

## St Aloysius' Church

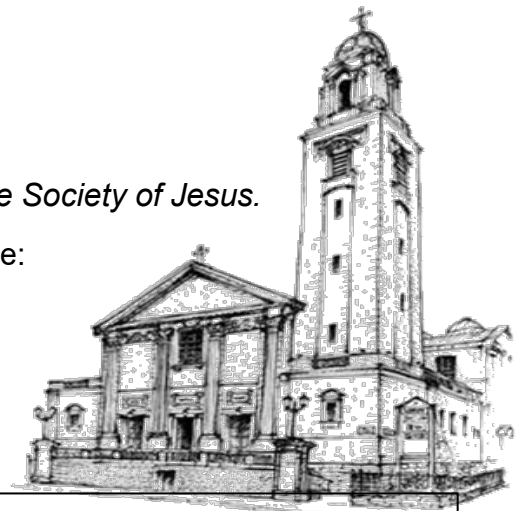
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**CLERGY:** Fr Gerard Mitchell SJ (*Parish Priest*)  
Fr Ladislav Sulik SJ Fr Roger Dawson SJ Fr Peter Griffiths SJ



14 December 2025 Gaudete Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

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  
Confessions after 8 a.m. Mass on request

**Exposition** Sunday after 12 Noon Mass

**Today** is known as **Gaudete Sunday**. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice" (from Latin Gaudete). Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent Wreath. Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say 'Rejoice!'

**Advent, Christmas and New Year** – Our flyer giving details of Christmas Mass times etc is available at the back of the Church

**Christmas Lunch** – Thursday 18th December  
Fr Gerard Mitchell, SJ and Fr Laco Sulik, SJ invite Senior Citizens to enjoy Christmas Lunch in the Ogilvie Centre. A farewell celebration for Alison Fletcher, Parish Office Manager will take place at the Parish Christmas Lunch. All are welcome..

**St Aloysius Church Carol Service**, Sunday 21 December at 4.00 pm A meditation on Scripture and music to help us to meditate on the mystery of Christ becoming man for us.

**Caring Sunday** This Sunday is Caring Sunday. The St Nicholas Care Fund provides assistance,

in Christ's name, to people and communities facing hardship, putting into practice Jesus' words: "whatever you did to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did to me." Every penny you donate to the St Nicholas Care Fund goes to assist those in need. On Caring Sunday, please give what you can, so that those whose lives are blighted by poverty are given support.

**The next foodbank collection** will take place over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, 27th and 28th December. Priority items for the month are: tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned spaghetti, UHT milk, diluting juice, used bags for life, and any toiletries (excluding sanitary products).

**Planned Giving Appeal:** Thank you most sincerely to all those who have already returned Planned Giving Forms. Completed Pledge and Volunteer Forms may be placed in the Pledge Form boxes at the back of the church today (forms are removed at the end of each Mass) or may be handed in to the parish office

We rely on the generous financial support of those who worship in this church to be able to keep the building and our mission in Glasgow afloat. The most helpful way of giving is by Standing Order, either monthly or weekly, as this allows us to predict income and plan well. If you are a UK taxpayer, please also sign a Gift Aid form – this enables us to claim from the Government an additional 25p for every £1 you donate at no extra expense to yourself. Standing Order and Gift Aid forms are available at the back of the church. If you have internet banking, you can set up a Standing Order online. As ever, thank you for your generosity.

**Making Sense of Matthew - Journeying through the Gospel:** The next session on the Gospel of Matthew will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, after 12.15 Mass

**Jubilee 2025 — Small Faith Sharing Group for Advent** in the Ogilvie Centre: **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, Session 4 *Jesus was born of Mary, who was betrothed of Joseph, son of David.* Matthew 1:18-24.

**Flourish:** The Advent/Christmas edition of Flourish is out now. This special edition has something for everyone: the Archbishop's message for Advent, the historic declaration of the city's religious leaders against hate and division, a look back at the Jubilee Year with highlights from home and Rome, a new religious order of sisters coming to the Archdiocese, Advent and Christmas Mass times in the Cathedral, and a special feature on how Bethlehem will live this festive season. Online edition at [www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk](http://www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk) Why not take a copy home and drop off one to a neighbour?

