

St Aloysius' Church

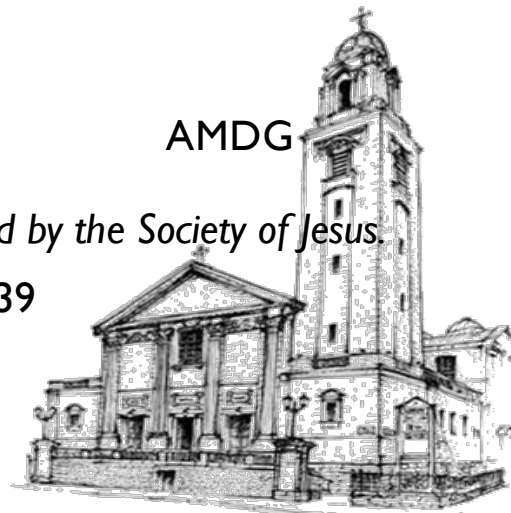
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26 November 2023

Christ the King

Year A

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Mass Vigil (Saturday): 5.00 pm
Sunday: 10.00 am
Signed Mass for the Deaf
12.00 noon (Choir),
& 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



Foodbank

Foodbank collection this weekend.

Priorities for the month are: UHT milk, breakfast cereal, diluting juice, pasta/spaghetti, tinned tomatoes, tinned beans, tinned meat, tinned tuna, tinned veg, tinned custard, tinned fruit, teabags, biscuits, and used bags for life.

Thank you for your continued support.

<http://glasgone.foodbank.org.uk>

Advent - December 2023

Advent begins on 3rd December. Our flyer is available detailing dates and times for our Advent programme.

Today is Education Sunday. Our Second Collection is for this cause.

The Solemnity of Christ the King is World Youth Day.

Please pray, particularly today, for all our young people that they will encounter Jesus in a personal way through the Sacraments, the celebration of the Word of God, the example of others and the love of our parish communities.

1.5 million young Catholics gathered with Pope Francis, last July, in Lisbon to celebrate their faith. It was an astonishing event. Many, many, more would have liked to have been present also.

Our Catholic Church is young in most parts of the world and we have an emerging committed, vibrant Catholic youth scene here in Scotland, too, with young Catholics living their faith with courage, wholeheartedness and a desire to grow, in our city, Archdiocese and country. More and more of our parishes are reengaging with young people, with new youth and young adult groups emerging every few months in different places, and our Archdiocese is offering opportunities for parishes to rebuild youth ministry, as well as directly reaching out to young people.

Pope Francis has given us the theme “Rejoicing in hope” (cf. *Rom* 12:12) for this celebration of World Youth Day. This is something each of us can do! Let us respond to St. Paul’s call, echoed by the Holy Father and ‘rejoice in our hope, be patient in our tribulation and be constant in prayer’ (cf. *Rom* 12:12).

The virtue of hope sustains us and helps us to move forward, with God, when things are hard or when the path ahead is unclear. We are living in extraordinary times. Our Catholic Church is ever more conscious of the need to foster participation and co-responsibility in the mission and life of the Church because of our baptismal calling. All of us can contribute to the life of our parishes and to sharing the gospel, particularly with the young.

Do not be afraid to encourage your peers, your children, grandchildren, relatives and friends in their faith. A small, loving, expression of the presence of Jesus in our world may be all it takes.

While some are not ready, many young people are searching to understand what their life is really for and about. Our faith is the beautiful answer. Be positive. Be gentle and sensitive, honest and understanding, but don’t be afraid to share that faith with them.

If you would like to find out more about how you can reach out to the young people in your parish, please speak to your parish priest or contact youth@rcag.org.uk. We are excited to support you so that every parish may engage with their youth and young adult parishioners!

Canon Gerard Tartaglia Youth Office Director

Young Adults Group

Meet on Sundays, in the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, with light supper at 7.00 pm, then discussions on faith issues, with option to attend 9.00 pm Mass. The Centre is in Scott Street G3 6PE (go up Hill Street beside the church, pass Dalhousie Street, next is Scott Street, turn right into it and the Centre is immediately on your left). If you have not been before why not try us?

