

St Aloysius' Church

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

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Fourth Sunday of Advent – Sunday 19th December 2021

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Mass	<i>Vigil (Saturday):</i>	5.00pm
	<i>Sunday:</i>	10.00am, 12.00noon (<i>choir</i>), & 9.00pm
Weekday Mass	<i>Monday - Friday:</i>	8.00am, 12.15pm,
	<i>Saturday:</i>	12.15pm & 5.00pm (<i>Vigil</i>)
Confessions	<i>Mon - Sun:</i>	30 minutes before Each Mass
Exposition		Sunday after the 12.00 noon Mass

Carol Service today at 4.00 pm.

A collection will be taken for St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society (Adoption Agency).

Today is Caring Sunday. Second Collection today for the St Nicholas Care Fund.



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

New Years Day Saturday 1st January 12.15 pm 5.00 pm

Arab Mass for Christmas

We invite Glasgow's Christian Arab community to mark Christmas together by the celebration of Mass in Arabic in the Maronite Rite on Sunday 19th December at 1pm at St Patrick's in Anderston.

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 beautiful paintings of Scottish Landscapes.

These are available at the back of the church. Please pick up a copy. Any donations for the calendar are very welcome and will be used for the church lighting and décor which are necessary.

These can be placed in the Restoration Box which is at the back of the church on the wall on the left hand side if you are looking towards the doors. Br Rene would like to thank Isobel Boyle and Fr Joseph Matthew for their help in editing the calendar.



Foodbank

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.

ESOL Classes for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Our Classes started their Christmas break, finishing on Thursday 16 December and will recommence on Monday 10th January. We would like to say a big thank you to all the devoted volunteer teachers and helpers who work so hard with this group and to all who have donated goods for the students and their families, all is much appreciated.

Coronavirus Restrictions

The recent update from the First Minister has alerted us to the increased danger of the pandemic, especially because of the omicron variant.

Please continue to be as careful as you can so that we protect each other.

Please remember to observe the following restrictions:

- Hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the church
- Complete the contact list with your details
- Wear face-coverings
- Communion received on the hand only
- Complete regular lateral flow tests

Safeguarding

The Bishops of Scotland have appointed the Hon. Lady Rita Rae QC as the Board Chair of the new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (SCSSA) that will be established as a private company that will act independently of the Catholic Church. This is part of the review of Safeguarding in the Catholic Church with the publication of In God's Image 2.



Archdiocese of Glasgow Arts Project (AGAP)

Online Premiere - Mon 20th Dec 2021 at 6.00pm: AGAP Theatre "Sign of Contradiction: The Christmas Story" (Recorded live in 2018). Written & Directed by Stephen Callaghan. In a park in Glasgow, on a cold Christmas Eve night, a group of homeless people gather around an open fire to keep warm. Finding an old Bible in a rubbish heap, they are considering whether to burn it for fuel when a stranger appears and begins to take them through the story of Christmas in a way that they have never heard it before. Link on YouTube available via www.agap.org.uk



JRS are looking to recruit a **Community Engagement Officer** to support fundraising and advocacy work, to raise awareness of the situation facing refugees in the UK and sharing the work of JRS in response and encourage people to take action to support refugees through giving, advocating, prayer, and volunteering. It's a fulltime role, can be based anywhere in the UK, and will involve regular travel around the county. Also looking to recruit a **Digital Communications Officer**. All the information is on the JRS website: <https://www.jrsuk.net/work-with-us/>

Christmas Eve Masses at St Aloysius' Church

To help us prepare safely for Christmas we ask you to let us know in advance if you will be attending the 6 pm. Mass or 9 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. There is no advance booking system, this is just to give us an estimate of numbers. Please let the ushers know so your name will be on the list.

We are very grateful to our volunteers who have made it possible for us to remain open for Mass and private prayer every day. If you would like to help please speak to one of the volunteers at the back of the church.

We continue to need the assistance of volunteers to clean and sanitise the church at the end of every Mass. Please do wait behind if you are able to help. Thank you!

MASS TEXTS AND READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First Reading

Micah 5:1-4

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. R. v.4

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Music for 12.00 noon choral Mass

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your
face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Communion Antiphon

Is 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.