

St Aloysius' Church

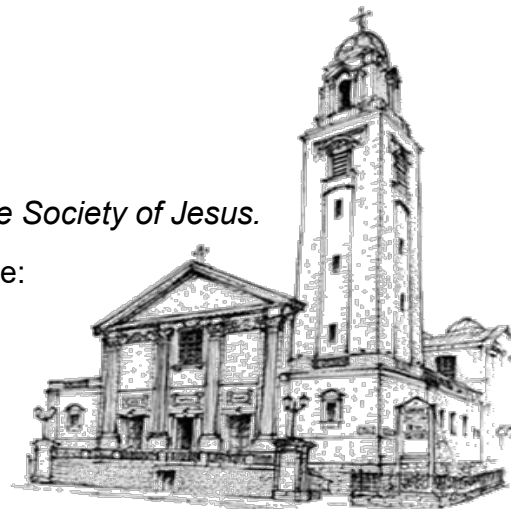
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A Church of the Archdiocese of Glasgow founded and served by the Society of Jesus.

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CLERGY: Fr Gerard Mitchell SJ (*Parish Priest*)
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7 December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent 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 Sunday after 12 Noon Mass

Advent, Christmas and New Year – Our flyer giving details of Christmas Mass times etc is available at the back of the Church

Flowers: During Advent we do not have flowers on the

30 Years of Mission: Fr Paul Martin SJ shares an advent reflection on a journey of faith, culture, and hope; and how Jesuit Missions is helping preserve the Wapichan language for future generations in Guyana. Read the full story here

<https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/bFzvBGUZKmpNI>

SCIAF Real Gifts are now on sale. This Christmas, give your loved one a Real Gift of hope and provide something tangible for our brothers and sister across the world. Gifts include seeds, warm blankets, chickens and school essential packs for people in the countries where SCIAF works. Visit shop.sciaf.org.uk. Thank you

Planned Giving Appeal: Thank you most sincerely to all those who have already returned Planned Giving Forms. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a real difference in sustaining our parish life and helps us continue our mission to be a beacon of light in the heart of Glasgow. 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

Pope's Prayer Network Late on the eve of Pope Leo's departure for his first apostolic journey to Türkiye and Lebanon, *The Pope Video* for December was released. It is dedicated specifically to the Christian minorities who must live amid war. In this last prayer intention of 2025, the Holy Father asks that we pray "that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope." He is the first to do so, reciting a prayer to the "God of peace," in the video produced and distributed by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, with the collaboration of Vatican Media.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday 8th December. Mass at 8am, 12.15 pm and 5.30 pm.



Coffee and Carols

A Christmas Carol Singing Event on the 2nd floor in the Ogilvie Centre (a lift is available) will be held on Sunday 7th December at 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Making Sense of Matthew - Journeying through the Gospel served. On most Sundays in 2026 Year A we will follow the Gospel of Matthew. To help us hear, the Gospel with a deeper appreciation during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass Fr Gerard Mitchell will give an introduction to the Gospel highlighting some of its main themes and characteristics. Monday 8th and 15th December after 12.15 Mass, repeated at 6.15 pm with Mass beforehand at 5.30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. **Monday 8th December** The Advent of our God Chapters 1 & 2 of the Gospel **Monday 15th December** The Advent of our God Chapters 1 & 2 continued

Jubilee 2025 — Small Faith Sharing Groups for Advent in the Ogilvie Centre: **Tuesdays of Advent 9th & 16th December**, after the 12.15 Mass and repeated in the evening at 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The focus will be on the Gospels of the four Sundays of Advent. Session 3 *Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?* Session 4 *Jesus was born of Mary, who was betrothed of Joseph, son of David.* Matthew 1:18-24 Anne Muldoon will co-ordinate the groups. The meetings will last approximately one hour.

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.stalloysiusglasgow.org/yam/>

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for adults who seek to become members of the Church. Meetings are on Monday evenings at 7.30 p.m. in the Ogilvie Centre, 25 Rose Street, G3 6RE. If you or someone you know would like to find out more about becoming a member of the Church, please speak to Fr. Sulik or Fr Mitchell or email stalloysius.garnethill@rcag.org.uk or phone the Parish Office 0141 332 3039.

Winter Warm Hub - each Wednesday night from 5.00 to 8.00 pm. Join us for a hot meal or take the opportunity to read, play board games, have a coffee and socialise. All are welcome

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 stalloysius.org or email Tony Gilroy, agilroy@stalloysius.org

RCAG Young Adults: | Advent Reflection Evening with Archbishop Nolan, | Monday 8th December, 7pm to 9pm | St. Andrew's Cathedral (G1 4JY). Young adults (16+) are invited to a special Advent evening to gather, pray, and prepare for the coming of Christ this Christmas. Stay after for festive treats and a chance to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Find out more and register at www.tinyurl.com/rcagadvent25

Advent Day of Confessions: On Tuesday 16th December 2025 priests will be available all day in St Andrew's Cathedral (from 9.00 until 5.00pm) for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Christmas Lunch – Thursday 18th December Fr Gerard Mitchell, SJ and Fr Laco Sulik, SJ invite Senior Citizens to enjoy Christmas Lunch in the Ogilvie Centre. A farewell celebration for Alison Fletcher, Parish Office Manager will take place at the Parish Christmas Lunch. All are welcome..

Friday 19th December – Handel's Messiah Children's Messiah at 4.00 pm. Handel's Messiah at 7.00 pm in the church. For tickets please call 0141 332 5057 or rcs.ac.uk/box-office.

St Aloysius Church Carol Service, Sunday 21 December at 4.00 pm A meditation on Scripture and music to help us to meditate on the mystery of Christ becoming man for us.

CHRISTMAS 2025

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24th December 12.15pm Mass

6.00pm First Christmas Mass

St Aloysius' Singers

8.30pm Carols

9.00pm Choir Christmas

'Midnight' Mass

Christmas Day

Thursday 25th December

10.00am Christmas Day Mass

12.00pm Christmas Day Mass

The church closes after the 12noon Mass

There will be NO Mass at 9.00pm on Christmas Day

Car Parking available in the College Car Park in Scott Street.

DEAF AWARENESS: We invite everyone who wishes to learn more about the deaf culture and signing at Mass at 6pm after the Vigil Mass. This takes place every Saturday on the first floor in the Ogilvie Centre for half an hour.

SAVE THE DATE

A St Aloysius' Burns Night Dinner – An Evening of Festivities featuring Burns' songs and recitals following a supper of traditional Scottish fare. 23 January 2026 at 7pm in the Ogilvie Centre. More details to follow in November.

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.



We are looking for young adults who are willing to help out with selling the Burns Night tickets on 7 & 14 December 2025 and 11 January 2026 at Sunday Masses.

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.

GIFT AID: Do you pay tax? Do you gift aid? For every £1 you contribute to the church, we can claim back an extra 25% of what you give. This is at NO EXTRA COST TO YOU! If you have an income (wage, salary, pension or investment income) on which you pay UK income tax, the tax people will add 25p for every pound you give. be made. This is a huge benefit to our parish. If you are a tax payer, please consider Gift Aid. Forms available from the back of the church or the office.

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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Monday 8 December
Saturday 13 December

Liturgical Calendar
Immaculate Conception
St Lucy

Solemnity
Memorial

MASS TEXTS AND READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Is 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

He judges the wretched with integrity

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,17 R. Cf.v7

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails

Second Reading

St Paul to Romans 15:4-9

Christ is the saviour of all

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand

Communion Antiphon

Ba 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.