RCAG Youth - Advent Holy Hour with Archbishop Nolan: Join the Archbishop and other young adults for this festive event in which you can reflect and prepare spiritually for Christmas. Mince pies and mulled wine to follow. 1900 – 2000, Mon 11th Dec in St. Andrew’s Cathedral. All 16 to 35 year olds welcome. www.rcagyouth.co.uk

First Friday, 3 December – 5.30 – 7.00 pm Mass at 5.30 pm for Pope Francis Intentions followed by Synod Retreat Meditation using Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP Final **Synod Retreat Meditation: ‘The Spirit of Truth’**

Praying for the Intentions of Pope Francis for December : For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Walking Together *in* Advent: Women Reconciliation and the Synod
Saturday 16 December, following 12.15 Mass – 4.00 p.m, in the Ogilvie Centre Mary the Mother of Jesus and voices from the Synod All are welcome. A light lunch will be provided. Please do join us.

Blessing of the Glasgow Crib: takes place in George Square on Wednesday 29th November at 6.30pm. Please make an effort to go along and support this annual event to witness to the Nativity.

Friends of the Holy Land Ecumenical Advent Service: at Glasgow Cathedral (next to Royal Infirmary) on Saturday 9th December at 2pm. All welcome to pray for peace in the Holy Land.

Farewell to Fr Joseph Matthew SJ: We wish a fond farewell to Fr Joseph Matthew, SJ on successful completion of his doctoral studies. He returns home to Kerela this week.

RCIA Programme 2023-24

We have now started our RCIA course for those wishing to become Catholics. It is still possible for new people to join, please come to our Monday Meetings at 7.30 pm in the Ogilvie Centre.

Winter Warm Hub

Our warm hub for the winter has commenced - each Wednesday from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm. The Winter Warm Hub will be open to welcome people, young and old, individuals, families and children. The church hall (the Auditorium, 2nd floor) will be open at 25 Rose Street as a hub for people to utilise. All are welcome. Join us for a hot meal or take the opportunity to read, play board games, have a coffee and socialise. Volunteers to assist in the hub will be much appreciated. If you can volunteer, please contact the Parish Office on 0141 – 332 – 3039 or staloyius.garnethill@rcag.org.uk

Christmas Cards

There is a small selection of Christmas Cards for sale in the shop. Included are St Aloysius' Church cards beautifully photograph by one of our parishoners. If you would like to buy cards, please ask at the Office and Alison will open the shop for you.

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St Aloysius' College Schola Winter Concert

St Aloysius' College Schola Winter Concert 6 p.m. Tuesday 5 December 2023 followed by refreshments in the College Hall

St Aloysius' College Upcoming Open Events

Junior and Senior School Open Morning Friday 8th December - 10:30am – 12:00pm

Kindergarten Open Morning Friday 8th December - 10:30am – 12:00pm

Kindergarten and Junior School Open Day Thursday 11th January

Kindergarten Come and Play Sessions Tuesday 16th January – 2-3:00pm
Thursday 18th January - 9:30am – 10:30am

Entrance Assessment P4 - S2 Saturday 20th January 9.00am - 12:00pm

To register your place visit us at staloysius.org or ring 0141 332 3190

Carol Service – St Aloysius' Church

Carol Service – St Aloysius' Church - Sunday 17th December at 4.00 pm Please join us for our annual Carol Service which will be led by our Choir.

Newman Association: *Reflections on Catholicism and culture in Scottish National identity.* A talk by Professor Gerard Carruthers, The Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 2049 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 0AA at 7.30pm on Thursday 7th December 2023 . All welcome.

Dunedin Consort – Handel Messiah

St Aloysius' Church, 21st December at 7.00 pm (Children's Messiah at 4.00 pm). Tickets from: rcs.ac.uk/box-office or 0141 – 332 – 5057.

Mass at Catholic Chapel, Strathclyde University: Mass at Strathclyde University Chaplaincy Centre, 50 George Street . Sunday 11 am. Monday to Friday 12.10 pm. Catholic Chapel GH216. CathSoc Tuesday 5.30pm

Liturgical Calendar

Thursday 30 November	St Andrew	Feast
Friday 1 December	Ss Edmund Campion, Robert Southwell and Companions	Feast

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection - £875.68 - many thanks!

