

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH

The Feast of the Holy Family
29th December 2019



CONSECRATION OF OUR FAMILIES TO THE HOLY FAMILY

On this last Sunday of the calendar year we look to the Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph for guidance in our lives. The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the “domestic church”.

All our families experience problems and setbacks, we all share joys and celebrations but at the close of the year we place all our families into the care and protection of the Holy Family, especially those of us who have particular worries with our families.. Below you will find a lovely prayer of consecration to the Holy Family which we can use to consecrate our own families to the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Jesus, our most loving redeemer,
You came to enlighten the world
with your teaching and example.
You willed to spend the greater part of Your life
in humble obedience to Mary and Joseph
in the poor home of Nazareth.
In this way, You sanctified that family,
which was to be an example for all Christian families.

Graciously accept our family,
which we dedicate and consecrate to You this day.
Be pleased to protect, guard, and keep it
in holy fear, in peace,
and in the harmony of Christian charity.
By conforming ourselves to the Divine model
of Your family,
may we attain to eternal happiness.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you. Amen.



THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR

To mark the end of 2019 and to pray for God's blessing on 2020, as a parish, we will gather for a Holy Hour which will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Compline (Night Prayer) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on 31st December at 7.00pm. Please try your best to come out that evening to give thanks for the past year and draw strength from our Eucharistic Lord for the year which will soon be upon us.

CHRISTMAS 2019

Father Seàn and Deacon Jim thank all those who worked so generously to prepare our church for Christmas - the cleaners, the florist, those who constructed the Crib and Christmas Tree and those who gave a helping hand in any way to make the church so beautiful for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord.

We also thank all who had a hand in organising the liturgies of Christmas and those who had an active part in the Masses - our Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, our Altar Servers, MC's and Sacristans, the choir and the organist.

We cannot forget to acknowledge the congregation - for without you, where would we be? Thank you for turning out in such great numbers to celebrate Christmas in Saint Francis Xavier Parish. It was lovely to welcome visitors as well as parishioners.

It is also worth mentioning and noting how well you all responded to the opportunities for Confession in the days leading up to Christmas Day.

May God bless each one of you for all you do for our parish.

SAINT MARGARET'S CHILDREN AND FAMILY CARE SOCIETY

As is customary at this time of year, the box for Saint Margaret's will be found beside the crib for us to donate to the wonderful work of Britain's only Catholic Adoption Agency. Please be as generous as you always are to this cause.

THANK YOU

Fr Seàn and Deacon Jim thank you for the many Christmas Cards received and Christmas Masses being offered for them. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are deeply appreciated.

We also thank you for the Christmas gifts received over the past week. We are very blessed to have been shown so much kindness.

Finally, Fr Wyllie would like to thank you all for the way you have welcomed him to the parish over the past few weeks. He is very grateful to all of you for your support and encouragement. Fr Wyllie will offer Mass for all of you as a token of his appreciation.

OUR LADY & SAINT FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Children who attain the age of 5 years between 1st March 2020 and 28th February 2021 should register for school during the week beginning Monday 13th January to Friday 17th January 2020. Registration will be available daily, Monday to Friday, from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Parents who wish to register should bring along the child's Birth Certificate, current Council Tax bill and Baptismal Certificate where available. Please note that all children should enrol in their designated catchment area school where advice will be given regarding placing requests. Please pass the above registration arrangements to any friends or neighbours who have children of age to start school in August 2020.

