

Our Lady and St. Helen's, Condorrat
Parish Bulletin
Week commencing 21 January 2024

Annual Crib Appeal

As is the norm, the Annual Crib Appeal is for the St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society. If you would like to make a donation through your bank then you can do so at <http://www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk/fundraising/>. Alternatively, you can use the basket in front of our crib.

Funeral Arrangements

The remains of Bernard Sweeney who passed away on 4 January 2024 will be brought to the church at 6.00pm on Tuesday evening with his Requiem Mass at 10.00am on Wednesday morning. Please keep Bernard and his family in your prayers during these days.

Assisted Parishes

At the Masses next weekend there is a 2nd collection for the Assisted Parishes Scheme of the Archdiocese.

S.S.V.P.

The S.S.V.P. is continuing to appeal for your help in these difficult times for families as they struggle to put food on their tables. They are looking for donations of non-perishable foodstuff to take to the "House of Bread" Foodbank who do a great job helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Now though the House of Bread have made some special requests in addition to what you already so generously give, perhaps even some things you might not think about, like kitchen roll, toilet roll, washing up liquid, shampoo, pastas and cereals. Thank you all once again for your wonderful and continued support.

SPRED open evenings

The process of recruiting and training new volunteers is never-ending. Having trained 5 new catechists for SPRED in Dumbarton and 2 for Cumbernauld last term, we are ready to begin again. There are opportunities for new volunteers in many areas of the Archdiocese, but there is a special need for people to join our daytime children's group in Dalmeir, a new children's group in Kirkintilloch and evening groups for Cumbernauld and Maryhill. If you would like to find out more about what is involved then you are invited to meet others who are already involved at an open hour on Zoom on Wednesday 24th January at 7.15pm. Email Patricia at glasgow.spred@btconnect.com for more information and your personal invitation or to make another arrangement if Zoom doesn't suit you.

Burns Café

On Thursday morning this week after the 10.00am Mass there is a Burns Cafe being hosted by the children of St Helen's Primary School to which you are invited to celebrate the work of Scotland's National Bard. There are only 40 places available, so the poster and the sign up sheet are on the noticeboard in the church porch. As you will see from the sheet I need to return it to the school on Monday.

Parish Hall

To book the parish hall please contact Claire McGhie on 07825 983270.

Collections

Offertory	£ 450.20
Gift Aid envelopes	£ 400.00
White Flower Appeal	£ 594.48

Thank you for your generosity.

Don't carry cash but want to make a donation?

Increasingly today people do not carry cash and rely on cards and smartphones to pay for their goods and services. If you are one of those and would find it more convenient to make your offering electronically, then you can now do so using the QR code below. Simply scan the code with your phone to be taken to our donation page.

Please though do not do this during the uptake of the offertory or other collection or at any other time during Mass.