The two card readers are proving very helpful to those who like to donate in that way, and the contributions make a big difference to the weekly collection. The one on the right (as you leave the church) invites you to make your contribution to 'Gift Aid', generating a 25% extra from HM Customs and Revenue; and once you have signed up for Gift Aid donations in either card reader, will be treated as such.

MASS TEXTS AND READING

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep and sheep.

Responsorial Psalm

cf Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v.1

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father ; so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 11:10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 28:10-

11The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT

Advent 2023 : Letters from the Archbishop: St Nicholas Care Fund

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thirty-one years ago this year, the late Cardinal Winning established the St. Nicholas Care Fund in response to the poverty and need he witnessed throughout the Archdiocese of Glasgow.

The St Nicholas Care Fund has, over the years, provided support to people and communities throughout the Archdiocese and beyond who are facing hardship – vulnerable groups and individuals affected by addiction, loneliness or discrimination; refugees fleeing conflict and the impact of climate change, and people without homes or families of their own who are struggling to survive this winter.

Support is provided to all regardless of their religion, their race, or their circumstances.

The Care Fund relies mainly on the generous donations of the people of the parishes, so this year, once again, I ask you to dig deep and give what you can so that we can continue to direct our support where it is most needed – grants to community groups, schools, and churches providing practical support to individuals and families in need ... People in our midst. People who view the upcoming feast of Christmas with fear and anxiety rather than hope and joy

This year more than ever before, the cost-of-living crisis and international events have meant a surge in requests for assistance from the Care Fund - widening health inequalities, food inflation and diminishing financial support has badly affected those already struggling and it is the money you entrust to us which enables us to continue our work.

This Advent - and every Advent - we focus on the figure of John the Baptist who 'prepares the way for the Lord'. We can do something similar by helping those whose need is greatest. They too are waiting for the Lord, and we can be His heralds in bringing them assistance and care.

Thank you for your continued generosity and trust.

Yours devotedly,

+ Most Reverend William Nolan Archbishop of Glasgow

Loss and Damage: a Call to Action

At COP26 in Glasgow, one of the biggest disappointments was the failure to agree a fund for Loss and Damages. Countries which are most vulnerable to climate change and yet the least responsible, need financial support from industrialised countries who were, and continue to be, responsible for gas emissions. A Dialogue was set-up to continue the conversation. At COP27 in Egypt no conclusion was brought to this dialogue. Now is the moment for world leaders to take responsibility for the damage caused by climate change especially affecting the smallest and most vulnerable countries. COP28 in the United Arab Emirates should not be mere talk but take decisive action to create a robust fund to aid those struggling with climate change that threatens their very existence. May those taking part in the Conference be strategists capable of considering the common good and the future of their children, more than the short-term interests of certain countries or businesses. In this way, may they demonstrate the nobility of politics and not its shame. (Laudate Deum 60) I pray that the hearts and consciences of all participants will be sensitive and open to the cries of the poor and weak and I entrust them to the intercession of St Andrew, our patron saint, on whose feast day COP28 will begin in Dubai.

Archbishop William Nolan President of Justice and Peace Bishops' Conference of Scotland

COP28 – UPDATE AND EVENT

On Justice and Peace Scotland's social media accounts we are running a "Countdown to COP" by posting a quote a day from Pope Francis' new apostolic exhortation *Laudate Deum*. Please like and share these to encourage reflection and discussion on the pope's message and how we can act in response.

Saturday December 9th is the **Global Day of Action for Climate Justice**. The Scottish gathering is being coordinated by Stop Climate Chaos Scotland ([SCCS](#)), a network of organisations that Justice and Peace Scotland are members of. It will take place from 12.30pm outside the Scottish Parliament building in Edinburgh.

ISRAEL-HAMAS CONFLICT

The Bishops Conference of Scotland last week sent a letter to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition urging them to issue calls for a ceasefire and work for lasting peace.

CHRISTMAS CARD APPEAL FOR IMPRISONED NICARAGUAN BISHOP AND PRIESTS

This coming Advent the Public Life Group of St Aloysius' invites us to send a Christmas card to an imprisoned Nicaraguan Bishop or priest, see pages 23 and 24 of Connect and Encourage -- CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE. Copies are to be found at the back of the Church

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in
lonely exile here Until the [Son of God](#) appears. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*