

St Aloysius' Church

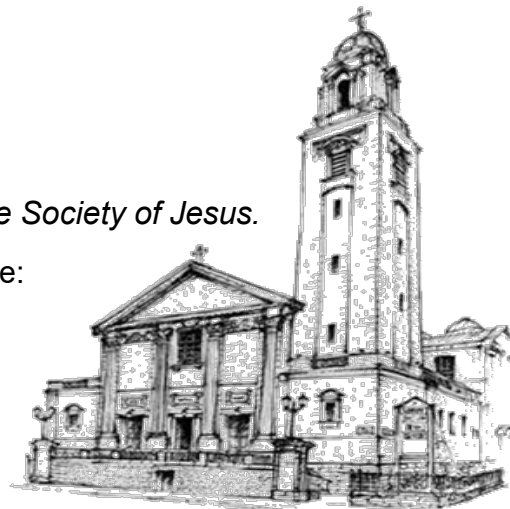
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A Church of the Archdiocese of Glasgow founded and served by the Society of Jesus.

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CLERGY: Fr Gerard Mitchell SJ (*Parish Priest*)
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30 November 2025

First 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 Sundays after 12.noon Mass

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

Flowers: During Advent we do not have flowers on the

The Blessing of the Crib takes place on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at 6.30pm in the Cathedral Precinct, Glasgow Cathedral, Castle St, G4 0QZ.

The foodbank collection takes place this weekend. Priority items for the month are: Porridge oats, tinned veg, tinned soup, tinned baked beans, tinned spaghetti, tinned rice, tinned custard, tinned fruit, diluting juice, shampoo. Thank you for your ongoing support. <https://glasgowne.foodbank.org.uk>

Ask MSPs to vote 'No' on Bill to legalise Assisted Suicide Parliament has rejected safeguards to help the most vulnerable live and is expected to

hold a final vote later this year on a bill which will decide whether assisted suicide becomes legal in Scotland. Such a bill will undermine the right to life and put vulnerable people at risk of coming under pressure to end their lives prematurely. Please visit <https://carenotkilling.scot/> to contact your MSP.

Masses for the Solemnity of St Andrew

On Monday, 1 December, we will celebrate the Solemnity of St. Andrew, our National Patron, whose feast day this year is transferred from 30th November (Sunday). Masses at 8 a.m., 12.15 and 5.30 p.m. **The Vigil of St Andrew's Day:** Saturday 29th November 2025 at 2.30p.m. St Andrew's Metropolitan Cathedral Join Glasgow Churches Together to Honour our National Patron and pray for the people of Scotland

Friday 5 December First Friday of the Month

Masses at 8 am, 12.15 pm and 5.30 pm. in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to pray for the Pope's intentions 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.



Coffee and Carols

A Christmas Carol Singing Event on the 2nd floor in the Ogilvie Centre (a lift is available) will be held on Sunday 7th December at 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Making Sense of Matthew - Journeying through the Gospel served. On most Sundays in 2026 Year A we will follow the Gospel of Matthew. To help us hear, the Gospel with a deeper appreciation during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass Fr Gerard Mitchell will give an introduction to the Gospel highlighting some of its main themes and characteristics. Monday 1st, 8th and 15th December after 12.15 Mass, repeated at 6.15 pm with Mass beforehand at 5.30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. **Monday 1st December** Introduction to St Matthew **Monday 8th December** The Advent of our God Chapters 1 & 2 of the Gospel **Monday 15th December** The Advent of our God Chapters 1 & 2 continued

Jubilee 2025 — Small Faith Sharing Groups for Advent in the Ogilvie Centre: **Tuesdays of Advent 2nd, 9th & 16th December**, after the 12.15 Mass and repeated in the evening at 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The focus will be on the Gospels of the four Sundays of Advent. Session 2 *Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is close at hand* Matthew 3:1-12; Session 3 *Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?* Session 4 *Jesus was born of Mary, who was betrothed of Joseph, son of David.* Matthew 1:18-24 Anne Muldoon will co-ordinate the groups. The meetings will last approximately one hour.

