

St Aloysius' Church

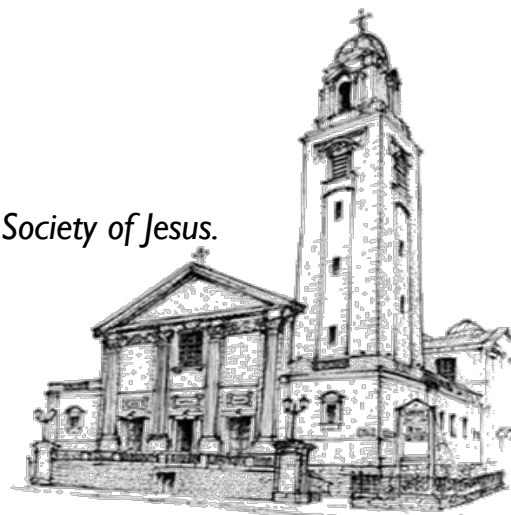
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17 November 2024

Thirty Third Sunday of the Year

Year B

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 Every Sunday after the 12.00 noon Mass

RCIA Programme 2024-25

For those wishing to become Catholics takes place on Mondays at 7.30 pm in the Ogilvie Centre.

Car Parking

Parking is available on a Sunday in the College Car Park in Scott Street.

Pope's Prayer Intention (November)

For anyone who has lost a child.

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Young Adults Group

Sunday Evening meetings at 7 p.m.

Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Scott Street, G3 6PE (go up Hill Street, 2nd road turn to right, and it is immediately on the left).

Welcoming the New English Translation of the Lectionary

Thursday 28 November at 6.15 pm Ogilvie Centre Speaker: Father Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ Mass beforehand at 5.30 p.m.

From this Advent, as a new liturgical year begins, we will again hear the great and familiar stories of our salvation, proclaimed at our Sunday and daily Masses, though in a new voice. The order of the stories and the characters within them will remain exactly the same, but the words we use will, for many, sound somewhat different. Be assured that, though some phrases may initially be unfamiliar, the story remains the same one that we already know.

From Sunday 1st December, a different translation of the Bible will be used in our Lectionary at Mass. The Lectionary brings together the readings for the celebration of the Liturgy and, for the last fifty years, most Catholics in these lands have heard them proclaimed from a translation known as "The Jerusalem Bible."

The Lectionary itself needed to be updated to, amongst other things, include the feasts of the new saints with whom the Church has been blessed over the last half of a century. The Bishops have also taken the opportunity to adopt a different English translation of the Hebrew and Greek languages in which the Bible was recorded. This translation is known as the "English Standard Version – Catholic Edition (ESV-CE)."

Assisted Suicide Bill Westminster Parliament: In less than two weeks, on November 28th, MPs in Westminster will debate and vote on Kim Leadbeater's bill to permit assisted suicide. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised.

Act Now - Contact your MP: The Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office provide excellent lobbying advice via the link <https://rcpolitics.org/assisted-suicide-contact-mps/>

Whether or not this dangerous proposal becomes law is for MPs to decide. This is why it is vital you contact your MP as soon as possible, expressing your concerns about Kim Leadbeater's proposal. The most effective way to do this is to meet with your MPs at their local surgeries. But if this is not possible you can use the very handy tool (Write to Them) available on the Parliamentary Office website. With less than two weeks to go please do your part and contact your MP.

NO to Assisted Suicide: Please see on the parish website www.staloysiusglasgow.org Dr Gillian Wright interviewed by Fr Gerard Mitchell SJ on Assisted Dying. <https://www.staloysiusglasgow.org/no-to-assisted-suicide-interview/>

PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION Friday 22nd November 2024. All Scottish MPs and MSPs in the Central Belt have been invited in order to hear and respond to concerns around the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill which will be debated in Westminster on Friday 29th November. They will be presented with a Scroll of Concern. **Meet at Blythswood Square, Glasgow at 6.00pm** to make the short walk to the Renfield Centre on 260 Bath Street for the Public meeting at 7pm.

Day of Prayer for Life: Monday 25 November: Mass at 8 a.m., 12.15 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. Exposition after 12.15 Mass until 4 p.m. and exposition after 5.30 p.m. Mass until 7 p.m. This will be an opportunity to pray especially that assisted suicide will not become legal in our country.

Aid to the Church in Need Red Wednesday 20 November 2024: Around the world Christians are finding themselves subject to increased risk of harassment, arrest and violence – churches are burnt, Christian women are abducted and raped, and the faithful are killed for their beliefs. Persecuted and Forgotten? (report of Aid to the Church in Need https://youtu.be/9ltPdtPvd_w) provides detailed information regarding the situation of Christians in 18 countries where the faithful are suffering because of state authoritarianism or attacks from extremists. Please join us for **Red Wednesday Mass** at 12.15 to raise awareness of Christian persecution worldwide. ACN's #RedWednesday is now a national and international campaign – thanks to you! With red being the colour of martyrdom and ACN's brand colour we invite you to wear something red on the day. We invite you to pray in the Sacred Heart Chapel and to sign cards for persecuted Christians.

