

St Aloysius' Church

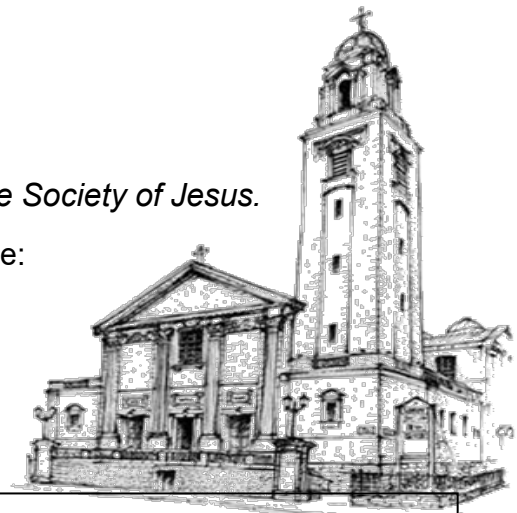
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4 January 2026

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

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 at 3 p.m.

Feast of the Epiphany 2026

My Dear Sisters and Brothers, There is a zoo in Mexico which I visited a few years ago, and it has one exhibit which is labelled "the most dangerous animal on the planet". As you look in to the enclosure to see that animal, you see yourself. For what is in the enclosure is a mirror, and the most dangerous animal is humanity. Human beings are a danger to the world and to themselves.

When we lock the door of our house at night, we do so to protect ourselves from our fellow human beings. When our country stockpiles its arms and builds up its military defences, it does so to protect itself from our fellow human beings.

We all long for peace, we have a deep desire for peace – yet peace is shattered by our fellow human beings.

Each year we start the new year with a prayer for peace, but, as we do so, we look

around and see war and conflict, death and destruction – all caused by humanity.

Every dispute arises, every fallout with our neighbour starts, every military intervention begins in the same place - the human heart. Because in our heart there is anger, bitterness, greed, envy, pride, fear. It only takes a little spark to flame a fire. The more at risk we feel, the more we take action to protect ourselves, with better locks on our door, or more weapons for our army. Better locks on our door may help keep out the thief, but more arms for our army just tends to encourage our potential enemy to do the same and increase their weapons, and we end up no safer than we were before.

So, our prayer for peace is not just that armies will stop fighting, that acts of terrorism and warfare will cease, that countries will live in harmony with one another. Our prayer is for every human heart, our own included, to be purified of all that is within it that leads to conflict. We pray for disagreements to be settled without resorting to violence, for human life be valued as precious, and for the taking of human life to never be seen as a means to resolve human disputes.

We are each of us part of humanity, and we all struggle to have that peace in our heart, that leads to peace in our family, in our neighbourhood and in our world. We pray for peace, since only with God's help can we overcome the human weakness that makes humanity a danger to the world and a danger to ourselves.

+William Nolan Archbishop of Glasgow,
President of Justice & Peace Scotland

Crib Donations All donations are for St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society. Our Crib – in the Holy Souls Chapel will be available to see until Monday 2nd February – The Presentation of the Lord

Sunday Lunch 11 January 2026: All are warmly invited to lunch in the Ogilvie Centre after the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday 11 January to mark a significant birthday for Dan Divers, our Director of Music. Please do join us.

At your side – the art of accompaniment

"I think that synodality is an attitude, an openness, a willingness to understand. Speaking of the Church now, this means each and every member of the church has a voice and a role to play through prayer, reflection...through a process...of dialogue and respect of one another. To bring people together and to understand that relationship, that interaction, that creating opportunities of encounter, is an important dimension of how we live our life as church." Pope Leo

Since June 2025 the parish has been looking at ways forward and how we might live in the synodal way encouraged by Pope Leo. In June there was a day called 'At your side – the art of accompaniment' which helped us explore how to do this. Then there were four sessions for those who were interested in learning more here in the parish. In September a small group of us joined with Sacred Heart Jesuit parish in Edinburgh, and then in November, 14 people from the parish went to a gathering of all the Jesuit parishes in Britain. There we looked at how things are in each of our parishes, what helps people to grow, and how to continue to deepen our faith with people in the parish and wider community.

Following the conference we really want all parishioners to get a feel for this. You will find a link on the parish website to a short video about it – please have a look to get a sense of what it's all about and what it might mean to you. Many people in our parish would welcome the chance to continue to grow in faith and deepen our relationship with God. They also want to know how to share their faith with family and the wider community. Some of you will have come to the parish retreat days we had in February, March and October. Some will have enjoyed being part of the individually guided retreat in January.

Growing in Faith: During 2026 we will continue to explore this synodal way by providing opportunities to spend time with the Lord, explore our faith, gather as a community and grow in ways of listening better to God and one another.

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.



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.

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. Next meeting Sunday 11 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 will begin again on Wednesday 7 January.

Three events to celebrate St Mungo, our city and diocesan patron **Saturday 10th January** 11.45 for 12.15 Vita Kentigerni- The Life of Mungo in The Mitchell Library, Granville Street with Church and Civic representatives **Sunday 11th January** 4.00pm St Mungo Festival Ecumenical Service Glasgow Cathedral, Cathedral Precinct, High St with Civic and Church Leaders **Monday 12th January** 7pm Vigil of St Mungo, Ecumenical Service St Andrew's Metropolitan Cathedral, Clyde St. Glasgow All welcome to these free non ticketed events

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

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. 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.

40 Hours: 40 hours devotion at Saint Aloysius will be on 25th -27th January with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the following times: Saturday 24th from 1.00 pm - 4.45 pm and after 5.00 pm Mass to 7.00 pm Sunday 25th from 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm – 8.45 pm Monday 26th from 8.30 am to 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Celtic Connections Mass The Celtic Connections Mass will be celebrated here in St Aloysius Church at 4.00 pm on Sunday 25th January.

Jesuit Institute Vacancies At the request of Fr Provincial, the Jesuit Institute is expanding its work of supporting the Province's schools in ensuring that the Jesuit charism remains at the heart of their mission. The Jesuit Institute is currently advertising for a second Schools' Officer, to work alongside Maria Neal, and three regionally-based "Ignatian Formators" to help the existing school chaplains in enabling staff to deepen their appropriation of Ignatian spirituality. You can find full job descriptions and application forms here: www.jesuitinstitute.org/news/jesuit-institute-vacancies **The deadline for all applications is: Wednesday 21 January 2026.** Interviews will take place on: Tuesday 27th January – Lancashire, Wednesday 28th January – Glasgow, Friday 30th January - London (for both Schools Officer role and the regional Schools Ignatian Formator role).

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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Christmas Collection: £2,442.35 First Collection Sunday 28 December: £1092.90
Second Collection Parish Expenses : £702.08 Contactless Machine: £618.00
This Sunday the second collection is for Justice and Peace

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 11 January The Baptism of the Lord

The Requiem Mass of David Chadwick Friday 16 January at 10.00 a.m.

Reception of body Thursday 15 January at 5.30 p.m.

The Requiem Mass of Joseph Paul Gribbon Saturday 17 January at 10 a.m

MASS TEXTS AND READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Ba 5:5

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Above you the glory of the Lord appears

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13. R. Cf.v.11

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

It has been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage, Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.

Communion Antiphon

Rv 21:23

The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.