

# MASS TIMES

**Saturday 27th December; St John, Evangelist**

9.30 Men's breakfast (Viking Lounge)

12.30 Committal & memorial; Marie Dargan.

4.30 - 5pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.30pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday 28th December: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

9am Mass (1st anniversary of John Joseph Buchta RIP & 11am Mass (No Children's Liturgy - No tea bar) ) 5.30pm Evening Mass with worship Group

**Monday 29th December**

10am Funeral Mass; Michael McGroray RIP

9.30 - 12 TWMM Breakfast Club

**Tuesday 30th December**

10am Funeral Mass: Oysp Orluta RIP

Tuesday Club closed—watch for restart date

**Wednesday 31st December; Hogmanay**

10am Parish Mass

# 2026

**Thursday 1st January 2026**

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

11am New Years Day Mass

**Friday 2nd January**

10am Parish Mass

**Saturday 3rd January**

4.30 - 5pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.30pm Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

(Sunday 11th January is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord & ends the Christmas Season)



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**Sunday Mass** 5.30 (Vigil) 9a.m, 11am (children liturgy)

5.30pm (Youth worship) **Confession** Saturday 4.30 - 5pm or reasonable request

**Weekday Mass** Monday - Friday 10am (No morning Mass on Saturday)

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## New Year's Eve prayer

God, as this year draws to an end, I look to you for guidance and rest. Thank you for getting me through this year and being with me through the difficult and stressful times, as well as the happiest ones. Help me to let go of what I can't change and find rest in you before the year ends. Amen.

## New Year's Day prayer

Loving God, as this new year begins, I pray that you'll be with me. I don't know what lies ahead, but I know that your Son who brought light into the world can guide my steps. I pray that you'll bless my family and friends, being with them in their difficult times and the happy moments this year. Remind them that they can look to you for guidance and strength. Amen.

## Prayer of blessing for the new year

May God be with you as this new year begins. May you have strength for each day, wisdom for the decisions you face and get support when you need it. May you know God's love in the ordinary moments, and his presence in the difficult ones. Amen.

## New year prayer for family

Lord, as the new year begins, we place our family in your care. I pray that you'll be present in our conversations, decisions, thoughts and actions. Help us to support each other, especially when things may get difficult. Please guide us through this year ahead. Amen.



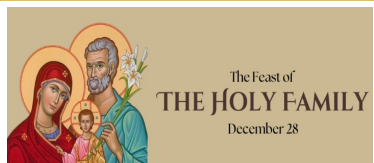
# THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MARYHILL



## Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

*"In this parish, all are welcome, none are judged"*





**1st Reading; Sirach 3:2ff**  
The One who fears the Lord  
honours their parents

### Responsorial Psalm 128

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,  
and walk in his ways

**2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12 -17**  
Family Life in the Lord



**Gospel; Matthew 2: 13-15; 19-23**  
Take the child and his mother and  
flee to Egypt



**Three events to celebrate St Mungo,** our city and diocesan patron  
**Saturday 10th January 11.45** for 12.15 Vita Kentigerni- The Life of Mungo in The Mitchell Library, Granville Street with

Church and Civic representatives  
**Sunday 11th January 4.00pm** St Mungo Festival Ecumenical Service Glasgow Cathedral, Cathedral Precinct, High St with Civic and Church Leaders

**Monday 12th January 7pm** Vigil of St Mungo, Ecumenical Service St Andrew's Metropolitan Cathedral, Clyde St. Glasgow  
All welcome to these free non-ticketed events

Huge amount of work went into preparing our Christmas celebrations - too many to mention behind the scenes or with public roles in church. It is all appreciated as the huge numbers (around 1400) attending testify! Thank you to everyone who helped and who came; for the generous collection (report to follow). Fr Jim would also like to say a huge thanks that you remember him at this time of the year



**End the War in Sudan.** The UK is the "Penholder" on Sudan for the UN, so uniquely placed to rally allies and other key powers to engage in intensive diplomatic, political, economic efforts to bring an end to civil war: press for action now: <https://caat.org.uk/take-action/campaign-with-us>.  
**Turn Debt into Hope.** As the one-year Jubilee Campaign comes to an end, it's our last chance to show support and call to free those oppressed by unpayable debts, offering them a renewed path and hope towards human dignity; sign the petition: <https://turndebtintohope.caritas.org>

**TURN DEBT INTO Hope**



**Breakfast Can't Wait.** Every child, whatever their age, deserves the same fair start to the school day but thousands of children and young people across Scotland arrive at school too hungry to learn; read up on the campaign & write to your MSPs: <https://www.magicbreakfast.com/write-to-your-msps>.  
**Two Big Wins in 2025.** The year saw the Global Ocean Treaty agreed making it possible to create a network of ocean sanctuaries across the globe, also the UK government slammed the door on new oil and gas exploration in the North Sea; read up on these great wins: Latest updates - Greenpeace UK.  
**Eating More Sustainably.** Across the globe forests have been devastated to make space to rear cattle and to grow crops to feed livestock, while our oceans become barren as they are trawled and overfished; read up on eight great tips to eat for the planet: <https://www.wwf.org.uk/better-basket>.

**Funerals** Michael McGrory RIP (F Mon 29th Dec 10am). Oysp Orluta RIP (F 30th December 10am) Donna Harvey RIP (Funeral TBC) Fred Sadler RIP (F January 9th in S. Columba's Hopehill Rd) Mary McCann RIP (Funeral TBC) Keep these families in your prayers at this poignant time of year



**Baptism of older children.** 17 children aged around 7/8 have been put forward to be baptised on January 11th, so they can progress to other sacraments. Fr Jim feels that, since only one of these children is at Mass, there is no commitment to or connection with the parish. He is postponing the baptism on January 11th and will be in touch with each family after Christmas.

**Fabric & Finance updates.** An obligatory survey of our buildings has revealed that there is asbestos present in the boiler room of the 'Toblerone' church, at the furthest end on Kirn St. It is now illegal for anyone to go into that space and we have been advised that removal will be in the region of £10K or £12K

**Huge thanks and good wishes** go to Cathy Low who is stepping down from parish responsibilities. Cathy has worked hard for 30 years helping in the church, hall and house. She has been a cleaner, reader and eucharistic minister among other things. Some recent health issues have led her to think its time to hang up a few different hats—but shell still be here!

**Church cleaning** Some days down to 3 or even 2 cleaners. The church is cleaned on a Friday for the weekend and again on Monday -clearing after the weekend. We are proposing to change this from January, so the church will only be cleaned on a Friday. Hopefully this will encourage more people (including men) to help with a less burdensome commitment



**The Celtic Foundation & Parkhead Pitstop** has been monitoring our outreach with



TWMM on social media. They approached us to create a partnership in NW Glasgow, to extend what they do at Parkhead, feeding people without question or distinction. We do that at the Breakfast Cub, Maccy & Gaffe Cafes, men's breakfast and more. This week the CFC Foundation have presented us with £10K - a great boost at the end of the year.



**Parish Pastoral Planning Calendars** are our essential reach out to Maryhill. Can you please take & distribute; they cost £3.50 to produce - we're asking for a suggested donation of £1. Please help spread our Good News  
**Western Catholic Calendar 2026.** is sold out—sorry!

**Gospel Power 2026** is now available for sale. This offers 365 days of reflection on the scriptures at Mass with daily prayers and thoughts. It costs £7.95. (put payment in wooden box in porch)

