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Newsletter

Feast of the Epiphany

January 4th 2026

Let me wish you all a very Happy New Year. This weekend we celebrate the Day of Prayer for Peace and the Archbishop of Glasgow, William Nolan, has sent the following letter to be read in the parishes throughout Scotland:

“There is a zoo in Mexico which I visited a few years ago, and it has one exhibit which is labelled ‘*the most dangerous animal on the planet*’. As you look into the enclosure to see that animal, you see yourself. For what is in the enclosure is a mirror, and the most dangerous animal is humanity. Human beings are a danger to the world and to themselves. When we lock the door of our house at night, we do so to protect ourselves from our fellow human beings. When our country stockpiles its arms and builds up its military defences, it does so to protect itself from our fellow human beings. We all long for peace, we have a deep desire for peace – yet peace is shattered by our fellow human beings.

Each year we start the new year with a prayer for peace, but, as we do so, we look around and see war and conflict, death and destruction – all caused by humanity. Every dispute arises, every fallout with our neighbour starts, every military intervention begins in the same place - the human heart. Because in our heart there is anger, bitterness, greed, envy, pride, fear. It only takes a little spark to flame a fire. The more at risk we feel, the more we take action to protect ourselves, with better locks on our door, or more weapons for our army. Better locks on our door may help keep out the thief, but more arms for our army just tends to encourage our potential enemy to do the same and increase their weapons, and we end up no safer than we were before.

So, our prayer for peace is not just that armies will stop fighting, that acts of terrorism and warfare will cease, that countries will live in harmony with one another. Our prayer is for every human heart, our own included, to be purified of all that is within it that leads to conflict. We pray for disagreements to be settled without resorting to violence, for human life be valued as precious, and for the taking of human life to never be seen as a means to resolve human disputes.

We are each of us part of humanity, and we all struggle to have that peace in our heart, that leads to peace in our family, in our neighbourhood and in our world. We pray for peace, since only with God’s help can we overcome the human weakness that makes humanity a danger to the world and a danger to ourselves. May God answer our prayer and fulfil the longing of our heart for peace. With my prayers and good wishes,

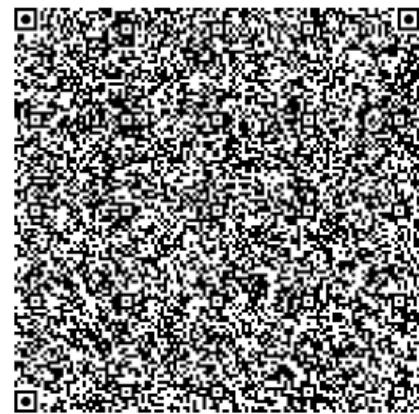
+William Nolan

Archbishop of Glasgow, President of Justice & Peace Scotland

Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday January 5th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am



Tuesday January 6th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Wednesday January 7th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Friday January 9th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

The church's daily liturgy is a wonderful gift and enables us to journey with Jesus, Mary and the Saints every day of the year; the daily Eucharist offers us the opportunity to contemplate the great mystery of Christ day by day,

Sincere thanks to everyone who came along to our Christmas Meal last Tuesday. Thanks also to the staff at John Carrigan's Restaurant for their great care of us. It was a lovely afternoon.

Don't carry cash but wish to donate?

Scan the QR code with your mobile phone to make a donation; you will be able to Gift Aid your donation using this method.

The Bishops of Scotland have asked that we take up a second collection to support the Justice and Peace Office; we will do this next weekend; a little donation from each of us goes a long way. Thank you.

RCIA resumes this Thursday at 7pm; please remember our six candidates in your prayers.

Recently Deceased: Rose Rooney (**Requiem, Saturday, January 10th at 10am**), Mary McFall, Marie Angela Novone (**Requiem, Thursday, January 15th at 2.30pm**), Margaret Boyd, Francis (Frank) McGeechan, Helen (Eleanor) Cook

Special Remembrance: Frank Kelly, Maria Celeste Barclay, James Lynas, Josephine Lynas McLean, Bill Cannon, Margaret Burke, Mary Dorman, Wullie Savage, Joseph Smith, Marion Gallacher, John Carroll, Ellen Carroll, Margaret Carroll, Margaret Carroll-Campbell, Alejo Sanchez-Vivar, Sister Josefa Suarez, Brian, Margaret and Ronnie Bonnar, deceased members of the Wilson and Wright families, James McDonald, Daniel Devanney, Lynne Devanney, Catherine Devanney, Margaret Duffin, Jaime Donnelly, Anna and Elizabeth Donnelly, William Ward, Alice and Michael Sweeney, Frank Docherty, Catherine Reilly, Frank Lyons, Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane, Catherine Muldoon, Eilidh McHugh, Catherine and Daniel McKenna, Richard and Catherine Purcell, Walter Stewart Snr, and Jnr., Agnes Stewart, Joan Stewart, Nan Dalton, deceased members of the Dalton and McKenna families, John and Hannah McGuire, deceased members of the McGuire and Gallacher families, John Fitzpatrick Jnr., Hugh Morgan, Minnie and Edward Morgan, Anna and Alec Darragh, Maeve Mulrooney, Kevin Bryant, Ella and Joe Paterson, Anna McAdam, Catherine Seagreave, John and Elizabeth Fulton, James Fulton, Margaret Bonar, Gerard Falsey, Mary and John Dowds, Betty and Tommy Falsey, Mary Hepburn, James Keeney, George Cree, Jan and Mary Kozak, Elizabeth and James McCafferty, Bernard and Rosaleen Mournian, Harry and Patricia Doyle, Sandra Bogan, Eric and Helen Murphy, Charles Feeney, Helen and James Lennon, deceased members of the Dillon, Murphy, Morgan, Currie and O'Brien families and all our own deceased relatives and friends, and all the benefactors of our parish.