JUSTICE AND PEACE SCOTLAND

In Scotland the Day of Prayer for Peace takes place on Sunday 5th January, the Feast of the Epiphany. A letter from Bishop Nolan, the President of the Justice & Peace Commission, will be read at all Masses next weekend. A Second Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend for the work of Justice & Peace.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

RECENTLY DEAD - Linda Clark, Jim Mallaghan, Tommy Donnelly

MONTHS MIND, ANNIVERSARIES, AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES – Elizabeth Carr, Mrs E Toner, Rev. Fr. Michael Sadowski, Jim Mays, The Docherty Family,

Intimations for inclusion should reach the Chapel House by 7pm on a Thursday evening

THIS WEEK IN SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER

9.00am Holy Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family
11.00am Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family

MONDAY 30TH DECEMBER

10.00am Holy Mass

TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER

10.00am Holy Mass
7.00pm Holy Hour with Adoration, Compline & Benediction

WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY

11.00am Solemn Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY

11.00am Holy Mass

FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY

11.00am Holy Mass

SATURDAY 4TH JANUARY

11.00am Holy Mass
4.14pm Confessions until 4.45pm
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER - £1940.00

Sincere thanks for your generosity to our Parish

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR 24TH/25TH DECEMBER - £4382.00

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CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES - Joseph Wilson, Cathie Hughes, The McGinn Family, The Hughes Family, Elizabeth "Betty" Fullarton, Elizabeth McGurk, Anthony Stewart, Frank Fullarton, Hugh Campbell, Catherine Denholm, Thomas Denholm, James Denholm, Sheila Denholm, John Carson, Edward Kearney, Jane Kearney, The Kearney Family, Bernard & Elizabeth Cullen, John & Catherine Deerin, Gerard Wyllie, Hugh & Margaret Wyllie, Martin Wyllie, George Wyllie, David James, Canon Kieran O'Farrell, Frank Lyons, Jack Thomas, John & Mary Thomas & Family, Owen & Mary Donnelly & Family, David Menzies, Patrick Heffernan, Angela Heffernan, The Heffernan Family, Ellen Quinn, The Quinn Family, Jack Thomas, John & Mary Thomas & Family, Owen & Mary Donnelly & Family, David Menzies, John Reilly, The Burns Family, The McGowan Family, The Savage Family, Kenneth Hart, Maria Hart, Anne Watters, Catherine Watters, The Watters Family, Cathie Hughes, Mary Rodgers, Maurice McMonagle, John & Elizabeth McMonagle, The McMonagle Family, John & Mary Doherty, John & Marion Doherty, The Doherty Family, Theresa & Frank McCormick, Peter & Janie Longworth, Matilda & Owen Gallagher, Margaret Hassen, Frankie Roy, Martin Roy, Paul Todd, Edward & Hannah O'Neill, Elizabeth O'Neill, The O'Neill Family, Frank & Margaret Roy, James & Esther Roy, William & Mary Roy, Des & Margaret Annesley, Charlie & Margaret McMahan, Walter Leslie, Annie Leslie, Anne Leslie, Dan Leslie, Colin Leslie, Margaret Leslie, James Leonard, Margaret Leonard, Alice Leonard, Mary Brennan, David Brennan, Charles Brennan, Kenny Brennan, Gerry Mitchell, Theresa Sharkey, Joseph Sharkey, Cathie Sharkey, Charles Sharkey, The Sharkey Family, The Mitchell Family, Geraldine Orr, John Orr, Margaret Orr, Howson John Orr, Valentine Joseph Orr, Evelyn (Orr) Boyle, Glenn Boyle, John Neil, Edith Pearson, The Orr Family, The O'Reilly