**SCIAF Real Gifts are now on sale.** This Christmas, give your loved one a Real Gift of hope and provide something tangible for our brothers and sister across the world. Gifts include seeds, warm blankets, chickens and school essential packs for people in the countries where SCIAF works. Visit [shop.sciaf.org.uk](http://shop.sciaf.org.uk). Thank you

**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.staloysiusglasgow.org/yam/>

**RCIA Programme 2025-26** The RCIA group are taking a break over Christmas, and will begin again on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for adults who seek to become members of the Church. Meetings are on Monday evenings at 7.30 p.m. in the Ogilvie Centre, 25 Rose Street, G3 6RE. If you or someone you know would like to find out more about becoming a member of the Church, please speak to Fr. Sulik or Fr Mitchell or email [staloysius.garnethill@rcag.org.uk](mailto:staloysius.garnethill@rcag.org.uk) or phone the Parish Office 0141 332 3039.

**Winter Warm Hub** - each Wednesday night from 5.00 to 8.00 pm. Join us for a hot meal or take the opportunity to read, play board games, have a coffee and socialise. All are welcome

**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 [staloysius.org](http://staloysius.org) or email Tony Gilroy, [agilroy@staloysius.org](mailto:agilroy@staloysius.org)

**Advent Day of Confessions:** On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025 priests will be available all day in St Andrew's Cathedral (from 9.00 until 5.00pm) for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Pro-Life Mass:** The monthly Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in Holy Cross Church, 113 Dixon Avenue, G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm. Tea and mince pies in the hall afterwards – all welcome. The celebrant will be Canon Joe McAuley.

**ONLINE PREMIERE:** "Pilgrim of Hope". The hit AGAP Theatre Production for the Jubilee Year of Hope will be premiered online via YouTube on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 19.00 and will be available to view thereafter. The play is written and performed by Stephen Callaghan and tells the story of an ordinary man who goes out in search of Hope. It is free to watch: Search <https://youtu.be/0ge5NwlUghQ>

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**Friday 19th December** – Handel's Messiah Children's Messiah at 4.00 pm. Handel's Messiah at 7.00 pm in the church. For tickets please call 0141 332 5057 or [rcs.ac.uk/box-office](http://rcs.ac.uk/box-office).

## **CHRISTMAS 2025**

### **Christmas Eve**

Wednesday 24th December 12.15pm Mass

6.00pm First Christmas Mass

St Aloysius' Singers

8.30pm Carols

9.00pm Choir Christmas

'Midnight' Mass

### **Christmas Day**

Thursday 25th December

10.00am Christmas Day Mass

12.00pm Christmas Day Mass

The church closes after the 12noon Mass

There will be NO Mass at 9.00pm on Christmas Day

### **Confession Times on Christmas Eve**

11.30am to 12.10pm and 4.00pm to 5.30pm



**Parking** The College kindly allow parking in the Scott Street playground (upper and lower car parks) for those attending Sunday Masses. Please ensure that no car is left in the playground outside Mass times. The car park will open on 24th, 25<sup>th</sup> December and 1st January. The entrance to the church via the Ogilvie Centre, is recommended for those who are not too agile. Please do not park in the alleyway to the entrance of the Ogilvie Centre. Parking is for the disabled to use.

**DEAF AWARENESS:** We invite everyone who wishes to learn more about the deaf culture and signing at Mass at 6pm after the Vigil Mass. This takes place every Saturday on the first floor in the Ogilvie Centre for half an hour.

**Jesuit Refugee Service:** Advent Journey of hope, peace, joy, love; following weekly reflections, real-life stories & simple actions: [https://jrs.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2025\\_EN\\_Advent\\_resource.pdf](https://jrs.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2025_EN_Advent_resource.pdf).

**St Nicholas Pastoral care Trust** packs are available as you leave. This is a trust of the archdiocese that seeks to support local initiatives, helping the vulnerable. The 2nd collection next week is taken up for this.

**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.

<b>St Aloysius' Church The First Collection</b> 	<b>St Aloysius' Church Parish Expenses The Second Collection</b> 
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**First Collection: £1200.40    Second Collection Parish Expenses: £453.89  
Contactless Machine - £362.00**

**Pope Leo's intention for December:** for Christians in areas of conflict Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

**The "O Antiphons" of Advent** accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfilment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

**December 17** O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

**December 18** O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

**December 19** O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

**December 20** O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

### MASS TEXTS AND READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Ph 4:4-5**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 35:1-6,10**

God himself is coming to save you

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 145:6-10. R. Cf. Is 35:4**

Come, Lord, and save us.

**Second Reading**

**Letter of St James 5:7-10**

Do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Is 61:1**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 11:2-11**

Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?

**Communion Antiphon**

**Is 35:4**

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us..