

Holy Family Mossend, Parish Newsletter

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Holy Family is a Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell, Charity No. SC 011041

+ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT +



REJOICE

“... there stands among you the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.”



THIS SUNDAY EVENING

6.00pm - 7.00pm

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

A Holy Ghost Father will hear confessions during the hour.

Evening Prayer at 6.40pm

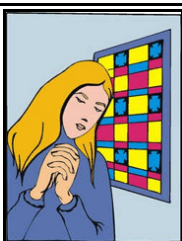
PENITENTIAL SERVICE



THURSDAY

7.00pm

Confessions heard at the altar steps by 6/7 priests.



CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT

- **TUESDAY 11.00am - 12.00noon**
Holy Ghost Father will hear confessions
- **THURSDAY - Penitential service**
See above.

SATURDAY 20th DECEMBER
THE CATHEDRAL, MOTHERWELL

Several priests available for
Confessions from 10.30 am until 3.00 pm.

The school children at Holy Family will be going to confession on Wednesday with the school



YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

Mon	6.50pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer Holy Mass
Tue	11.40am 12.00noon	Holy Rosary Holy Mass
Thu	9.20am 9.30am 7.00	Morning Prayer Holy Mass PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Fri	9.20am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Holy Mass
Sat	9.20am 9.30am 6.00pm	Morning Prayer Holy Mass Holy Mass
Sun	10.00am 12.00noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass

Cathedral Events

Charity Concert on Tuesday 16th December 7.30pm in the Cathedral, in aid of St. Andrew's Hospice, given by students of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. Tickets £3 and £5 are available on the night.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS BACK IN THE STALL

BLOOD TRANSFUSION

The Blood Transfusion service will visit Holy Family Parish Centre on Mon 22nd. & Tue. 23rd December 4.00 - 7.30pm.

FR. PETER & GAMBIA

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

THE BULLETIN

is now on the website.
www.holyfamilymossend.org.uk

ADVENT PODCASTS

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

www.priestsforscotland.org.uk

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

At this time of the year it is customary to make a Christmas offering for the upkeep and maintenance of the church / parish. There are no special envelopes for this, however, the simplest way to do this is to include your offering along with your usual offertory collection on any of the Sundays of Advent or Christmas day itself.

MARY'S MEALS Christmas Gift Card

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 was painted by prisoners of war held captive in Sudan. Inside the card reads



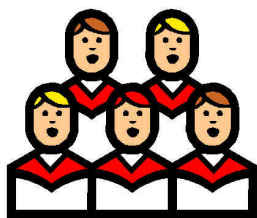
"This Christmas card is a gift to you.....This Christmas card is a gift to them." AVAILABLE FROM SACRISTY

I would much prefer Children of Primary School age to receive Holy Communion ON THE TONGUE ONLY and, not in the hand. This has been the custom in Holy Family Parish for many years now and I explained my reasons for this to the school children at the time.



Receiving Holy Communion in the hand demands a level of spiritual maturity that I am convinced young children, because of their age, do not have at this stage of their faith development. Even adults must be extra vigilant when receiving the Blessed Eucharist in the hand, for fear we receive the Blessed Sacrament in a casual way. Familiarity can easily lead to irreverence

Instructing children to receive Holy Communion on the tongue only is a time tried and tested way of teaching them the difference between the Blessed Eucharist and ordinary food. When they reach a greater level of maturity then they can be instructed on how to receive the Eucharist reverently in the hand.



Sacred Heart Church

Carol Service by Trinity Chorale with soloist Nan Riley Sunday 14th December 7.30pm in aid of St. Andrew's Hospice.

200 CLUB WINNERS

£80 Mary T. Devine 4 Beechwood Gdns

£40 Josie McMahon 51 Orbiston Drive

£30 Mary Hoolihan 5 Mavisbank Gdns.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

meet again on Monday 5th January after evening Mass to discuss the PASTA NIGHT on January 20th, the Mother's Day lunch and St. Patrick's Night.

CARDINAL NEWMAN HS

presents 'Dick Whittington' in the school's theatre at 1.45pm on Thursday 18th December. The performance will last approximately 45 minutes. All welcome and there is no entry charge.

TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL Carols by Candlelight

Monday 15th December 7.30pm School Choir and Band, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies afterwards. ALL WELCOME

NEXT WEEKEND - Fourth Sunday of Advent

	Vigil	10.00 am	12.00 noon
O.T. READING N.T. READING INTERCESSIONS	Joe Nugent Ellen Cochrane Robert Rennie	Tom Gorman Fiona Tonner Roddy Shearer	Lesley Lennox Annemarie Valentini Jim Watt
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
EUCH. MINISTERS	Cathie McAlorum	Danny Mallon	Mary Menzies
ALTAR SERVERS	C. McKeown C. Lawrie L. Shearer/ L. McCrory	L, T & A. Timmons/ D Waring	M. Curran / K. McCormick B. Timmons/ J. Mallon