Family, The Howson Family, Mary (Howson) Queen, Margaret (Howson) Simpson, Jimmy Paterson, Michael McGarry, Margaret McGarry, Pat Plunkett, The Quinn Family, The Meechan Family, Alice O'Rourke, Kevin O'Rourke, Bartholomew & Ellen O'Rourke, The O'Rourke Family, James Patrick Brown, James Doherty, Alice Doherty, The Doherty Family, Agnes, Gerald & John Riordan, The Riordan Family, The Devlin Family, William & Nettie Ahearn, Patrick & Maryann Cullen, Martha & Norah Cullen, Alec Cullen, Pat & Dorothy Cullen, Margaret & Joe McCall, Theresa Henderson, Joe McGurk, Owen & Mary Gallacher, Alicia & Edward Gallacher, John & Annie Hughes, Joseph & John Hughes, Peter & Margaret Kirley, Peter Kirley (Jnr), Neil & Alicia McDaid, Pat McCourt, Margaret Mary Rice, Joseph, Annie & Kathleen Hughes, Michael & Gwyneth Clark, George & Susan Ilgunas, Bill Perkins, Julia Perkins, Richard & Ellen Mullen & Family, Patrick, Bridget & Sadie Skeffington, Joe Grogan, Elizabeth McCarron, Nan Wilson, May McIsaac, Elizabeth McAuley, The Gibb Family, Edward & Jean McGahan, Marie McGahan Murray & John Murray, Rachel McGahan, Sarah, John & Michael McGahan, Tommy & Sadie Tague, John & Ellen McGahan, Margaret McGahan, Joseph & Mary Sharkey, John & Eleanor Mallon, Jim & Liz Sharkey, James & John O'Neil, The O'Neil Family, The Mackay Family, The Sharkey Family, The Hughes Family, The McGahan Family, The Fitzsimmons Family, Dan McCann, The Welsh Family, Ann & Joseph Murphy, William Cogan, James Kenny, Annie Kenny, Jim Kenny, Jim Mays, The Harvie Family, John, Margaret & Gerald Ferrie, Nicola Harvie, Jane Underwood, Alex & Jane Smillie, Ryan Sneddon, Mark Divers, Liam Currie, John & Therese Cairns, Allan Wright, Jim Hastie, James, Mary & Hugh Cullen, Emily & Jim Mackay, Joe Fletcher, Karreen & Katrina Stuart, Jim Robb, Bridget Donnelly, Charles & Kate Cullen, Charles Cullen Jnr, The Cassidy Family, Bronie & Margaret Smith, James & Mary McLachlan, James McLachlan Jnr, Malcolm McLachlan, Daniel McLachlan, Robert McLachlan, Rose & John Carolan, Rosemary Farrell, Kathleen Flynn, Hugh Reynolds, Mary, Jim & James McBride, Phyllis & Joseph Burns, The McBride Family, The Duffy Family, The Dougan Family, The Burns Family, Aeneas Maher, Stephen Maher, Margaret Maher, Jeanna Maher, Frank Smith, Jeanie Smith, Eddie Cowan, Wendy Cowan, George O'Donnell (Shettleston), Richard & Ellen Mullen, Richard & Cathie Mullen, Joseph Mullen, Jimmy & Mary Kelly, The Kelly Family, Jimmy Burns, Mary Therese Hattie, Andrew & Margaret Lees, Mathew & Annie Lees, Andrew & Agnes Lees, Margaret (W) Lees, Shaun, Thomas & Peter Lees, The Lees Family, Liam Currie, Robert & Margaret Wilson, The Wilson Family, William, Jean & Billy Wardrope, Thomas, Pat & Christine Postlethwaite, Pauline Shaw, Cathy Dobbins, Mags Conway & Family, Paul Flynn, Eileen Flynn, John McKay, Michael Collins, Frank McMahan, John & Mary McShane, Jim McShane, Rosemary & Ronald MacIntyre, Hughie, Mary & Charles McShane, Frank, Agnes & Desmond McMahan, Jean Gallagher, The Connelly Family, The Mitchell Family, The Giblin Family, The Hodgson Family, The Murphy Family, The Mimnaugh Family, Danny Murphy, Daniel Francis Murphy, Catherine, Charles & Tracy Devine, Anna Devine, Joseph Devine, Charles, Mary Magdalene Devine & Family, Alice & John McFarlane & Family, McAtear Family, Hughie Kelly, Jeannie Whyte, Robbie McNaughton, Frank Milne, Phil Milne, Patrick & Margaret Hart, James & Bridget McKenna, James & Annie Christie, Ellen & Jim Imrie, Alex & Helen Lavery, Joseph & Mary Martin, Gwenie Martin.