

### Prayer for Vocations:

Loving and generous God, we are your people, the work of your hands. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love.

Grant to us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice.

Bless the Church of the Diocese of Motherwell by raising up dedicated leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as priests.

Inspire us to know you better and open our hearts to hear your call.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### We pray for the Sick:

**We remember all of those who have died recently:** Andrew Muir; John McLeod; Thomas Starrs; Martha Smith; Christine Wilson; Anne McKechin; Sadie McFaul; Donal Noone; Karen Robertson.

**We pray for the Anniversary of:** Fr Joseph Brannigan; Gerry McGarrigle; James & Jimmy Littlejohn; May Oliver; Joe McAllister; Peter Mulligan; Peter Donnelly; Grace Dyer.



## Parish Information

### Celebrating the Sacraments

**Baptism:** by arrangement with the Parish Priest. In line with Diocesan policy, there is a preparation meeting for the celebration of this Sacrament.

**Marriage:** in line with Diocesan policy, a minimum of six months notice must be given, during which all couples will be expected to participate in Preparation Meetings for their celebration.

**Anointing of the Sick:** on request. Anyone with a planned stay in hospital, should arrange to celebrate this Sacrament before going into hospital.

**St Mary's Clubrooms:** For bookings contact: clubrooms@outlook.com or call 01555 662234

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# St. Mary's Church, Lanark

The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

6th January 2019

### INTRODUCTION TO THE MASS

In Christ, man could experience God in a totally new way. That is the meaning of Epiphany, 'Manifestation', God shining forth in the sight of human eyes. But, as St John's gospel Says, although light has come into the world we show in word and action that we prefer the dark. Let us remember how our lives could be more open to the Light of Christ.



### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** (Is. 60:1-6). The prophet promises that God will draw people from all over the world to pay homage to the Lord who dwells among his chosen. That same thought continues in the psalm.

**Responsorial Psalm:** All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

**Second Reading** (Eph. 3:2-3). Christ came to reach across the barriers and divisions of men, and Paul was his instrument in bringing the message to the pagans.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

**Gospel** (Mt. 2:1-12). Matthew tells this story to show that Christ is for all people, even for the pagan wise men who worship him as God.

### SERVICES FOR THE WEEK:

<b>Monday:</b>	9.30am	Mass
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.30am	Mass
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.30am	Service
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.30am	Service
<b>Friday:</b>	9.30am	Service
<b>Saturday:</b>	9.30am	Service

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

<b>Saturday Vigil Mass :</b>	5.00pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	10.30am

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday: after 9.30am Mass; 4.30pm - 4.50pm; and on request.

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