

St Aloysius' Church

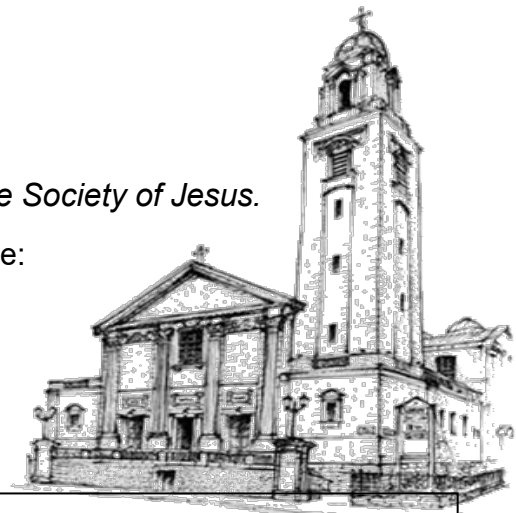
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A Church of the Archdiocese of Glasgow founded and served by the Society of Jesus.

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21 December 2025

Fourth 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 begins today 6 p.m.

Christmas Greetings from Archbishop William Nolan

"May the birth of Jesus which we celebrate this Christmas bring you joy. Not because our cares and worries disappear at Christmas, they don't. But because Christmas assures of the love that God has for each of us. Despite our failings, despite our problems, we are precious to God. As it says in the gospel of John: God so loved the world that he sent his only son. This Christmas pause, reflect on those words, and be overwhelmed with joy - because each of us is loved by God and so precious in his eyes."

The Jesuit Community of Fr Gerard Mitchell, Fr Ladislav Sulik, Fr Roger Dawson, Fr Peter Griffiths, Fr Madz Tumbali, Fr Pascal Angalukiand and Fr Laurien Nyiribakwe SJ wish everyone a very happy, peaceful and holy Christmas.

St Aloysius Church Carol Service, Today 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.

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.

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. 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/> **We will not meet on Sunday 28 December and Sunday 4 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.

Winter Warm Hub is taking a break for Christmas and will begin again on Wednesday 7 January.

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 or email Tony Gilroy, agilroy@staloysius.org

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

Please note there is no 8 a.m. Mass on Friday 26 and Monday 29 December

Confession Times on Christmas Eve

11.30am to 12.10pm and 4.00pm to 5.30pm

Feast of the Epiphany Sunday 4 January 2026:

The celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany will take place

on Sunday 4 January and not on Tuesday 6 January

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, 25th 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

BISHOPS OF SCOTLAND OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND EVANGELISATION: Our Bishops have recently launched this new office to support our common efforts in proclaiming the Gospel and witnessing to the life of the Church in our nation.. The Office will:

- Manage and distribute statements for the Bishops' Conference
- Share the Good News of the Gospel confidently and clearly
- Highlight the positive impact of Catholic life across Scotland
- Strengthen communication and collaboration across dioceses, parishes, schools, religious communities and lay apostolates
- Engage constructively with secular media and public discourse
- Support and develop digital evangelisation initiatives at a national level

As part of this mission, **Being Catholic TV** will now serve as the official digital platform of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. It will provide video content, livestreamed events, features from around the country, and faith formation resources to assist our parish communities in their work of evangelisation and outreach. To access these resources, visit beingcatholic.org or sign-up to the BCTV social channels.

We are invited to share our parish good news stories by sending them to media@bcos.org.uk We are also invited to consider how digital media can further our own local evangelisation efforts. Parishioners are encouraged to engage with **Being Catholic TV** and the resources it provides.

GROWING IN FAITH Deepening faith and exploring the gift of active listening St Aloysius Church, Garnethill with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow **Four Saturdays 10.30 – 3.00 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 If you wish to find out more or sign up for the programme, please use the QR code to fill in the form and we will be in touch. Alternatively please email marianne.lucchesi@iscglasgow.co.uk for a link to the form or further information.





SAVE THE DATE

A St Aloysius' Burns Night Dinner – An Evening of Festivities featuring Burn's songs and recitals following a supper of traditional Scottish fare. 23 January 2026 at 7pm in the Ogilvie Centre. More details to follow in November. We invite young adults who would like to volunteer and help in organization of this event to come forward and leave their contact details in the sacristy.

The event is hosted by young adults of the parish and ticket costs £10 per person, a table reservation costs £50. Looking forward to a wonderful parish event of the Scottish tradition.

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.

<p>St Aloysius' Church The First Collection</p> 	<p>St Aloysius' Church Parish Expenses The Second Collection</p> 
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First Collection: £1278.34 Second Collection St Nichola Pastoral Care Fund: £533;46
Contactless Machine: £523.00

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 21 O Radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22 O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23 O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

Liturgical Calendar

Friday 26 December St Stephen Feast

Saturday 27 December St John Feast

Sunday 28 December Feast of the Holy Family

MASS TEXTS AND READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Is 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

The maiden is with child

Responsorial Psalm

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

Let the Lord enter! He is the King of glory.

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Jesus Christ, descendant of David, Son of God

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God is with us'. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-24

Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David

Communion Antiphon

Is 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son and his name will be called Emmanuel .