

**St Francis and Trinity Church Westhill.**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2018 Year C. Scottish Charity no 005122**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Dec: *Xmas Eve*. Masses Westhill at 7.00 pm, and St Francis at 9.00pm.  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Dec: *Xmas Day* Mass in St Francis 11.00am.  
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Dec: Feast of Saint Stephen. Mass in St Francis 10.00am.  
Thur 27<sup>th</sup> Dec: Mass in Westhill 10.00 am.  
Frid 28<sup>th</sup> Dec: Mass in St Francis at 10.00 am. Feast of the *Holy Innocents*. See below.  
Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Dec: Mass in St Francis 10.00 am. Exposition and Confessions to follow.  
Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Dec: Masses Westhill 9.00am., St Francis 11.00 am and 6.00 pm.

*Offertory* Sunday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> : £1010. Many thanks. The Xmas Dinner realised £1,300. The Government has promised to match £ for £. That gives a wonderful total of £2,600. Many thanks to all who participated in any way.

During Mass today, a *special visitor* will come to meet the children. Refreshments with mine-pies in the hall after Mass for everyone.

During Advent, we had a Xmas *Giving Tree* in the Sanctuary. The Salvation Army appeal this year was for Gloves, scarves, woolly hats and socks for young people aged 10 to 16 years. We had a wonderful response, and the Salvation Army have expressed admiration and thanks.

Christmas Masses in *St Francis*: Christmas Eve at 9.00pm. Christmas Day 11.00am.  
Christmas Masses in *Westhill* :Christmas Eve at 7.00 pm. Christmas Day 9.00am.

*Father Peter* has written a delightful book on Birds, which would make a perfect Xmas Present. 130 coloured pictures, 32 paintings by local artists, 47,000 words. Signed copies with a message of your choice for £15. All proceeds go to H.C.P.T., which takes disabled children to Lourdes for the holiday of a lifetime.

A *Xmas challenge*. 3 crossword puzzles, each with a religious theme:

First person with the correct answers ( by email, see below ) wins a large box of chocolates.

- 1) Coppers on relay shifts at these gates ( 6 letters ).
- 2) Book to get your teeth into endlessly ( 5 letters ).
- 3) Aim for a high place in the Church ( 6 letters ).

Friday is the Feast of the *Holy Innocents*. Many churches pray during this Mass for babies who never saw the light of day, or who passed away to God shortly after their birth, or in their early years. On Friday any parents or family members who would like to pray for these Innocents, will have an opportunity on Friday morning Mass at 10.00 am.

*Please be careful when parking: always leave enough room for an emergency vehicle. On busy Sundays it is useful to park before you enter the estate. Don't park in front of anyone's drive. If possible park on the Church grass. Never park on the tactile cones. These are yellow slabs on Deeside Avenue, opposite the Church door.*

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