

# St Aloysius' Church

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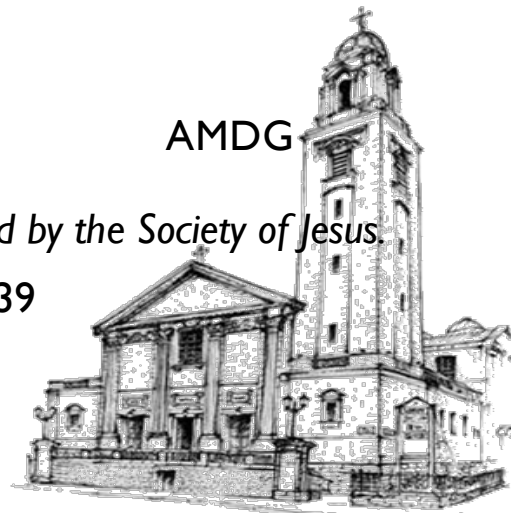
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Fr John Twist SJ  
Fr Roger Dawson SJ

3 December 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Year B

## 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

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**Friday 8 December**

**Mass times**

**8 a.m., 12.15 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.**

Please pick up a copy of our Advent flyer which details events and Mass times for Christmas

**Flowers:** During Advent we do not have flowers on the altars



**Hoping Against Hope**  
**Friday 8 December**

Following 5.30 p.m. Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Father Mathew Bomki of the St Aloysius Jesuit Community will lead an Advent Evening of Reflection and Prayer on Isaiah 11 Fr Bomki will look at the text from the prophet Isaiah in ways that connect the hopes and fears of the people in Isaiah's time and the times surrounding Jesus' birth with those of people today particularly in his home country of Cameroon.

*'The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them*

## Jesuit Missions in Advent



### ANGEL AT MY TABLE

- Each day during December, lay an extra place at your dinner table for an angel
- Set aside an amount of money for each of your angel's meals
- Total the amount and donate it to Jesuit Missions (use the QR code and mention 'Angel at My Table' on the donation form)



*"Remember always to welcome strangers, for by doing this, some people have entertained angels without knowing it."* Hebrews 13:2

In the Book of Genesis, Abraham welcomes three strangers, offering them food and hospitality. Little does he realise that he is entertaining angels. The three leave Abraham and Sarah, promising great blessings, a promise that is fulfilled with the birth of Isaac. This is the image that St Paul shares in his letter to the Hebrews.

Each year Jesuit Missions' partners help to improve the lives of thousands of people around the world through a variety of projects which support human dignity and create opportunities for people living on the margins.

### **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**

Recently a small group from St Aloysius, Alison Fletcher, Anne Walker and Fr Gerard Mitchell, attended a gathering of representatives from all the Jesuit parishes in the Province at Stonyhurst.

The purpose of the gathering was to share our experiences of the Synod so far- to discuss how we came together as individual parishes, to pray, to discern, and to listen.

The Synod which met in Rome in October invites us to deepen our appreciation of the role and mission of women. The great central Christian attitude of listening to the Word of God and doing it – attentiveness and practicality -is exemplified by Mary the Mother of Jesus.

Having considered the journey so far, and as we enter the next phase of the Synod, we invite you to a Synod gathering here in St Aloysius on 16 December in the Ogilvie Centre.

**Women, Reconciliation and the Synod** is an invitation to all in our community to contemplate some of the Women of the New Testament, Mary the Mother of Jesus, Elizabeth, Mary of Bethany and Mary Magdalen. Their attitude as women, their immediacy, their practicality, their joy in the presence of the Lord and in their response to his words are seen as central to all reconciliation, to all community involvement and to all practical action in favour of the poor and the marginalised.

**All are welcome. A light lunch will be provided. Please do join us.**

### **CHRISTMAS CARD APPEAL FOR IMPRISONED NICARAGUAN BISHOP AND PRIESTS**

This 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. <https://www.csw.org.uk/connectencourage> 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.

**SCIAF Real Gifts:** if you are looking for Christmas presents why not get a SCIAF Real Gift to help those in need. Visit <https://shop.sciaf.org.uk/>

### **Christmas Cards**

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

## **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

**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.

### **Coffee and Carols**

A Christmas Carol Singing Event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Auditorium of the Ogilvie Centre (a lift is available) will be held on Sunday Dec.10<sup>th</sup> at 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm with light refreshments to follow. All are welcome! Please join us for an afternoon of festive enjoyment.

### **St Aloysius College Carol Service**

The St Aloysius College Carol Service will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 12 December in the Church followed by refreshments in the college

### **St Aloysius' Church Service of Carols, Readings and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Our Carol Service led by our Choir will take place on Gaudete Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00 pm.

### **St Andrew's West Midweek Carol Service**

This will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00 pm. 260 Bath Street, Glasgow.

### **Dunedin Consort – Handel Messiah**

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

### **Christmas Lunch**

Fr. Gerard Mitchell, S.J. and Fr John Twist, S.J. invite Senior Citizens to enjoy Christmas 2021 with a Celebration Lunch on Friday 22 December at 1pm in the Ogilvie Centre in the Church. Come along – have lunch and spend the day with the Clergy and other parishioners. The parish will be delighted to have you as our guest. All are welcome. Please contact the Parish Office for further details

### **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?

### **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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:staloyius.garnethill@rcag.org.uk)

**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 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023. All welcome. Refreshments provided. **Please note – Remember our new venue**

### **Liturgical Calendar**

Thursday 7 December	St Ambrose	Memorial
Friday 8 December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Solemnity

**Thank you for last Sunday's Collection - £1,174.12 Education Sunday £428.68**

**Donations via card reader last week £313 – many thanks!**

**Next Sunday our Second Collection is for Ecclesiastical Students**

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**

**Cf Ps 24:1-3**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

#### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8**

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.

#### **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.

#### **Second Reading**

**St Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9**

We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Ps 84 :8**

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

#### **Gospel**

**Mark 13:33-37**

Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

#### **Communion Antiphon**

**Ps 84:13**

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.