

Holy Family Mossend, Parish Newsletter

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

+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT +



'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus.'

THE WORD OF GOD



2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

God reminds David just who lives in whose house, and who has the power to establish permanent things.

Romans 16:25-27

Eternal mysteries gradually unfold into time through the power of divine revelation.

Luke 1:26-38

Mary herself becomes the ark of God's new and everlasting covenant.



THIS SUNDAY EVENING
6.00pm - 7.00pm
HOUR OF PRAYER AND ADORATION
 before the Blessed Sacrament
 to prepare spiritually for Christmas.
Evening Prayer at 6.40pm

IN THE STALL

- Day by Day (January daily readings) £1.00
- Western Calendars £2.90

SUNDAYS

SVDP COLLECTION FOR
 ST. ANDREW'S HOSPICE
 The retiring collection for
 the hospice came to £505

SUNDAYS

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

First Mass of Christmas at 9.00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Masses at 10.00am and 12.00noon

BOXING DAY

Holy Mass at 11.00am

SATURDAY 27TH DEC.

Holy Mass at 9.30am

NEXT SUNDAY - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

6.00pm (Saturday vigil) 10.00am and 12.00noon

REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL AFTER ALL NEXT WEEK-END'S MASSES TO CELEBRATE OUR PATRONAL FEAST



BLOOD TRANSFUSION

The Blood Transfusion service will visit
 Holy Family Parish Centre on
MON 22ND & TUE 23RD
DECEMBER FROM 4.00 - 7.30PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

Mon	6.40pm 7.00pm	Stations of the Nativity Holy Mass
Tue	11.40am 12.00noon	Stations of the Nativity Holy Mass

Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun
 SEE NOTICE OPPOSITE

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.

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

CHRISTMAS WISHES FROM BISHOP DEVINE

'While Easter will always be the greatest feast in the Christian year, Christmas will ever be the favourite feast for all of us, as it the great feast of the family, when we all try to be with our nearest and dearest over the Christmas and New Year season.

I appreciate that this could well be a difficult time for some families, given the economic uncertainty at this time, with ever rising unemployment tables. But the Lord entered the world with very little and he left it without even the clothes on his back. I pray that the child of Our Blessed Lady will be very close to all who need him most this Christmastide and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

+ *Joseph Devine*

St. Patrick's Furniture Project

Thrift shop is closed from Friday 19th December until Monday 5th January 2009. The projects warehouse will be closed from 24th December until Monday 5th January 2009. Tel No: 01501 821187.

COMMUNION IN THE HAND

The risk of abuses when communion is received in the hand increases dramatically and it is incumbent upon the communicant to put forth the extra effort this privilege demands in order to make sure that the Blessed Sacrament is afforded all of the attention and care of which He is deserving.

This is the way to receive communion in the hand. Your dominant hand is placed under your non-dominant hand. With fingers closed and palm flat and parallel to the floor, you create an altar for the reception of our Lord. Observed in this fashion it will be difficult to receive communion irreverently

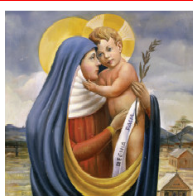


MARY'S MEALS Christmas Gift Card

To purchase the card you make a £10 donation and you can then give this card in lieu of a present.

Inside the card reads

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



31st December - HOGMANAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00 - 7.00pm

Evening Prayer for the end of the year at 6.45pm

Last Mass of 2008 at 7.00pm

This Mass will be offered for all those who died during the past year who will all be remembered individually by name during the Mass.

VOLUNTEERS OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Since I am not sure of people's holiday plans over the next few weeks I am relying on people to volunteer for the Offertory procession. Since Christmas is 'family time', it would be nice if families with children might offer to bring up the gifts, especially at Midnight Mass and Christmas day.

Sincere Sympathies

to the family of the late Ellen Paterson entered eternal life on Thursday of last week. May her gentle soul rest contentedly in the peace of Christ.

Christmas Commandments

You shall not leave 'Christ' out of Christmas, making it 'Xmas.' To some, 'X' = unknown.

You shall not let Santa Claus replace Christ, thus robbing the day of its spiritual reality.

Christmas Thoughts

"It's sharing your gifts, not purchasing gifts; It's not wrapping presents, its being present and wrapping your arms around the ones you love; It's not getting Christmas cards out on time, It's sending any card, anytime, at the right time; It's not having the biggest and best Christmas light display, It's displaying the Christ light that comes from your heart; It's not Santa coming down the chimney, It's Jesus coming down from heaven, and giving us the gift of eternal life."

Anonymous

NEXT WEEKEND - Feast of the Holy Family

	Vigil	10.00 am	12.00 noon
O.T. READING	Mary Burns	Robert Young	John Murphy
N.T. READING	Delia McNeilly	Eddie O'Neill	Kevin McKeown
INTERCESSIONS	Pauline Eadie	Rita O'Neill	Margaret Cassidy
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
EUCH. MINISTERS	Melba Lawrie	Kathleen McCormack	Gladys Quinn
ALTAR SERVERS	B. Timmons/ D Waring K. McCormick C. McKeown	L. Shearer/ L, T & A. Timmons	C. Lawrie L. McCrory M. Curran /J. Mallon