

# St Aloysius' Church

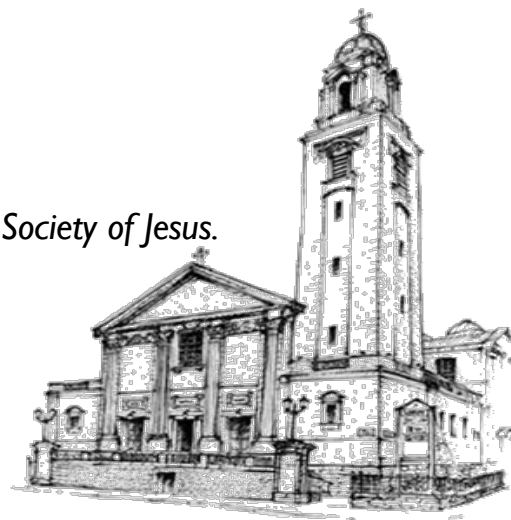
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Fr Ladislav Sulik SJ  
Fr Roger Dawson SJ

1 December 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Year C

## 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

**Car Parking** available on a Sunday in the College Car Park in Scott Street.

**Young Adults Group** Sunday Evening meetings at 7 p.m. Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Scott Street, G3 6PE (go up Hill Street, 2nd road turn to right, and it is immediately on the left).

**Advent & Christmas** : flyer giving Mass times etc is available at the back of the Church

**New Lectionary:** From this First Sunday of Advent we hear the Scriptures being proclaimed at Mass from a new translation, the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition (ESV-CE). As this happens, two significant factors are worthy of attention, one ecumenical and the other global.

Firstly, the roots of the English Standard Version (ESV) are to be found amongst Protestant evangelical scholars seeking to follow in the tradition of the King James Bible of 1611 and its twentieth century descendant, the Revised Standard Version (RSV). Notably, the New Testament element of the King James Bible was influenced by a Catholic translation prepared in Rheims in 1582 by members of the English College at Douai. Also of note is that the RSV is one of the English Bible translations most frequently used in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The ESV was reviewed by a team of Catholic biblical scholars before permission was granted by the Holy See for the use of the ESV-CE in the liturgy. As such, although the development of the ESV-CE is not formally an ecumenical venture, this work of translation is one in which Catholics and Protestants have been able to collaborate in a way envisaged by the Second Vatican Council in its document 'Dei Verbum'.

The second significant factor is that the ESV-CE has been the fruit of the work of the Catholic Church in India. Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay (Mumbai), has described the ESV-CE as "the Indian Church's contribution to the universal Church." We often hear of the global church and of a shift away from a Western-centric approach to the church's life. In the ESV-CE, we have a tangible example of this shift and of the reminder we sometimes need that the church is indeed Catholic, that is, universal.

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

### **Making Sense of Luke – Journeying through the Gospel**

On most Sundays in 2025 Year C, we will follow the Gospel of Luke. To help us hear, the Gospel with a deeper appreciation during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass Fr Gerard Mitchell and Fr Laco Sulik will give an introduction to the Gospel highlighting some of its main themes and characteristics.

Thursdays of Advent - 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of December, after 12.15 Mass and repeated in the evenings at 6.15 pm with Mass beforehand at 5.30 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December Introduction to St Luke

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December The Advent of our God Chapters 1 & 2 of the Gospel

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December The Advent of our God Chapters 1 & 2 continued

### **Pilgrims of Hope Pray as you Go Advent Retreat 2024**

***“The People that walked in darkness have seen a great light”***

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23 December 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. in the church. Join us as we begin the Jubilee Year with a retreat meditation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Monday.

**Campaign Against Assisted Dying: The Future of Care in Scotland Meeting** Thursday 5 December, 7.30 p.m. The Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius' Church. to plan next steps. All are welcome

### **Winter Warm Hub**

Our warm hub for the winter is open in the Ogilvie Centre every Wednesday from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm. to welcome people, young and old, individuals, families and children. All are welcome. Join us for a hot meal or take the opportunity to read, play board games, have a coffee and socialise

**Blessing of the Crib George Square, Glasgow.** With the Right Honourable the Lord Provost Councillor Jacqueline McLaren. Church and Civic Leaders with Glasgow Churches Together invite you to the Blessing of the Crib Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 p.m. in George Square Join us for this most joyous of occasions and welcome the Advent Season and witness the true meaning of Christmas.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> is the First Friday of the month** and Mass will be celebrated in honour of the Sacred Heart at 8 a.m., 12.15 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> July The 5.30pm Mass will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart. to pray for Pope Francis intentions for December: **For pilgrims of hope** We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

**New Encyclical from Pope Francis Dilexit Nos - He Loves Us** Pope Francis has written an encyclical on the Human and Divine Love Of The Heart of Christ (devotion to the Sacred Heart). This is a very good document to read slowly and prayerfully as a form of spiritual reading. <https://www.va.can.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/20241024-enciclica-dilexit-nos.html>.

**Laudato Si Movement.** Would you like to join the Laudato Si Movement? The next meeting of the Laudato Si Circle of St Aloysius Church will be on Saturday, 7th December between 1 and 3, in The Ogilvie Centre, Rose St, next to St Aloysius Church. All are welcome.

