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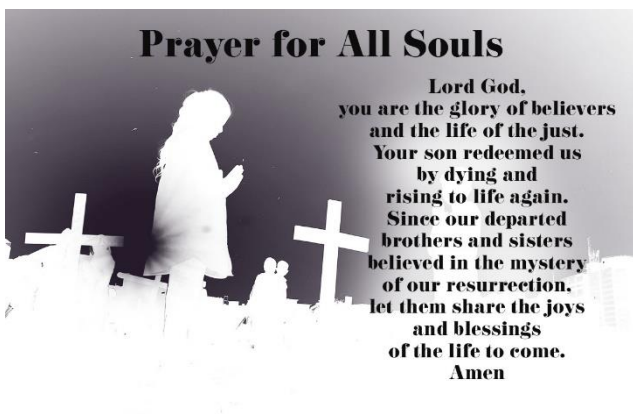
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**Please note:** Fr Jamie's day off is a Monday and the office is closed. Therefore any messages left will not be picked up until Tuesday.

**Hospital Stay:** If you or your loved ones are admitted to Hospital, please let the Parish Office know and we will arrange for the Hospital Deacon to visit with Holy Communion and to provide spiritual support.



Communion with the dead. "In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead; and 'because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' she offers her suffrages for them." Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.

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**Please submit any items for the Newsletter by Wednesday Noon. Many Thanks!**

To add a name to either the Prayer List or the Book of Remembrance complete the appropriate form (which you will find at the back of the Church) and pass to the Parish Office.

PARISH NEWS

*May the choirs of Angels come to greet you; may they speed you to paradise*



*Of your charity  
please pray for the soul of*

**Janet Ketterick (RIP)** who died 25<sup>th</sup> October, aged 79

**Maxine Iffla (RIP)** who died 1<sup>st</sup> November, aged 76  
(Funeral: Stirling Crematorium Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 11:00am)

**Tom McCann (RIP)** who died 7<sup>th</sup> November, aged 81

**Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:** John Barrett, Irene Bett, Mary Bett, Allan Brown, Bobby Brown, Derrick Bruce, Mary Burns, Baby Carter, Magdeleine Mee Kiew Chia, Donald Copeland, Patsy Docherty, Margaret Doherty, George Goodwillie, Ava Gordon, Sarah Hart, Lucia Koloczek, Stephen Lahbib, Margaret Lowe, Kevin Mackin, Sally Martin, Gerry McGloin, Cathy McIvor, Margaret McKay, James (Jim) McMenemy, May Millar, Beth Meldrum, Joe Meldrum, Jessie Mitchell, Gilbert Murphy, Margaret Neilson, John O'Donnell, Margaret O'Rourke, Ruby Quinn, May Robinson, Anna Woods, Mary Woods.

**Weekly Sunday Collection** (Note: Combined total across all 3 Churches)

Date	Plate Collection	Standing Orders (weekly pro-rata)
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	£1201.50	£1200

Many thanks for your continued generosity!

**World Day for the Poor** A special Collection for World Day for the Poor takes place today. The money will go to the Fife Furniture Project, which is run by the Society of St Vincent de Paul. It has helped hundreds of people across the Archdiocese, many in desperate situations, by providing basic furniture and white goods for their home.

**Catholic Education:** On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November we will take up a second collection for Catholic Education.

**November Cemetery Visits** The next Cemetery visit is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 4.00pm Bannockburn Cemetery when Fr Jamie will lead us in prayer for the Holy Souls. We will have a supply of grave candles available at the cemetery to purchase at the cost of £3.50:

**St Margaret's Children's Liturgy** is on today Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am Mass.

**12 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** Takes place in **Holy Spirit** after 10.00am Mass through to 8.00pm. You can register as normal with the Parish Office, on the list at the back of the church, or directly with Charlene!

**Advent Schedule:**

- **Friday 1st December:** Advent Holy Hour during 1st Friday Adoration at Holy Spirit 7pm (will conclude Adoration at 8pm)
- **Wednesday 6th December:** Advent Candlelit Mass St Mary's 7.00pm
- **Wednesday 13th December:** Advent Candlelit Mass Holy Spirit 7.00pm
- **Wednesday 20th December:** Advent Candlelit Mass St Margaret's 7.00pm
- **Thursday 21st December:** Reconciliation Service St Mary's 7.00pm

19<sup>th</sup> November 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year World Day of the Poor

**Advent Prayers and Christmas Carols** Please support these events in Stirling to raise awareness of people dealing with mental health issues: **Tuesdays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> December** at the intersection of King Street, Port Street and Murray Place from 6.30pm to 7.45pm.

