

Church Heating – there is a famous line in the Gospels (Matthew 22:14) which is often misquoted in Scottish churches as “many are cauld, but few are frozen”. We are amongst that frozen few! Unfortunately, the church heating is broken. The heating will not come on automatically and needs to be manually reset, but this only lasts for maybe half an hour then needs to be repeated. Since it takes hours to heat the church, these small bursts are not really effective – as we can tell! (If it’s any consolation, it’s even colder on the sanctuary for our parish priest than in the body of the church!). Engineers who have looked at the boiler say that the parts we need are unobtainable due to its age, although we are checking in case some can be found somewhere across the UK. It is likely however that we will need to replace the boiler and we are currently seeking quotes for that work but estimate it will cost in the region of £30,000. We are hoping to get this fixed as soon as possible, but realistically it will take at least some weeks. Please dress warmly!

Monday – there will be Divine Mercy at 9.30am rather than Mass since Canon Gargaro has to go to Oban for a memorial Mass for Msgr Gerard McKay, who recently passed away in Rome, who was one of his predecessors as head of the marriage tribunal.

Crib – please take the chance to pray at the Crib with its full complement now that the Kings have arrived.

Father Andrew McGowan – who was ordained last week, has been appointed as curate in St Paul’s, Whiteinch, and will be working as chaplain in St Thomas Aquinas High School. We offer him our warmest congratulations and best wishes on this appointment.

Funeral: James Lavery’s funeral takes place on Monday 14th January at 9.30am, with the Reception of his Remains at 6.30pm on Sunday 13th January. The family have invited Canon McAuley, the parish priest of St Brendan’s, James’s parish, to celebrate the funeral.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently dead: James Lavery

Anniversaries: James & John Aitcheson

