

St Aloysius' Church

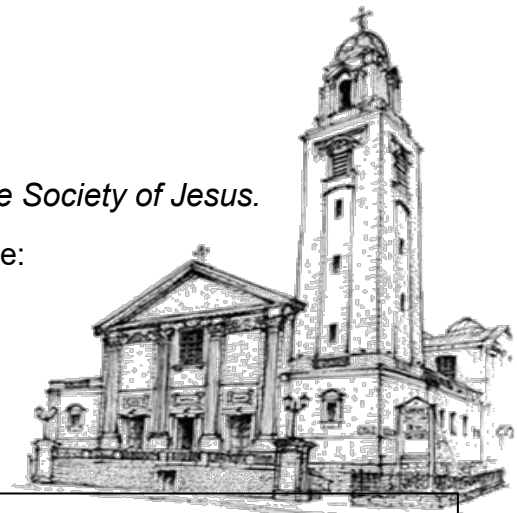
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11 January 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Year A

Service Times

Sunday Mass Vigil (Saturday): 5.00 pm
Sunday: 10.00 am
Signed Mass for the Deaf
Community

12.00 noon (Sung), & 9.00 pm

Weekday Monday - Friday: 8.00 am, 12.15 pm

Saturday 12.15pm & 5.00pm (Vigil)

Confessions Mon-Sun 30 minutes before Mass

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Confessions after 8 a.m. Mass on request

Exposition Every Sunday after the 12.00 noon
Mass

Growing in Faith Retreat Days: Deepening faith and exploring the gift of active listening. St Aloysius Garnethill with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. Four Saturdays, 10.30 - 3.00 (lunch provided; donation only). 17 January, 21 February, 21 March, and 18 April. Also, a Retreat in Daily Life starting after 12.00 Mass on Sunday 22 March. This lasts a week and gives individuals the opportunity to meet with a prayer guide every day. If you wish to find out more or sign up for the programme, please email marianne.lucchini@iscglasgow.co.uk for a link to the form or further information.

**Jesuit Missions Appeal Saturday 16th -
Sunday 17th January 2026**

Jesuit Missions is the international mission and development organisation for the Jesuits in Britain, supporting partners in over twenty countries on three continents.

Our partners work with some of the most marginalised communities on a range of the projects including anti-human trafficking, women's empowerment, education and environmental sustainability.

On Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th January, Jules Gibson from Jesuit Missions will be speaking at all Masses.

Please give generously! Your donations help to improve the lives of thousands of people around the world. You can also donate using this QR code and please make certain to gift aid your donation. Donating through Gift Aid means we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give.



To learn more about Jesuit Missions visit: <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/>

Sunday Lunch 11 January 2026: All are warmly invited to lunch in the Ogilvie Centre after the 12 Noon Mass today Sunday 11 January to mark a significant birthday for Dan Divers, our Director of Music. Please do join us.

Sunday 11th January 4.00pm St Mungo Festival Ecumenical Service Glasgow Cathedral, Cathedral Precinct, High St with Civic and Church Leaders **Monday 12th January 7pm** Vigil of St Mungo, Ecumenical Service St Andrew's Metropolitan Cathedral, Clyde St. Glasgow

Burns Night Dinner - An Evening of Festivities featuring Burns songs and recitals following a supper of traditional Scottish fare. 23 January 2026 7pm in the Ogilvie Centre. The event is hosted by young adults of the parish and ticket costs £10 per person, table reservation £50. Looking forward to a wonderful parish event.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of **Fr Simon Bishop SJ**, who died on the evening of Sunday 4 January 2026. He was 58 years old and in the 33rd year of his religious life. **May he rest in peace.**

Simon Bishop was born in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, on 28 March 1967, the youngest of four children of George (who died in 2001) and Dawn. He was baptised at St Peter's, Oyster Bay, on 8 April 1967. Several happy early years were spent in Fiji before the family returned to Britain. Simon was confirmed at St Peter's, Stonyhurst, on 4 November 1979.

