows the parish to claim back 28p for every **£1.00** you contribute to the Church. If you wish to join the **GIFTAID** scheme, please call to the sacristy.

## CHRISTMAS CABARET

**Saturday 13 December 7.30pm**  
**Ticket £2.50 inc. refreshments.**  
**All welcome**

## CARDINAL NEWMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Newman Youth Theatre will give a performance of '*Dick Whittington*' in the school's main theatre at 1.45pm on **Thursday 18th December**. The performance will last approximately 45 minutes. All welcome and there is no entry charge. If you wish to attend please contact the school office (747593) asking for Mary Jane Heraty.



## ORBISTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

have written asking me to pass on the following information: they have a Community Cafe run by two professional chefs and open to all. As well as providing a hot meal they also provide a catering service at very competitive prices. Over 1000 people use this centre each week. More information from (01698) 842215.

[www.oncbellshill.org](http://www.oncbellshill.org)

### SINCERE SYMPATHIES

to the family of the late Frank Oakes, who will be buried from our church on Saturday. *May he rest in peace.*

### 'DAY by DAY'

booklet with the daily Mass readings available from the stall (£1.00 each).

### 200 CLUB DRAW THIS WEEKEND

Subscriptions can be paid  
in the hall after all Masses.

## HOLY FAMILY RAMBLING CLUB

The Ramblers will be out walking next Sunday (14th December). The destination is to be the Pentland Hills and there is a rumour that these hills are actually flat. If you would like to check that out for yourself, you need to phone Tom or Kathleen on 01698 335184 to see if there is a spare seat on the bus. There will be two walks; 7 miles and 9 miles and, even if the hills are not flat, you will be sure to enjoy the day out.

## NEXT WEEKEND - Third Sunday of Advent

	Vigil	10.00 am	12.00 noon
<b>O.T. READING</b>	Raymond Sanlan	Pauline Timmons	Linda Glancy
<b>N.T. READING</b>	Celia Walker	Des. Timmons	Harry Curran
<b>INTERCESSIONS</b>	Martin Brennan	Ann H, Smith	Lesley Lennox
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
<b>EUCH. MINISTERS</b>	Marie Lennon	Charlie Mc Laughlan	Kathy Agnew
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	J. Carr. / B. Timmons/ C. Lawrie	L, T & A. Timmons/ D Waring/C. McKeown	L. Shearer/ M. Curran J. Mallon