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The Nativity of the Lord - A
25th December, 2022

Holy Mass (Services marked in red will be live Streamed)

Mon - Fri: - **10am**
Saturday: - **10am**, 4pm (Vigil)
Sunday: - **10am** 12 Noon & 5pm
Children's Liturgy 12 Noon Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: - Mon - Sat 9am - 9.55am
Divine Mercy Novena: Mon 2pm
Confessions: Mon - Sun 9.30am - 9.55am
Baptisms & Marriage: - To arrange a baptism or marriage please contact Father Ghislain

Weekly Collection

Please support your parish through the weekly collection, our income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners.

Last Week's Collection - £736.51

There will be a second collection this weekend for our Church Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity

500 Club Winners

1st Prize No. 571 M Clark
2nd Prize No. 181 E McCann
3rd Prize No. 234 A McAlinden

Parish Building Fundraiser

Name the Reindeer

Congratulations to Jackie McGoldrick who picked the winning name.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare our church for our Christmas services.
Your help is greatly appreciated.

Parish Prayer Tree

Please take a tag from the tree at the back of the Church and write the name of a loved one you would like to be remembered this Christmas.

Bishop Toal's Christmas Message 2022.

As Christmas approaches, I send my best wishes to all the people of Motherwell Diocese and offer the support of my prayers to you and your families.

It has been a cold December and that must have caused added difficulties for those struggling with heating bills and the rise in the cost of living. In the struggles many face and the uncertainties about the future, it is right that we think of those with less and are generous in supporting local charities and initiatives that reach out to those in need. As we celebrate Christmas we recall Jesus' birth in difficult circumstances, and reflecting on this we ask him to help us to see him in others, particularly those with least and the most disadvantaged.

Many people have enjoyed the recent Football World Cup, and, despite the imperfections, it has been good for nations from around the globe to meet in sporting competition and offer entertainment and enjoyment to so many. As human beings we are best when we come together and sport does help us appreciate one another's cultures and differences and the wonderful talents people from all countries have received and put on display. We are all richly blessed by God and each Christmas we celebrate with joy the good news of salvation, in which we acknowledge God's love for all in the person of Christ the Lord, born in Bethlehem to save us all.

Unfortunately, many places do not enjoy at present the peace of Christ, and we pray especially for them at Christmas. We have been moved by the suffering of the Ukrainian people through 2022 and our thoughts and prayers are with them in these dark and cold days. May peace reign in all our hearts, and especially in those who lead our world and make decisions which can inflict so much pain and destruction on others. May the Angels' song of "Peace to all who enjoy God's favour" come true for those who cry out for renewed peace and hope as 2023 approaches.

I offer you a Blessed and Joyful Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

With my prayers and best wishes.
Yours in Christ,

+ Jaeger Toal

Please keep in your prayers

Sick: Ann & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Isobel Reilly, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Anne Marie Snodden, James Donnelly, Patricia McGhee, Bernadette Homer, Kelly Noble, Michael McGarrity, Sadie McBride, Mary Torbett, Sharon, Elizabeth McKenna, Alex Cooper, Sr Kathleen Owens, Linda Webb, Ann Smith, Helen Smith, Margaret Gallagher, Alice Kilmurry, Danny Dick

Month's Mind: Margaret & Jim McAuley, Margaret, John, James & AnneMarie Deigan, Mr & Mrs Deigan Snr & Jnr, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, Mr & Mrs Tommy Deigan, Mr & Mrs Prost, Mr & Mrs Grant & Marie, Mr & Mrs John Fagan, Jack Gill, Ryan Brown, Gerry, Eamonn & Ryan Gallagher, Lawrence, William & Mary Brankin, Ellen & Annie Brankin, Agnes & Eddie Mina, Brian, Patricia, & Brian Sharkey, John, Anna & Kevin McGrath, Kathleen Smith, David Hayton, Mary McSwiggan, Tom Sharp, Mary, James, Susan & John Clarke, Elizabeth & James McParland, Mary, Tom Snr & Tom Jnr Kelly, Danny Watson Snr Danny Watson Jnr, Margaret Ross, Martin Coyle, Nan McGhee, Rose McKeown, Mary & James McGrath, John & Bridie Docherty, Eddie McGonigal, Sadie Slowey, Patsy Robertson, Patrick & George Thompson, John Albert & Sallie Fulton, Fred, Anna, Betty & Chris Scott

