St Aloysius' Church

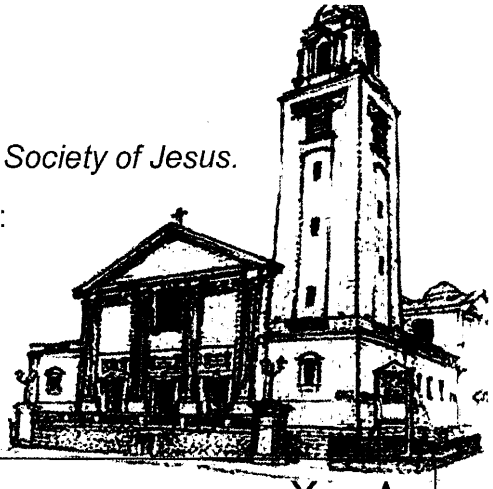
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1 February 2026 Sunday 4 in Ordinary Time Year A

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 Every Sunday after the 12.00 noon Mass

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATATION OF THE LORD MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY On this day we celebrate the close of the Christmas festival of light. Candles are blessed and we carry them in procession to welcome Christ, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of his people.

FEAST OF ST BLAISE
TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY: The Blessing of St Blaise will be given at the end of the 8 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. Masses.

Friday 6 February First Friday of the Month
Masses at 8 a.m. 12.15 pm and 5.30 pm. in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to pray for the Pope's intentions for February 2026: **For children with incurable diseases**
Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Lent & Easter 2026 Ash Wednesday is Wednesday 18 February – Masses with the distribution of ashes are at 8am, 12.15 pm and 5.30 pm. Holy Week begins on **Palm Sunday**, 29 March. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is on **Holy Thursday**, 2 April, at 8pm with Watching until midnight. The Solemn Liturgy of **Good Friday** is at 3pm on Friday 3 April. The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter is on **Holy Saturday**, 4 April, at 9pm. Masses on **Easter Day**, Sunday 5 April, are at the usual times of 10 a.m., 12 Noon and 9 pm.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

The Jesuit Community in Glasgow,
the Principal of St Aloysius' College,
the Director of
the Ignatian Spirituality Centre,
the Parish Priest of St Aloysius' Church
and the Coordinator of the
St Aloysius' Refugee Language School
warmly invite
all our friends and colleagues,
parishioners, parents,
families and young people,
our pupils & Old Aloysians
to a Mass of Thanksgiving
to celebrate our shared mission and life.

Friday 20 March, 6.00 pm
St Aloysius' Church
followed by a reception
in St Aloysius' College Hall.

RSVP Mrs J McWilliams
at CFAdmin@staloysius.org
by Friday 13 March

Small Faith Sharing Groups for Lent in the Ogilvie Centre: Thursdays of Lent 19th, 27th February 5th , 12th, 19th March after the 12.15 Mass. Light refreshments will be served. The focus will be on the Gospels of the five Sundays of Lent. On Thursday 19 February we shall follow the gospel for the First Sunday of Lent **Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.** Anne Muldoon will lead the group. Faith-sharing groups offer us the opportunity to grow not only in our love of God's word, but also in our love for one another.

The Passion According to Matthew : Preparing for Holy Week & Easter Wednesday 11th Wednesday 18th March After 12.15 Mass repeated in the evenings at 6.15 pm with Mass beforehand at 5.30pm Light refreshments will be served. A study of the passion of Jesus in the gospel of Matthew from the Last supper to the Burial of Jesus.

Shroud Of Turin As we approach the time of Good Friday and Easter in the Church's calendar, focus increases on one of the most fascinating of Christian relics – the Shroud of Turin. Many believe that this is the actual shroud that the body of Jesus was wrapped in after his crucifixion, and it certainly is the most discussed and most examined relic in Christendom. David McKenzie, a parishioner, is a member of the British Shroud of Turin Society; David will be giving an illustrated talk about the Shroud, its history, why it causes so much controversy and the unanswered questions that still surround it. This talk will be after the 12:00 mass (around 1:30p.m.) in the Ogilvie Centre on Sunday 22nd February. A buffet lunch and refreshments will be available. Parishioners and their friends are invited to join us.

Peregrinatio Pro Christi (Travelling for Christ): Every year some members of the Legion of Mary volunteer to take part in a Peregrinatio Pro Christi project (PPC) to another country. This coming Holy Week a group from Ireland will be travelling to Scotland to help with evangelisation in St Aloysius', Garnethill. They will be assisted by legionaries from Glasgow. We would like to invite you to pray for this project which begins on Saturday 28 March and ends on Saturday 4 April. We are also looking for kind members of our community who would be happy to offer our visitors a bed for the night during their time with us.

Newman Association: Building peace in Babel –Burma's future after five years of conflict - A talk by Dr Michael Marett-Crosby. CEO Suu Foundation: The Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 2049 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 0AA at 7.30pm on Thursday 5th February 2026 . All welcome. Refreshments provided.

RCAG Young Adults – Holiness in Ordinary Life: RCAG Youth invites young adults aged 16–35 to the first session of our Spring Series, *Holiness in Ordinary Life*. This evening will help young adults embrace their universal call to holiness by exploring how God's presence can be woven into the ordinary routines of everyday life. Wednesday, 12 February, 7–9 pm, Eyre Hall, 196 Clyde Street G1 4JY. **Register at RCAGyouth.co.uk** All young adults are welcome.