He was educated at Stonyhurst College from 1975 to 1985, where qualities that would remain with him throughout his life were already apparent. One Jesuit who was starting to teach there recalls encountering him as a schoolboy serving at the altar: *"There was this little carrot-head waiting for me with a welcoming smile. He knew exactly what to do and did it with grace and dignity."* In his final year at Stonyhurst, Simon was taught Scripture in preparation for university, and was remembered as thoughtful, generous, and deeply engaged. He was also a keen sportsman, playing cricket both at school and later at university.

Simon went on to study Theology at Cambridge University (1986–89). Friends recall watching him play cricket for the University during these years and accompanying him on pilgrimage to Lourdes, experiences that reflected both his sociability and his growing spiritual depth. After Cambridge, Simon trained as a social worker at the University of York (1990–92). During these years, those close to him sensed an evident vocation taking shape. As one Jesuit later reflected, *"I found myself wondering why he was not applying to enter the Society ... and eventually he gave in to the Lord."* Simon entered the Jesuit novitiate in Birmingham in September 1993, on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

From the very beginning of his Jesuit life, his qualities were apparent to those around him. A fellow novice recalls that *"from the first day of the novitiate"* Simon was unselfish, focused on others, and genuinely interested in them. Studies in philosophy followed at Heythrop College (1995–98), after which Simon undertook Regency at Wimbledon College, working in teaching and youth ministry. He then moved to Paris to study theology at the Centre Sèvres, where he was ordained deacon at St Ignace in 2003. Later that same year, he was ordained priest at the Sacred Heart, Wimbledon, a moment remembered with great joy by those who had accompanied him from his early years.

In 2004, Simon was missioned as Chaplain to St Aloysius' College, Glasgow. Here, his focus on other people and their needs became especially visible. One Jesuit recalls walking with him from the Jesuit house, which was then in Woodside Place, to the College, a walk of about half a mile, and observing how Simon greeted, by name, everyone they encountered: *"He knew the name of every person he saw on that journey and greeted them all by name, every coffee-seller, every beggar, every person walking their dog, and certainly every pupil and every member of staff. He had an incredible ability to befriend, but he could do it because he was genuinely interested in every person he met."*

Appointed Vocations Promoter in 2006, Simon accompanied many as they discerned their calling. In 2009, he undertook Tertianship in Australia, travelling via Guyana, before returning to the British Province. He was then missioned to the Oxford University Chaplaincy, first as Assistant Chaplain and, from 2010, as Senior Chaplain. During his years in Oxford, Simon took his Final Vows in November 2011.

Oxford was also a place where many experienced Simon's calm, reflective spirituality and gentle joy. From 2013, he served as Chaplain to the Oxford Leg of the Student Cross pilgrimage. Those who journeyed with him remember that *"he brought the leg calm, reflective spirituality, and joy — his sense of humour was evident throughout."* He also drew other Jesuits into this work, including novices, quietly modelling companionship in mission. Jesuit friends recall overlapping with him in Oxford, sharing ministry, conversation, and sacramental life, including hearing one another's confessions. On one such occasion, Simon's radiant smile after absolution was accompanied by the words, *"What a privilege to be able to say those words!"*

RCAG Young Adult | St Mungo's City Pilgrimage Walk | Sat 17th Jan 2026, 1000 - 1500:

Join RCAG Youth for a pilgrimage walk through Glasgow, exploring historic sites and celebrating our patron saint, St Mungo. A chance to pray, meet new people, and enjoy the city together. Open to anyone aged 16-35. More info and sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/stmungowalk26>

Jesuit Young Adult Ministries: offer an extensive programme of activities and meetings every Sunday evening at 7.00 pm in the Ignatian Spirituality Centre at 35 Scott Street, G3 6PE. We begin at 6.45pm for 7pm: a light meal is prepared, followed by a talk and discussion or prayer time with the option to attend 9.00 pm Sunday Mass. You can download the monthly programme offer or the whole programme for 2025-26 here: <https://www.staloyusglasgow.org/yam/> **Our next meeting Sunday 11 January**

RCIA Programme 2025-26 The RCIA group are taking a break over Christmas, and will begin again on Monday 12th January at 7.30 p.m. in the Ogilvie Centre.

St Aloysius' College is delighted to announce the Ignatian Academic Excellence Scholarship.

