



**CALLING ALL BABIES
BAPTISED DURING 1995**

On the feast of the Holy Family, 31st December, I invite all those parents who have had a child baptised during 1995 to come along to the 12.00noon Mass that day and receive a special blessing for all fathers, mothers and all those children baptised over the past year. In addition each child will be presented with the Miraculous Medal of Our Blessed Lady.

BULLETIN Next Sunday's newsletter will be the last for two weeks, There will be no newsletter during the Christmas holidays.

A FEAST OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC presented by the combined choirs of the Diocese of Motherwell, Cadzow Parish Church, St. Augustine's, Coatbridge and St. Mary's Hamilton in association with Motherwell District Concert Band in Motherwell Cathedral, Mon. 18th December and Cadzow Parish Church, Tues. 19th December. at 7.30pm.

ALTAR SERVERS Meeting next Wednesday at 6.30pm.

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES It would be a help to me if these could be handed in as early in the week as possible, preferably before Saturday.

FOLK GROUP will sing at the vigil Mass this weekend. Next rehearsal on Wednesday 3rd January for the following Saturday night, 6th January. Anyone interested in joining them, please come along.

'FACE TO FACE CONFESSION' I have had my confessional adapted so that anyone who wishes to celebrate the Sacrament in this way has the choice to do so.

Sung Response to this week's Responsorial Psalm:
"Come O Lord and set us free"

Holy Family Mossend



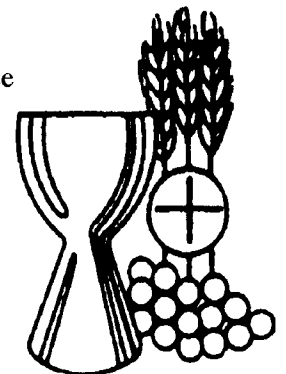
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17th December 1995 Year (A) - Third Sunday of Advent

Times of Services this week

Monday	9.30am:	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	9.30am:	Mass
Wednesday	9.30am:	Mass
Thursday	9.30am:	Eucharistic Service
	11.00am:	Carol Service
Friday	9.30am:	Mass
Saturday	9.30am:	Mass
	10.00am:	Confessions
	5.00 - 5.40pm:	Confessions
	6.00pm:	Vigil Mass
Sunday	10.00am:	Mass
	12.00noon:	Mass



PENITENTIAL SERVICES with the opportunity for individual confession in Sacred Heart on Tuesday 19th December at 7.30pm. and St. Gerards on Wednesday 20th December at 7.00pm.

DAILY MASS IN CARDINAL NEWMAN H.S. During Advent, Mass will be offered everyday (Monday - Friday), in the school Theatre at 8.40am. The attendance at this daily Mass during Advent has been very good (on average 55 - 65 each day). However, after Christmas there will be only one morning Mass per week on Wednesday mornings at 8.40am in the theatre. I said when I came here that I would monitor the attendance at the three weekday Masses which I have been saying in the High school and review the situation after Christmas. Unfortunately, despite wide publicity within and outwith the school, attendance at these morning Masses has been very poor. I have recently established a Pastoral Team within the school and after some discussion they have encouraged me to limit the morning Masses (outside Advent and Lent) to one per week. This Mass will be celebrated in the theatre with the hope that it might attract more pupils and teachers. This would leave me free to say class Masses etc on other days. Consequently, as from Christmas I would hope to revert to saying Mass in the parish on Mondays in place of providing a Eucharistic service. This may change from time to time, depending on my Class Mass schedule. Please continue to check the days and times for morning Mass given on the front of the bulletin.



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE The children from Holy Family Primary School are holding their end of term Advent Service in the church on Thursday from 11.00am - 12.00noon. As part of the service the children from Primary 1 will perform their Nativity Play. They invite anyone who wishes to come along.

HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES The Blessed Sacrament may be received under both form at all the daily Masses and at one Sunday Mass each weekend in rotation. Last week those at the 10.00am Mass had the opportunity to receive in this way. This week it will take place at the 12.00noon Mass and next week at the Vigil Mass and so on. *Holy Communion may be received under both species at Midnight Mass.*

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Feast of the Birth of Our Lord

First Mass of Christmas: Sunday at 11.30pm. There is no Carol Service as such. Carols will be incorporated into the Mass which begins with the Entrance Procession at **11.30pm** (N.B. not Midnight).

Christmas Day Masses: 10.00am and 12.00noon

Boxing Day: 11.00am

Wednesday - Saturday: 9.30am

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday 31st December: 10.00am & 12.00 noon

Feast of Mary, Mother of the Lord

New Year's Day: 11.00am

2nd January: 11.00am

Wednesday - Saturday: 9.30am

CHOIR PRACTICE Wednesday 7.30pm. All members please attend.

ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER will take place on Saturday 20th January 1996 at 2.30pm in the hall. All Senior Citizens of the parish are cordially invited. Those wishing to attend are requested to complete the tear off slip on forms available in the church porch.

LADIES GUILD Carol singing by children from Holy Family Primary

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION is now due. May I take this opportunity to thank you all very sincerely for your contributions towards the upkeep of the church, presbytery and hall to which you have given so generously throughout the year.

RESPONSE TO BIDDING PRAYERS After announcing each intention, the reader will say: "*Lord in your mercy*" our response should be "Hear our prayer".