Advent Reflections: 4 December – Hope in the Modern World (led by Fr Stephen Reilly). 11 December – Justice in the Modern World (led by Jamie McGowan, Advocate, and Fr Gerard McGuinness, Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland). 18 December – Bethlehem Today (Live discussion with Staff and Students of Bethlehem University). Christ The King Parish Hall, G44 5AP. 7pm to 8.30pm (Refreshments from 6.30pm). All Welcome

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: 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 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

FORMED Youth Group; | Friday 5th Dec from 5.30pm to 7.30pm, RCAG Youth Office (G1 4JY). Run monthly by the RCAG Youth Office, FORMED is a faith-filled evening for young people in S1–S6 to explore their faith and grow in relationship with Jesus, the Church, and one another through engaging activities, talks, prayer, and small group sharing – with pizza included! Find out more and register at www.tinyurl.com/formed25

RCAG Young Adults: | Advent Reflection Evening with Archbishop Nolan, | Monday 8th December, 7pm to 9pm | St. Andrew's Cathedral (G1 4JY). Young adults (16+) are invited to a special Advent evening to gather, pray, and prepare for the coming of Christ this Christmas. Stay after for festive treats and a chance to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Find out more and register at www.tinyurl.com/rcagadvent25

Arabic Mass: A General invitation to all Christians Arabs in Scotland. We are honoured to invite you to participate in our Arabic Mass on 7th December at 12pm in St Patrick's Church, 137 William Street, Glasgow, G3 8U. Traditional sweets will be offered after Mass. (Follow us on Facebook - Christian Arabs in Scotland).

Inaugural Stella Maris Lourdes Pilgrimage: Mon 25 – Sat 30 May 2026: We warmly welcome serving or retired seafarers, fishers and their family members or carers to spend six grace-filled days of prayer, healing, and fellowship in the beautiful sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes. This pilgrimage will be fully funded (including travel, accommodation, and meals). To register your interest, or request further information please contact: Dcn. John Fogarty: john.fogarty@stellamarismail.org | 07986 723015; Hugh Ramsay: hugh.ramsay@stellamarismail.org | 07432 654032

Newman Association: A Better World is Possible (Where all people survive, thrive and flourish with human dignity) - A talk by Lorraine Currie. CEO SCIAF: The Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 204 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 0AA at 7.30pm on Thursday 4th December 2025 . All welcome. Refreshments provided.

Abba's Vineyard: Adoration night. Come and adore Jesus in the blessed Sacrament, with the theme of Advent. The evening also includes the opportunity for Confession, Mass and dinner. All are welcome to join at any point. For young adults aged 18-35, from 5-9pm, Saturday 29th November. Address - Bl John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater Street, Glasgow, G5 0YT. For more information and a timetable search @abbasvineyard on social media or email: abbasvineyard@gmail.com.

Friends of the Holy Land: Ecumenical Advent Service, Saturday 6th December starting at 2 p.m. Prayers from the Heart of Glasgow to the Heart of Bethlehem. Join us in St Andrews West Parish Church of Scotland, 260 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JP. The community in Bethlehem will be gathered in The Lady of Shepherds Greek Melkite Catholic Church, Beit Sahour. Simulcast between the two twinned cities and featuring the renowned choir of St Aloysius' College

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

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 Welcome..

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.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

A St Aloysius' Burns Night Dinner – An Evening of Festivities featuring Burns' 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.

We are looking for young adults who are willing to help out with selling the Burns Night tickets on 7 & 14 December 2025 and 11 January 2026 at Sunday Masses.

The event is hosted by young adults of the parish and ticket costs £10 per person. The event is formal with a rich cultural programme and requires a formal dress code: Highland dress for lads and a touch of tartan for lassies

Looking forward to a wonderful parish event of the Scottish tradition.

Monday 1 December
Wednesday 3 December

Liturgical Calendar
St Andrew Patron of Scotland
St Francis Xavier SJ

Solemnity
Memorial

GIFT AID: Do you pay tax? Do you gift aid? For every £1 you contribute to the church, we can claim back an extra 25% of what you give. This is at NO EXTRA COST TO YOU! If you have an income (wage, salary, pension or investment income) on which you pay UK income tax, the tax people will add 25p for every pound you give. be made. This is a huge benefit to our parish. If you are a tax payer, please consider Gift Aid. Forms available from the back of the church or the office.

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 
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First Collection: £ 2,186.94

Second Collection Catholic Education: £101.54

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This Weeks Second Collection is for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service which promotes and supports Catholic Education in Scotland. Want to become a Catholic school teacher? Visit <https://sces.org.uk/becoming-a-teacher/>

MASS TEXTS AND READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's Kingdom

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9 R. Cf.v1

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Second Reading

St Paul to Romans 13:11-14

Our salvation is near.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

Stay awake so that you may be ready.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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