Anniversaries: Ann McAleese, Joe McFarlane, Margaret McFarlane, Patrick Sludden, Joseph & Joe Mina, William Brankin Jnr, Elizabeth Renwick, John Meechan, Isa Mullen, John Slevin, John Thompson, James McCarron, Frank McMahan, Anne McMahan

Christmas Mass Bouquets: Catherine McDaid, Margaret & Giorgio Rossi, Jim & Margaret McDonald, Francis & Adam McDonald, Patricia & Rob Mackenzie, Camilla Skinner, Audrey & Alan Haggerty, Moira & Frank O'Donnell, Cecilia & Stephen Heaney, Agnes & Michael Smith, Geraldine Bracelin, Michael Gallagher, Mariane Turner, James & Shiela Molloy, Anna Molloy, Elizabeth Lally, Elizabeth & Bobby Boyle, Margaret Stoddart, Kathy Hutchison, Anna & Bernie Smith, Edwina Tonner, Martin & Elizabeth Maloney, Stephen & Lily Henry, Caroline Grant, Margaret Bowcott, Anne Martin, Janette Cowie, Marie Scullion, Nicolas, Mary Hardy & Family, James, Mechele Fagan & Family, Catherine Euston & Family, Michael, Frances McAdams & Family, Margaret Scott

Christmas Remembrance: Joseph & Sarah Marley, Joseph Cullen Jukes, Elizabeth McArdle, James Malloy, Beth Gilchrist, May & Jimmy McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Mattie, Thomas & Tommy Collins, Tilly & Marie Clarke, Jim Boyle, John Gribben, Neil, Lannigan, Bessie Lannigan, Neil Lannigan Jnr, Natasha Lannigan, Danny Donnachie, Mary Lannigan, Liz Veldon, Hugh Clark, Peter Cranie, May Sludden, Frances & Arthur Donnelly, Anne & Jim Sludden, Joseph & Mary Thomson, Edward & Annie McQuillan, Agnes McQuillan, Annie & Frank McCue, Margaret Tiffney, Mary Crozier, Edward McQuillan, Christine Thomson, John Donohue, Mary Robertson George & Cathie Thomson, Walter Clarke, John Brady, Flo, Alf & Brian Longyear, Betty Haney, Meg & Annie Smith, Margaret & Jim McAuley, Alphonso & Nora Sludden, Patrick Sludden Elma Sludden, Isaac Fairlie, John & Janet Gallagher, John & Brian Gallagher, Janette & Dan Cassidy, Bernard, Lily, Liam & Brian Loney, John & Anne Loney, Jim Kane, Michael McMurray, Colette Kelly, Willie & Margaret Reilly, Patrick, Mary & Fr John McMurray, The McMurray Family, Kathleen Wallace, Arthur, Sadie & Ann Craig, Anne Holmes, Fr Frank Kelly, Frances, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret, Rose & Anne McGeehan, Catherine & James McDonald, Sheila Kennedy, Charlotte Costello, Moira Skillin, Lila Williamson, Ann Sood, Peter, Roseanne, Billy, Mary & Sadie, Kelly, Bert, Margaret, Frank, McMahan, The Mulholland Family, Agnes Welsh, Hugh & Margaret McStay, Annie & Tom, McGinley, The Rafferty Family, Mr & Mrs George & Margaret Currie, Sadie & Eric Anson, Florence Currie, Peter & Betty McCall, Bessie McCall, Alfie & Sadie Hooper, Elsie Marshall, John & Mary Thompson, James, Elizabeth & Sadie Prunty, James & Catherine Smith, John & Mary Meechan

Please also remember the souls who have no-one to pray for them.

Christmas message

As we celebrate the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ let us give thanks for the gift of faith and the blessings that faith has brought us through the course of our lives. The Lord's desire to come among us, to be born as a child in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary, is the beginning of our great faith story. Through our baptism and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon us we are all privileged to participate in the blessings of the Lord's Appearing and the Salvation he won for us through his Death and Resurrection.

In our worship, especially through our participation in the Christmas liturgies, let us renew our gratitude for our sense of wonder at the Lord's goodness. Let us also strive to pass on the beauty of our faith to the younger generations and encourage their participation in the Church's celebration of its holy mysteries. In that respect let us bring our young children to the crib and encourage within them a spirit of prayer and adoration and foster in their young minds a sense of what Christmas is truly about.

I ask God's blessing upon us all in our Parish, and I thank you for the lovely gifts and messages, they are greatly appreciated.

Fr Ghislain