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COME ALONG every SUNDAY

6.30pm for 7pm

Ignatian Spirituality Centre, 35 Scott Street, Glasgow, G3 6PE

Sunday 30th November

1st Sunday of Advent



Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. **The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth at Christmas.**



We will look at the whole season of Advent and how we can spend the time more fruitfully together, and individually progress in our daily living. An Advent calendar is a helpful tool in monitoring our awareness of things important and temporal for life eternal.

Sunday 7th December

2nd Sunday of Advent



Gaudium et Spes 60th Anniversary



***Gaudium et Spes* is the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World from the Second Vatican Council.** The words *Gaudium et Spes* mean the joys and the hopes. The document is trying to remind Catholics that they can be open to the world, to dialogue with the world, because the joys, hopes and the sorrows of human beings are of their concern. It is one of the four constitutions promulgated during the Second Vatican Council between 1963 and 1965. Issued on 7th December 1965, it was the last and longest published document from the Council and is the first constitution published by a Catholic ecumenical council to address the entire world.

The constitution's creation was necessitated by the fear of becoming irrelevant owing to a perceived ignorance of the problems in the modern world. The document represents an inner examination of the Church by the Council and therefore features a response to those problems affecting the modern world.

Since we mark its 60th anniversary, we will look at some of its themes and whether they continue to be of relevance to us or not.



Sunday 14th December

3rd Sunday of Advent



The Joys and Hopes of Advent Liturgy

The Scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighed down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk. 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical colour for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn (GIRM, no. 346). Other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from 17th December to 24th December, we focus in particular on the "O" Antiphons. They are a magnificent theology drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfilment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath and calendar can help us fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare ourselves spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.



We will look at the Advent liturgy together to tease out its meaning and bear more spiritual fruit in living it out.



Sunday 21st December

4th Sunday of Advent



In anticipation of Christmas

The Mystery of the Incarnation is the mystery of God the Son's descending from heaven and becoming man. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn1:14).

The reason for the Incarnation of the Son of God is because Adam and Eve were created without sin and death. "God did not make death." But man, through his transgression, brought on himself misery and suffering as well as sin and evil, and was condemned to death – death of body and soul, that is, the grave and hell (Gen. 3:19-24). For God did not make death; He takes no pleasure in destroying the living.

We will look at what Christmas means to each one of us and how we can make these days of Good News be a reality whatever our life circumstances.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
28th Dec. '25 & 4th Jan. '26

We will resume our meetings on
Sunday 11th January



Regular Monthly Programme

- 1st Sunday: Focus on Virtues, leave vices behind
Followed by Personal Reflective Silence
- 2nd Sunday: Movie – Book – Theology Input
- 3rd Sunday: Ignatian Spirituality Nuggets
Followed by Communal Adoration at ISC
- 4th or Last Sunday: Guest Speaker

Sunday Programme

- 7pm Light Meal and Fellowship
- 7.45pm Faith Talk and Group Reflection
- 8.30pm Personal or Community Prayer
- 9pm Sunday Mass