Winter Warm Hub – Wednesday 20 November: Our warm hub for the winter is open every Wednesday from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Retreat - Be still and know that I am God - Theodore House, Stonyhurst College, Lancashire - Thu 21 Nov (arrivals late afternoon) – Sun 24 Nov. Join Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, for this retreat. For bookings: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/>

Mass for the Deceased: A Holy Souls Mass will be held on Saturday 23rd November at 12.15 pm. Candles will be lit for any loved ones who have passed away during the last year. If you have a name you would like to be added to our list for reading out at Mass, please email to the office (office.manager.staloysius@gmail.com) or give to one of the priests. Refreshments will be served in the Auditorium on the 2nd floor after Mass. All Welcome.

Foodbank: The next foodbank collection will take place over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th November. Priority items are: UHT milk, diluting juice, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, tinned custard, biscuits and used bags for life.

Solidarity Gathering, Dungavel Detention Centre, Sunday, 24th November, 1pm: Justice & Peace Scotland are among those involved in the Solidarity Gathering at Dungavel Detention centre next Sunday. The event will follow the format of a two-minute silence to show solidarity with the asylum seekers detained there. This will be followed by some short speeches and readings. There will also be an opportunity to hand in cards and some biscuits and sweets for those held in the facility. A warm welcome is extended to any groups or individuals who wish to attend. Please feel free to bring banners or placards.

Home Visits for the Sick: If you are living in St Aloysius' parish and are ill and housebound, or have a relative or friend who is ill, please contact the parish office and a visit will be arranged. Holy Communion can be brought regularly to those who are ill and housebound and who are unable to attend Mass.

Salt, Leaven and Light: Encouraging Catholics to share the joy of the Gospel: FireCloud is offering a new learning and formation course in evangelisation for parishes. Salt, Leaven and Light is for practicing Catholics from the Archdiocese of Glasgow who have a real desire to undertake practical evangelisation and outreach initiatives in their parish community. Course dates run once a month from November 2024 - June 2025 and sessions include learning and practical skills development for evangelisation. No previous ministry experience is needed. This is a great chance to grow in confidence to lead or contribute to evangelisation in our parishes. Further information at www.fire-cloud.org. If you would like to attend please let Fr Mitchell know.

Christmas Cards: There is a small selection of Christmas Cards for sale in the shop. If you wish to have a look, please ask Alison in the office, who is available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

**Charity Recital – St Andrew's Day
Saturday 30th November at 7.00 pm in the Auditorium**

Reese Manglicmot and Friends present an informal Charity Recital inspired by the life and patronage of St Andrew, Apostle. Featuring music for piano, saxophone, oboe and baroque flute performed by students of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. All proceeds go to the St Aloysius' ESOL school for refugees and asylum seekers.

Making Sense of Luke – Journeying through the Gospel

On most Sundays in 2025 Year C, we will follow the Gospel of Luke. To help us hear, the Gospel with a deeper appreciation during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass Fr Gerard Mitchell and Fr Laco Sulik will give an introduction to the Gospel highlighting some of its main themes and characteristics.

Thursdays of Advent - 5th, 12th and 19th of December, after 12.15 Mass and repeated in the evenings at 6.15 pm with Mass beforehand at 5.30 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday 5th December Introduction to St Luke, Thursday 12th December The Advent of our God Chapters 1 & 2 of the Gospel, Thursday 19th December, The Advent of our God Chapters 1 & 2 continued

COP29: To mark COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, the Catholic Bishops of Scotland, encourage world leaders to agree to and establish a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty to commit all nations to a rapid and just transition away from fossil fuels. This transition is vital to address the urgent needs of our planet and its people both in Scotland and overseas; those currently suffering from economic precarity, poverty and environmental destruction; and the unborn future generations from whom we are borrowing the Earth. Copies of the statement are available at the back of the church

New Encyclical from Pope Francis Dilexit Nos - He Loves Us

Pope Francis has written an encyclical on the Human and Divine Love Of The Heart of Christ (devotion to the Sacred Heart). This is a very good document to read slowly and prayerfully as a form of spiritual reading. <https://www.va.can.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/20241024-enciclica-dilexit-nos.html>.

Liturgical Calendar

Thursday 21 November	The Presentation of Our Lady	Memorial
Friday 22 November	St Cecilia	Memorial

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection

First Collection - £1133.86 Second Collection £667.31

Contactless Machine: £345.50

This week's second collection is for Parish Expenses

Next Week's second collection is for Education Sunday

MASS TEXTS AND READING

Entrance Antiphon

Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

When that time comes, our own people will be spared.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:5, 8-11. R. v.1

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

By virtue of one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 24 :42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Gospel

Mark 13:24-32

He will gather his chosen from the four winds.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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