This scholarship will offer pupils entering S1 or S2 up to 50% off fees from when they start until they finish in S6. This Jesuit school is committed to nurturing potential, celebrating achievement and supporting pupils who thrive through curiosity, dedication and a love of learning. To find out more, please visit stalloysius.org or email Tony Gilroy, agilroy@stalloysius.org

40 Hours: 40 hours devotion at Saint Aloysius will be on 25th -27th January with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the following times: Saturday 24th from 1.00 pm - 4.45 pm and after 5.00 pm Mass to 7.00 pm Sunday 25th from 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm – 8.45 pm Monday 26th from 8.30 am to 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Celtic Connections Mass The Celtic Connections Mass will be celebrated here in St Aloysius Church at 4.00 pm on Sunday 25th January.

Jesuit Institute Vacancies At the request of Fr Provincial, the Jesuit Institute is expanding its work of supporting the Province's schools in ensuring that the Jesuit charism remains at the heart of their mission. The Jesuit Institute is currently advertising for a second Schools' Officer, to work alongside Maria Neal, and three regionally-based "Ignatian Formators" to help the existing school chaplains in enabling staff to deepen their appropriation of Ignatian spirituality. You can find full job descriptions and application forms here: www.jesuitinstitute.org/news/jesuit-institute-vacancies **The deadline for all applications is: Wednesday 21 January 2026.** Interviews will take place on: Tuesday 27th January – Lancashire, Wednesday 28th January – Glasgow, Friday 30th January - London (for both Schools Officer role and the regional Schools Ignatian Formator role).

Moments of Hope. Read Jesuit Refugee Services 's review of 2025 - amid escalating violence, increasing natural disasters, withdrawal of aid funding, growing hostility towards refugees & migrants, we can still find real reasons for hope: <https://jrs.net/en/news/2025-in-review-four-defining-moments-of-hope/>

St Aloysius' Annual Statistics 2025: Baptism 13 including 3 adults; Confirmations 76; First Holy Communions 40; Weddings 13; Funerals 16; Annual Mass Count in November 517

Donations to St Aloysius' Garnethill can be made by using the card readers located at the main entrance to the church or by scanning this QR code. Don't forget to gift aid your donation. Thank you for your support.

**St Aloysius' Church
The First Collection**



**St Aloysius' Church Parish Expenses
The Second Collection**



First Collection Sunday 4 January: £1,302.99
Second Collection Justice & Peace: £447.43

Liturgical Calendar

This Sunday we celebrate **The Baptism of the Lord**, marking the moment Jesus stepped into the waters of the Jordan and was revealed as the beloved Son of God. This feast closes the Christmas season and invites us to reflect on our own baptism - the beginning of our journey as children of God filled with the Holy Spirit and called to live in His light. Just as the Father's voice affirmed Jesus 'we too' are reminded that we are loved, chosen, and sent to share that love with the world. May this 'celebration renew our commitment to walk in faith, serve with humility, and bear witness to the Good News in our daily lives.

Tuesday 13 January Saint Mungo (Kentigern) PATRON OF OUR ARCHDIOCESE
Saturday 17 January Saint Anthony Abbot

The Requiem Mass of David Chadwick Friday 16 January at 10.00 a.m.
Reception of body Thursday 15 January at 5.30 p.m.

The Requiem Mass of Joseph Paul Gribbon Saturday 17 January at 10 a.m

The Requiem Mass of Rita Brydon Thursday 22 January at 10 a.m.

MASS TEXTS AND READINGS

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Here is my servant in whom my soul delights.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 28:1-4, 9-10. R.v.11

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk9:7

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1:32, 34 Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026

In 2026, the **Week (or Octave) of Prayer for Christian Unity** will be observed from **18th to 25th January**, as is traditional in many parts of the world. This period bridges the feasts of **St. Peter** (18 January) and **St. Paul** (25 January), symbolising unity in the diversity of the Church.

The **theme for 2026** is drawn from **Ephesians 4:4**:

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling."

This theme invites Christians to reflect on the deep spiritual bond that unites all believers in Christ, despite denominational differences. The focus will be on:

Unity in diversity - recognising different traditions as part of one body.

Shared mission - working together for justice, peace, and reconciliation.

Prayer and fellowship - strengthening relationships through worship and dialogue