St Aloysius parish and the Ignatian Spirituality Centre - Growing in Faith sessions - Deepening faith and exploring the gift of active listening - **Four Saturdays 10.30 - 3pm.** 17 January, 21 February, 21 March, and 18 April. These are designed for individual growth in faith so include prayer together and alone, and also to help us answer the call of Pope Leo to be a church of accompaniers / listeners - so there will be some input on how to do this as well as opportunities to put it into practice. We will have the morning together with input, prayer and reflection. We will break for Mass at 12.15 and then lunch. In the afternoon there will be more time for prayer and input especially on the skills of being better listeners. We will finish at 3pm. There is no cost to the days but donations would be welcome for those who are able to contribute. We look forward to seeing you. If you can't come to all the days please come along to the ones you can. Please feel free to invite any friends to join us. 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 day. If you wish to find out more or sign up for the programme, please email

marianne.lucchesi@iscglasgow.co.uk for a link to the form or further information, please use the QR code

Human Fraternity Document on World Peace and Living Together Annual Conference "Human Fraternity in Practice: Responding to Migrants and Refugees Today" 4th February 2026 Registration & Refreshments 6.30pm Conference 7.00pm ~ 9.00pm The Albany, 44 Ashley Street Glasgow G3 6DS Scan the QR code on the notice in the church porch or use the link to register https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/human-fraternity-in-practice-responding-to-migrants-and-refugees-today-tickets-1980333546948?aff=oddtdtcreator The conference is organised by the Committee for Intereligious Dialogue of the Scottish Bishops Conference

St Patrick's Day Mass: The annual St Patrick's Day Mass will take place on Saturday 14th March at 10am in St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street, Glasgow. All welcome.

Assisted Suicide Bill: 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 in February/March 2026 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. At this stage the best thing to do is to arrange a surgery appointment with Constituency and List MSPs and speak directly to them The MSPs that represent you want to know what you think. If they vote against, they must be able to say that people have contacted them and expressed this view. Please visit https://carenotkilling.scot/ to contact your MSP.

Please email your MSPs to support Ash Regan's *Unbuyable* Bill that will criminalise the buying of prostitution, and decriminalise the victims of sexual exploitation. It will shift criminal responsibility onto perpetrators, reduce demand, and help deter human trafficking. Please email your MSPs today to urge them to support the *Unbuyable* Bill. Parliament will vote on this bill on 3 February 2026. Click the QR code for more info and a pre-made email template to send to your MSP in as quick as 30 seconds.

Abba's Vineyard Adoration night. Come and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, with the theme of Gods Word and Pope Leo's intention for the month. 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 31st January. 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.:

'GOING DEEPER' FOR PEOPLE NEW TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA): 1-3 May Pluscarden Benedictine Monastery, Elgin, Take time to pause and reflect on your faith journey in the beautiful surroundings of Pluscarden Benedictine Monastery. Arrivals from 5pm on Friday 1st May and leaving after 12:00 noon lunch on Sunday 3 May. This residential retreat is designed for those who have been through RCIA (a programme which prepares people to become Roman Catholic). The weekend will include opportunities to try different ways of praying, exploring some of the Ignatian (Jesuit) and Benedictine traditions, and sharing with others on living a reflective life. We will have time together as a group, as well as periods of silence and personal reflection. Go to ISC Glasgow - ISC Glasgow

Don't Miss Out: Financial Help for Scots in 2026. As households across Scotland continue to feel the pressure of the cost-of-living crisis, many people may be missing out on vital financial support they are entitled to. To find out more about benefits that may be available, visit mygov.scot/benefits

Archdiocese of Glasgow Lourdes Pilgrimage: Bookings are now open for anyone wishing to join the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, taking place from 16th July to 23rd July. For information about the pilgrimage go to https://joewalshtours.co.uk/tours/glasgow-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/ If you are interested in attending, or you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Pilgrimage Office at pilgrimage@rcag.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

Financial Support for Saint Aloysius Church: 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.

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

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First Collection Sunday 25 January : £1,183.51 Second Collection Assisted Parishes: £412.03
Contactless Machine: £ 482.80

Liturgical Calendar
Monday 2 February The Presentation of the Lord
Tuesday 3 February St Blaise
Thursday 5 February St Agatha
Friday 6 February St Paul Miki, S.J. and Companions

Requiem Mass of Father Simon Bishop SJ 11 a.m. Tuesday 3 February at St Mary's Church, Vivian Road, Harborne, Birmingham B17 0DN. Burial 2 p.m. Oscott Seminary
Requiem Mass of Michael Devine 10 a.m. Friday 13 February.
Reception of body Thursday 12 February at 5.30 p.m.

MASS TEXTS AND READINGS

Entrance Antiphon **Ps 105:47**
SAVE us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give tanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading **Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13**
In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 145:7-10, 13-14-10 R. Mt 5:3**
How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Second Reading **Corinthians 1:26-31**
God chose what is foolish by human reckoning.

Gospel Acclamation **Mt 11:25**
Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12**
How happy are the poor in spirit.

Communion Antiphon **Mt 5: 3-4**
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land. **LDS**