St Aloysius' Church

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

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Third Sunday of Advent – Sunday 12th December 2021

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#### **SERVICE TIMES**

Sunday Mass Vigil (Saturday): 5.00pm

Sunday: 10.00am,

12.00noon (choir),

& 9.00pm

Weekday

Monday - Friday: 8.00am, 12.15pm,

Mass

Saturday: 12.15pm

& 5.00pm (Vigil)

**Confessions** Mon - Sun: 30 minutes before

Each Mass

**Exposition** Sunday after the 12.00 noon Mass



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# Christmas at St Aloysius' Church

Carol Service: Sunday 19th December at 4.00 pm

24 December 6.00 pm Family Mass 8.30 pm Carols 9.00 pm Midnight Mass

25 December 10.00 am and 12.00 pm No Vigil Mass

26 December Normal Mass Times

27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st December 12.15 pm



# Carol Service – Sunday 19th December

All are welcome to attend our Carol Service which commences at 4.00 pm next Sunday.

## **Jesuit Refugee Service**

We would like to thank the Jesuit Refugee Service for speaking to us last week. Thank you to everyone who donated to their appeal. We raised a total of £5,100.

#### **Christmas Cards**

Although our church shop remains closed for the moment, there is a small stock of Christmas Cards available for sale. If you wish to purchase cards, please ask at the office and Alison will open the shop for you during weekdays. Thank you!

#### **Contact Details**

If you are not on our list when you come into the church, and would like us to have your contact details, please fill in one of the buff cards on the back bench and 'post' it in the Jesuit Missions box attached to the rear wall.

#### **Persecuted Christians**

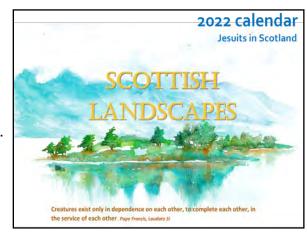
If you wish to send a card to any of our persecuted Christians, a member of the Public Life Group will address your card. If possible, a donation of £2 would help to pay for the stamp. The cards are in a basket on the table outside the Holy Souls altar with a list of the persecuted Christians.

#### **Contactless Donation/Collection Machines**

Our machines are situated at either side of the church outside the confessional boxes. If you wish to add gift aid to your donation, this is available on the machine, simply add the details asked for. The machines are easy to use and convenient as can be used contactless or with your card details.

#### St Aloysius Church Calendars

We are pleased to announce that Br Rene has again created another magnificent calendar of his paintings. These will be available soon and all are welcome to pick up a copy.



# St Nicholas Care Fund

#### Second Collections

Special collection on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at all Masses for Caring Sunday – The St Nicholas Care Fund. This fund supports our community by providing grants to people living with poverty and inequality in our locality. They have also

provided small boxes for you to pick up at the back of the church if you wish – these can be filled with your loose change. At the Carol Service in the afternoon at 4.00 pm, a collection will be taken for St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society (Adoption Agency). Our crib donations will also be donated to this worthy cause.



#### The Scottish Catholic

Scotland's new national Catholic publication is for sale at £2. You will find copies on the table outside the Holy Souls Altar. It comes out every two weeks. Their social media accounts are active, @thescotCatholic on Twitter and @ScottishCatholic on Facebook.

## **Foodbank**

Many thanks for your generosity at our recent collection, especially for the children's treats.

The last weekend of this month falls at Christmas time, so we will hold the next collection until the last weekend of January, 2022. The need then will be just as great, and more parishioners will be available to donate, all being well. We will notify you in the newsletter the week before of the items which are needed urgently.

# Ask your MP to end 'DIY' abortion

The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary 'DIY' abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end these dangerous 'DIY' abortion schemes. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website today which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. Please visit <a href="www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY">www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY</a> to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.



Fr. Gerard Mitchell, S.J. and Fr John Twist, S.J. invite Senior Citizens to enjoy Christmas 2021 with a Celebration Lunch on Friday 17 December at 1pm in the Ogilvie Centre of the Church.

Come along – have lunch and spend the day with the Clergy and other parishioners. The parish will be delighted to have you as our guest. All are welcome.

Bookings & details from the Parish Office 0141 332 3039 or Anne Walker 07834 410608 or Mary Jo Hillier 07545 976515

#### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

13 December 14 December St Lucy

St John of the Cross

Memorial Memorial

#### 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 Zephaniah 3:14-18

The Lord will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm

Is 12:2-6. R. v.6

Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Music for 12.00 noon choral Mass





Second Reading Philippians 4:4-7

The Lord is very near.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4,6

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

Gospel Luke 3:10-18

What must we do.

**Communion Antiphon** 

Cf. Is 35:4

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