**The Laudato Si Circle** invite you to a Christmas Fayre on Saturday, the 21st December between 1pm and 4pm in the Ogilvie Centre. We would ask the parish to support the Fayre by donating any unwanted gifts, and fancy goods such as pictures, ornaments and gift sets. These can be left in the Baptistry at the back of the church on the weekends of 7/8 and 14/15 December and will be collected by volunteers. All proceeds from the Fayre will go to an eco project in Ecuador, the Otonga Foundation.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Coffee and Carols** Carol singing in the Auditorium from 3.30 to 5.00 pm. Light refreshments to follow. All are welcome! Please join us for an afternoon of festive enjoyment.

**Carols for Peace:** Hosted by the Lord Provost's Office, this will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm in Glasgow City Chambers. Doors open at 2.30pm. Supported by the St Mungo's Singers, Ukrainian Singers and children's choir, South Side Fiddlers, St Denis' Primary School, Piper, Harpist and St Mungo's Music Ensemble. There will be prayers for peace in the world, particularly Bethlehem, Glasgow's Twin City. Enjoy refreshments in the Satinwood Suite overlooking George Square with all its Christmas splendour, where the crib still has a place of prominence. There will be a collection for the Lord Provost's Fund for Children.

**Home Visits for the Sick:** If you are living in St Aloysius' parish and are ill and housebound, or have a relative or friend who is ill, please contact the parish office and a visit will be arranged. Holy Communion can be brought regularly to those who are ill and housebound and who are unable to attend Mass.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://rcs.ac.uk/box-office).

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – St Andrews West Carol Service – 1.00 pm**

Tea and coffee available after the service.

**St Aloysius Church Carol Service, Sunday 22 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 Lunch – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Fr Gerard Mitchell, SJ and Fr Laco Sulik, SJ invite Senior Citizens to enjoy Christmas Lunch in the Ogilvie Centre. All Welcome.

**Christmas Cards:** There is a small selection of Christmas Cards for sale in the shop. If you wish to have a look, please ask Alison in the office, who is available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

**RCAG YOUTH ADVENT REFLECTION EVENING** with Archbishop Nolan, Monday 2nd December, 7-9pm in the Cathedral. For young adults. More information and sign up: [www.tinyurl.com/adventsession](http://www.tinyurl.com/adventsession).

**Advent Day of Confessions:** On Tuesday 17th December 2024 priests will be available all day in St Andrew's Cathedral (from 9.00 until 5.00pm) for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Franciscan Sisters Advent Reflection Evenings - Three Role Models:** All from 7.00pm -8.00pm. December 2nd: John the Baptist, led by Philip McParland. December 9th: St. Joseph, led by Sr. Francesca. December 16th Mary the Mother of Jesus, led by Canon Peter McBride. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Franciscan Sisters Hall, 90 Saracen St. Possilpark Glasgow G22 5AD. Booking: Sr. Francesca: details as above.

**ADVENTure:** Advent Prayer Evenings: FireCloud is holding two Advent evenings of Eucharistic Adoration, reconciliation and music. Monday 2nd December, 7-8pm, St. Patrick's Church, Old Kilpatrick. Monday 9th December, 7-8pm, St. Margaret's Church, Clydebank. All very welcome.

**NEWMAN ASSOCIATION:** Talk by Fr Thomas Magill, PhD on The Synod's Final Document: Orientations and Major Themes in the parish hall, Immaculate Conception, 2049 Maryhill Road, G20 0AA, Thursday 5 th December, 7.30pm. Refreshments provided. All welcome

**FireCloud Nativity 2024:** Make the most of Advent by coming to see the Christmas story brought to life in music and drama. Sunday 15th December, 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm) St. Margaret's Church, Clydebank, G81 1AE. Tuesday 17th December, 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm) St. Flannan's Church, Kirkintilloch, G66 2HY. Suggested donation at the door £4 (£10 per family group) - or whatever you can afford. Tea and coffee in the hall afterwards.

**Friends of the Holy Land:** Glasgow joins with Bethlehem in a service celebrating the hope found in Jesus Christ, simulcast between the two twinned cities. Join us in St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow G1 4ER at 2.30pm on Saturday 7th December. There will be a reception in the Archdiocesan offices. The service is free to attend and walk-ins are welcome on the day, however to assist with our planning for catering please register at: [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/glasgow-service2024](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/glasgow-service2024)

**Jubilee of Youth, Rome, Summer 2025: 15 places left!** Pope Francis has invited all young people, aged 18 to 30, to join him in Rome, July 28th - August 3rd, 2025. RCAG Youth are taking a group.! If you want more information, check out the info pack when you follow this link: [www.tinyurl.com/rcagjubileeregistration](http://www.tinyurl.com/rcagjubileeregistration)

### **Liturgical Calendar**

Tuesday 3 December	St Francis Xavier, Priest	Feast
Saturday 7 December	St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Memorial

**Thank you for last Sunday's Collection**  
**First Collection - £872.24      Second Collection £288.13**

**This week's second collection is for Parish Expenses**

**Next Week's Second Collection is for Caring Sunday**

### **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**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

I will cause a righteous Branch to grow up for David.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14. R. v.1**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

#### **Second Reading**

**St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

May the Lord establish your hearts for the coming of Christ.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Ps 84 :8**

Alleluia, alleluia! Show us, O Lord, your mercy and grant us your salvation.

#### **Gospel**

**Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Your redemption is drawing near.

#### **Communion Antiphon**

**Ps 84:13**

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