



# The Christmas Octave

**Saturday 28th December; The Holy Innocents**  
 9.30 Men's Breakfast (Viking Lounge)  
 (12 - 2pm Hospital Visits)  
 4.30 Confessions 5.30 Vigil Mass

**Sunday 29th December; Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
 9am Mass; 11am Mass 5.30pm Mass

**Monday 30th December**  
 10am Parish Mass  
 11.30 Funeral Appointment  
 10.30 TWMM Breakfast Club at Foodbank

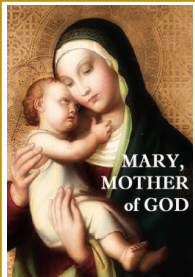
**Tuesday 31st December**  
 10am Parish Mass in thanksgiving for 2024  
 11am - 2.30 Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament

**Wednesday 1st January 2025**  
**The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
 11am Parish Mass

**Thursday 2nd January**  
 ALL CLOSED

**Friday 3rd January**  
 ALL CLOSED

**Saturday 4th January; Vigil of the Epiphany**  
 4.30 Confessions; 5.30 Vigil Mass



**New Year, 2025**  
 January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - our parish Patron - a lovely way to start the New Year. Mass at 11am. Gospel Power also starts today so you may want one as part of your prayer and reflection in the New Year - or maybe as a gift for someone. Rest of the week is quiet, so Fr Jim is taking a few days off - note times on the timetable opposite.

Cathy Low does a lot of voluntary work around the parish. She has - understandably - indicated a need to step back from some of her jobs. During January, we'll chat with those who attend **weekday Mass** to ensure all jobs are covered. We urgently need more **church cleaners** - men & women for an hour on Mondays & Fridays. Can you help on either or both days?



# THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MARYHILL



## Pope St. John Paul II - Prayer for Families

**Lord God**, from You every family in Heaven and on earth takes its name. Father, You are love and life.

**Through Your Son**, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, the fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love.

**Grant that Your grace** may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all the families in the world. Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love.

**Grant that love**, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

**Through the intercession of the Holy Family** of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family and through the family.

**We ask this** of You, Who is life, truth and love with the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen



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 Tel 0141 946 2071 **Sunday Mass** 5.30 (Vigil) 9a.m, 11am & 5.30pm  
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**Feast of the Holy Family of**  
**Jesus Mary & Joseph**  
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*"In this parish, all are welcome,  
 none are judged"*







HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

**1st reading. Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.**

The one who fears the Lord honours their parents.

**Response to Psalm 84**

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord

**2nd reading; Colossians 3:12-17**

Living in a community is like being a family

**Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52**

Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the teachers

We've tried to reduce the number of 2nd collections but most are dictated by our central office. This week the 2nd collection is for the training of priests. Next week, January 5th, Feast of the Epiphany, the 2nd collection is for the Justice & Peace commission. Please collect your J&P letter at the back of the church.

**SECOND COLLECTION**



**Holy Year of Jubilee, 2025**

Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St Peter's on Christmas Eve. Every diocese opens the Jubilee Year in their cathedral this weekend. Dec 29th, Archbishop Nolan celebrates 12 noon Mass & inaugurates the Jubilee Year & Jubilee Cross (cf front cover) in Glasgow.

**St Agnes' Lambhill**

Fr Anthony, parish priest at our neighbouring parish, St Agnes, will take up another appointment in January. St Agnes will no longer have a resident priest from 2025 and the parish will be administered by Fr Paul McAlinden, (St Augustine's) assisted by Fr Leo Ayogu & Emmanuel Onuoha, St Theresa's, Possilpark

**The Scottish Refugee Council** helped more than 7,800 people to rebuild their lives in safety and peace in Scotland in 2024, working with people from 98 different countries including Syria, Iran, Afghanistan, Sudan and Ukraine; see key moments: Scottish Refugee Council/2024-key-moments. *(Fr Jim says concern for refugees is a live issue in our parish - many come for help with applications for the right to remain, to settle in or make petition for citizenship. Its a hidden, privileged way to support families be part of our parish family!)*



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**Campaign Against the Arms Trade** took hope in 2024 from the actions of activists, supporters and parliamentarians who refuse to allow the UK to remain complicit in Israel's genocide even in the face of the man-made hell in Gaza enabled by western arms exports: see CAAT/news.

**The Poverty Alliance** declares 2025 a year of hope for children here with a UK government committed to addressing child poverty

and our First Minister reaffirming his commitment to bring forward a child poverty reduction strategy in 2025; read up at: Poverty Alliance/news.

**Friends of the Earth Scotland** claims collectively much was achieved in 2024 including building a compelling case against new gas at Peterhead, strengthening the new circular economy law and calling out carbon capture greenwash etc, see plans for 2025: Friends of the Earth Scotland/latest.

**Stop Climate Chaos Scotland** demands no new UK oil or gas as the UK government has paused approving new fields while it examines how to regulate new drilling and it is asking us, the public, what we think should happen; have your say petition at: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions>.



**Christmas Thanks.**

to so many! Team who gave an evening to decorate & prepare church for Christmas. To Sean & team for assembling the crib - central focus of our prayer. Our musicians put in a shift all the time; the 3 Christmas masses were a beautiful big sing! To our cleaners who keep the church 'immaculate'. To all our readers, Eucharistic Ministers, servers & passkeepers (including extra helpers). Its great to offer hospitality so thanks to our bar/social and catering people! What a big generous team - Thanks!

**Christmas Statistics** Over 1200 people at 3 Christmas Masses. 235 Selection boxes distributed; 1700 parish calendars; 450 Holy Year Jubilee candles; 1850 Parish Christmas cards. Christmas collection was £4,000 - for which we are very grateful. #bestweparish

**Parish Pastoral calendars available.** Take as many as you can for those who no longer come! (these are free now)

**Gospel Power** On sale NOW. Daily reflection every day for the Holy Year 2025. (£7 or 19p a day!)

**Western Catholic Calendar** - Year Book of the Catholic Church Glasgow, Motherwell & Paisley on sale at £3.70

**Sacraments for children** 2 months on & still calling for registration forms! Get these in before school closes this week, especially if your child is to be baptised in January!

**Funerals.** Please remember Renato Zanotti RIP (F Jan 7th at 10am) & Dan Baird RIP (F Jan 11th 10am) Condolences to their families. Alice Docherty and family, funeral last week.

**Funerals (2)** No eulogies at a Funeral Mass. There is a professional stipend of £80 each for cantor & for organist.

**Prayer requests** for Sunday must be at chapel house by Friday. Any names after that time held over to following week



**Parish Pilgrimages for the Holy Year 2025 - "Pilgrims of Hope"** 1. **ROME & ASSISI** Sept 26th 2025 Fly Rome - 3 Nights Assisi Hotel Windsor Savoia in old town near St Francis basilica. Sept 30th transfer Rome - 4 nights Casa Santa Lucia in "centro storico", walking distance to all main sights. Bed & Breakfast option (both hotels next to many varied restaurants.)



This component is £800. Flights not available yet but highest EasyJet fare £470; total trip £1270. (Includes transfers & coach use) There is a list (limited to 50 people) for you to sign if **you intend to go**. A lot of walking involved in both Rome and Assisi (**16 SPACES LEFT**) (2) **IONA** 22nd - 24th April; Coach, ferry & 2 nights at Royal Hotel Oban, half board. Tour of Iona Abbey & Mass; free time. Total cost £279 payable before or by **February 22nd**. **(CONFIRMED & CLOSED)**