**Message from Holy Family Apostolate:** Dear friends, Come and find out how, over the next few months, we might work together to communicate with our local MSPS and list MSPS our grave concerns about the forth coming bill of Liam McArthur to legalise assisted suicide. **Sunday 19 November 4.00pm. Ogilvie Centre St Aloysius Church 25 Rose Street G3 6RE**

**Divine Renovation:** As many of you will know, my previous parish in Falkirk was involved with The Divine Renovation ministry. "Divine Renovation exists to inspire, connect, and equip priests and their parishes to go from maintenance to mission – for every Catholic parish to be a place where people can come and have their lives transformed by entering into relationship with Jesus. This is something which I would like us to look at as a parish community. (I believe Fr Andrew had started this process before he moved to Galashiels). To this end I would like to establish a reading group where we read through and discuss Divine Renovation-bringing your parish from maintenance to mission- Fr James Mallon. If you would be interested in, please let the office know and we will then organise copies of the book and arrange the best time for us to meet up. God willing this will be a great opportunity to build on the strengths of our parish community and hopefully encourage others to share with us on our journey of faith. **Fr Jamie**

**Salamanca Pilgrimage** There will be an information meeting on **Tuesday 28th November at 7:00 pm** in Sion House for all those hoping to travel to Salamanca on the parish Pilgrimage in October 2024. At this meeting we will look at the proposed itinerary and set out approximate costs of the trip.

**SSVP Annual Winter Woollies Collection** The SSVP will be collecting hats, scarves, gloves, and underwear for primary school aged children, over the next four weeks. There will be a box at the back of each Church for any donations. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

**Christmas Afternoon Tea Saturday 2nd December** There will be a meeting for all volunteers willing to help on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** in Sion House after Mass. If anyone is planning to hand in donations of home baking etc for the Afternoon Tea, please let Elizabeth Fabisiak know so we can co-ordinate this. Also any donations for raffle prizes can be handed in to the office. Many Thanks!

**Seniors Lunch** Save the date **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 1.00pm** King Robert Hotel – more details to follow!

**Sex & Relationships Education** The Scottish Government has removed all reference to Catholic schools in a draft document that will be used in Relationships, Sexual Health, and Parenthood education in classrooms. It means children could be exposed to lessons contrary to Church teaching. Catholics across Scotland are being urged to respond to a consultation to ensure our voice is heard on this matter. For a guide on how to submit your responses go to: [bit.ly/detailsandresponse](https://bit.ly/detailsandresponse)

**Prisoners' Week** A prayer for Prisoners' Week (19th-25th November). Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those who are held in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love: prisoners, their families and friends, prison staff, chaplains and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, to love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ, in His strength and in His Spirit. Now and every day. Amen.

**Advent Rosary** The annual Advent Pro-Life Rosary takes place each Monday in Advent (**4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> December**) at **7:45pm**. Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for the unborn, mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes reflections from guest speakers, including Archbishop Cushley on 4 December. Register at [bit.ly/archprolifeevents](https://bit.ly/archprolifeevents)

**Schedule for This Week: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am before weekdays Mass

Sundays: Year A. Weekdays: Year 1	<b>St Mary's</b> (SMY)	<b>Holy Spirit</b> (HS)	<b>St Margaret</b> (SMT)	<b>Confession</b> (and by appointment)
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b> 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year <b>World day of the Poor</b>	<b>6.00pm (Vigil)</b> ▪ Eddie & Mary Callaghan (RIP)  <b>11.00am</b> People of the Parish	<b>9.30am</b> People of the Parish	<b>11.00am</b> <b>6.30pm</b> People of the Parish	5.00pm to 5.45pm before Vigil Mass
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b> 33 <sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Deirdre & Noel Flavin - 60th Wedding Anniversary	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am - 9:50am before Mass
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b> THE PRESENTAION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - MEMORIAL	No Mass  <b>6.00pm Reception:</b> Tom McCann (RIP)	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Malcolm & Katie Sinclair (RIP)	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b> ST CECILIA – MEMORIAL	<b>10.00am Funeral:</b> Tom McCann (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b> 33 <sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year St Clement 1 St Columban	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Frank Cairney (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b> ST ANDREW DUNG LAC & COMPANIONS – MEMORIAL	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Bridie & Tom Young (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	10.30 am- 11.30am after Mass
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b> 33 <sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year	<b>10.00am</b> ▪ Jessie Mitchell - Birthday Gift  ▪ Months Mind: Janet Ketterick (RIP)	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am- 9:50am before Mass