

# NEWSLETTER



To the greater glory of God  
**St ALOYSIUS' CHURCH**  
a Jesuit church founded in 1908

## 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

This week:

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December *Feria*

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December **Our Lady of Guadeloupe**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 3<sup>rd</sup> **SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December **St John of the Cross**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December *Feria*

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December *Feria*

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December *Feria*

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## St Margaret' Virtual Crib

Catholic Adoption Agency, **St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society**, which supports some of Scotland's most vulnerable children, is hosting a 'Virtual Crib Appeal' this Advent. Due to congregation sizes being limited due to Covid19 restrictions the charity could lose out on up to £100k in donations made each year by the Catholic community to its Crib Appeal collection boxes. St Margaret's Virtual Crib is a peaceful, animated crib scene accompanied by a full Christmas Carol Concert

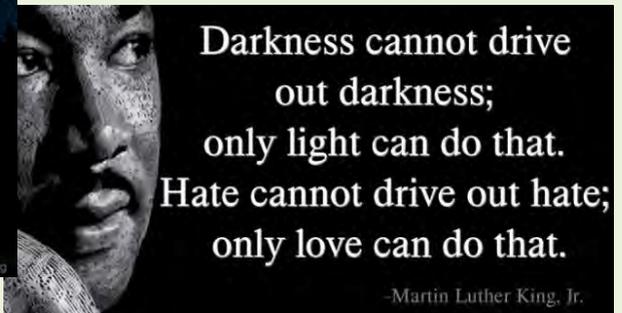
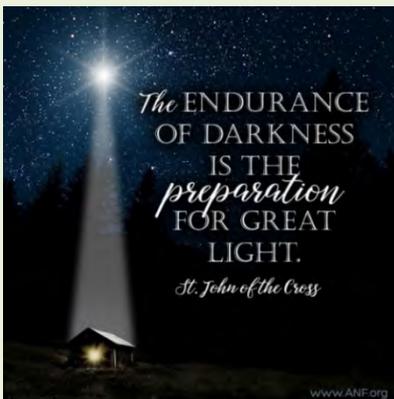
from the St Andrew's Cathedral Choir. St Margaret's Virtual Crib will be live until the Feast of the Epiphany on their website at <https://stmargaretsadoption.org.uk/>. Donations can be made via the St Margaret's website or by cheque posted to the charity's office at 26 Newton Place, Glasgow, G3 7PY."



*The Belarussian Sisters send their Advent greetings! For those of you who are around during their fleeting visits to sell Icons (often on a cold winter's day in February!), you might be interested that Sr Olga was in contact to apologise for not coming this year, but saying if anyone wanted to see about their work around their Convent or to buy some Orthodox religious goods to assist their ministry or to look at their Christmas catalogue then please look at their website <https://lobitel-minsk.org/> or write to her at [elisabeth.convent@gmail.com](mailto:elisabeth.convent@gmail.com) Sister Olga, Sr Elisabeth Convent, 220053 Vigotskogo 6, Minsk, Belarus.*

<https://www.bcos.org.uk/Portals/0/Documents/BCOS%20COVID%20PASTORAL%20LETTER%20071220.pdf>

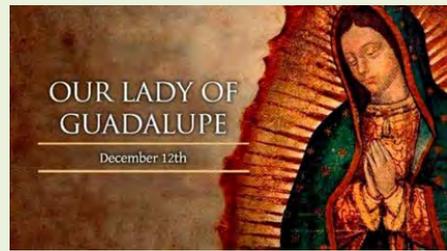
The Scottish Bishops have issued a Pastoral Letter for Advent, reflecting on the effect of the COVID-19 period. Entitled "Light Shines in Darkness" (referring to John's Gospel Chp 1 v5) it might be some helpful spiritual reading for the run up to Christmas... (See the link above)



-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe is very strong across South America... These links give something of the history...

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/our-lady-of-guadalupe-82>  
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2018-12/our-lady-of-guadalupe-feast-day-mexico-americas.html>



Also this week St John of the Cross was a Carmelite monk who was one of the great mystical writers of the Church. Along with his friend St Teresa of Avila they reformed religious life in 16<sup>th</sup> century Europe and between them wrote some of the important texts on prayer in the history of Christianity. Their books are also seen as classics of Spanish literature. The Salvador Dali painting in Kelvingrove is inspired by one of St John's visions.

**FINANCE:** We are experimenting with credit card payments in the Church... The machine appears to be very user friendly... It will be lodged in the central part of the back of the Church, inside the main doors, after each mass in the coming weeks. There is also now a good internet payment system on the Parish website. Feel free to explore either!

## 2021 Jesuits in Scotland Calendar

As we approach 2021, the Jesuits in Scotland have produced a colourful Calendar for the New Year. It is themed around Pope Francis's Encyclical (on the environment and our common home) called 'Laudato Si'. Brother Rene De los Reyes SJ (who recently joined the Jesuit community in Scotland and is working in Glasgow) has produced 12 watercolour paintings of Scottish Wildflowers and woven these into the coming Liturgical Year. They are free – but a donation



to off-set the costs would always be gratefully received! So take one for yourself but perhaps think about people whom you might know who are isolated, or far away, who might appreciate the calendar to help them through the Church Year of 2021.



# Temporary Timetable

*\*No Sunday obligation\**

*\*50 people per Mass\**

**Weekly Sunday Mass on YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-GPleOdFrbiCLVmqTVgIIg>

## Monday - Saturday

**Mass at 12.15pm**

*(Church opens 11.45am - 12.45pm)*

## Sunday

**Mass at 9.30am & 11.00am**

*(Church opens at 9.00am for*

*Church closed for cleaning 10 - 10.30am)*

**Confessions before each mass**

**Further information on Facebook or**

**The Parish website**

[www.staloysiusglasgow.org](http://www.staloysiusglasgow.org)

## CHRISTMASTIDE

### Christmas Eve

*10am-12noon*

*Confessions*

**12.15pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Mass**

**4.00pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Mass**

**5.30pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Mass**

### Christmas Day

**8.00am**

**4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Mass**

**9.30am**

**5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Mass**

**11.00am**

**6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Mass**

### Boxing Day (Saturday)

**12.15pm**

**St Stephen's Mass**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**9.30am & 11.00am**