

St Aloysius' Church

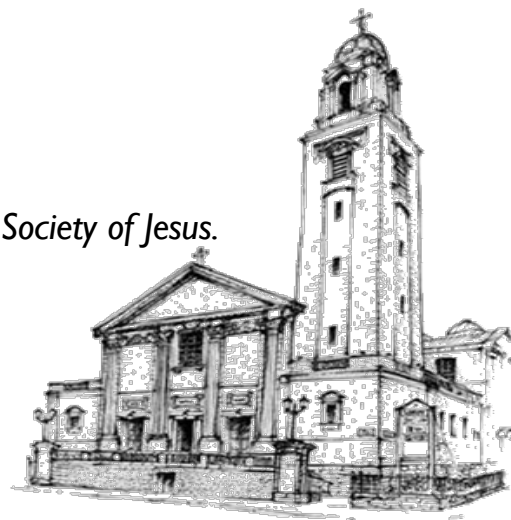
Address: 25 Rose Street, Glasgow, G3 6RE

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

Email: staloyusius.garnethill@rcag.org.uk Tel: 0141 332 3039

website: www.staloyusiusglasgow.org

Facebook: /StAloysiusGlasgow



CLERGY: Fr Gerard Mitchell SJ (*Parish Priest*)
Fr Ladislav Sulik SJ
Fr Roger Dawson SJ

22 December 2024

Fourth 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.

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

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Mass - 12.15 p.m.

Christmas Eve Confessions: 11.30-12.10 p.m. and 4.00 – 5.30 pm

Christmas Eve: Our first Christmas Mass with our Singing Group 6pm

Carols 8.30 pm , 9.00 pm Main Christmas Mass (Sung Mass with our Choir)

Christmas Day Mass times - 10.00 am and 12.00 pm
No 9.00 pm on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP NOLAN OF GLASGOW

“Oh to be a child at this time of the year. What excitement! What expectation! What longing the children have for Christmas. They teach us what Advent is all about: because Advent is a period of waiting, and they wait with such longing for they can't wait for Christmas to come. For children of course Christmas is all about toys and treats, gifts and games. Adults know that it takes more than these to satisfy the deep longings of our heart. So we too wait. And as we wait: we hope for peace and justice; we yearn for bitterness and strife to cease; we long for an end to suffering and sickness, to sadness and sorrow. Our wait is for a world touched by the presence of God: for a better world than we have today - where the teachings of Jesus inspire us all to be kind and caring people. Each year our wait for Christmas rekindles our hope, and reminds us that Christ has already come into the world, that Christ in fact is present in the world, and that the seeds of Christ's goodness have been planted in our hearts and in the hearts of so many. We long for those seeds of goodness to bear fruit, and for God's presence in the world to make the world the better place we wish it to be: Just as children can't wait for Christmas, we can't wait for the longings of our heart to be fulfilled.”

Flowers - During Advent we do not have flowers on the altars

**The Jesuit Community of Fr Gerard Mitchell, Fr Ladislav Sulik,
Fr Roger Dawson, Fr Matthew Bomki Laghai, Fr Peter Griffiths,
Mr Paul Odour Buyu, Br Francis Erzuah and
Fr Nyiribakwe, Laurien
Wish everyone a very happy, peaceful and holy Christmas.**



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.

Pilgrims of Hope Pray as you Go Advent Retreat 2024
“The People that walked in darkness have seen a great light”

Monday 23 December 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. in the church. First floor of the Ogilvie Centre.
The Advent of our God Chapters 1 & 2 continued

Foodbank

Our next foodbank collection will take place over the weekend of 28th and 29th December. Priority items are: UHT milk, diluting juice, tinned fruit, tinned custard/rice, tinned meat, tinned veg., used bags for life. For more information about the difference your donations make please visit our website at: <http://glasgowne.foodbank.org.uk/>

Parking

The College have kindly agreed to allow parking in the Scott Street playground (upper and lower car parks) and can be used by Mass attenders on Sundays. The ground will be open Sunday mornings. Please ensure that no car is left in the playground. The car park will open on 24th, 25th, 31st December and 1st January. The entrance to the church via the Ogilvie Centre, is recommended for those who are not too agile. Please do not park in the alleyway to the entrance of the Ogilvie Centre. Parking is for the disabled to use.

Flourish Holy Year Edition

The new edition of Flourish is out now – a special Holy Year edition with an 8 page pull-out containing everything you need to know about the Jubilee Year which the Pope has called for 2025. Find out how to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence, learn the Holy Year hymn, read the Holy Father’s letter on the theme of ‘Hope’ and discover the special Holy Year prayer. The December/January edition also has round-ups from parishes celebrating their anniversaries, a preview of the St Mungo Festival, details of Christmas services in the Cathedral and much more. Take a copy home FREE today. Online edition at www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk

Holy Year: 2025 is a Holy Year

With the theme of “Pilgrims of Hope”. The Pope will open the Holy Year in St Peter’s Basilica on Christmas Eve, but the local commemoration will begin on the Feast of the Holy Family, 29th December, when the Archbishop celebrates 12 noon Mass in the Cathedral. All are welcome to join him for that celebration, during which a special jubilee cross will be blessed. The Pope has decided that there can be no local Holy Doors this year – if you want to pass through a Holy Door you need to go to Rome – but instead each cathedral is to have a special cross.

Cathedral Carol Service

On Sunday 29th of December 2024, Pentaharps will present a concert of Christmas music in St. Andrew's cathedral at 2pm. From the Annunciation carol to We three kings, an hour of familiar and not so well-known Christmas music played on clarsaches. All welcome. Donations gratefully received.

RCAG Young Adult Sessions

St Mungo's City Pilgrimage Walk. Sat 11th January 2025, 10am – 3pm. Join RCAG Youth and other young adults to celebrate the City's Patron Saint whilst walking off some of those mince pies. 16–30-year-olds welcome. Pilgrimage Walk – Mass – St. Mungo's Cathedral Visit – Drygate.

www.tinyurl.com/stmungo25

ESOL Classes

Our English language classes for refugees are now having their Christmas break. They will return on Tuesday 7th January. Thank you to all who help in the vital work which is flourishing.

Young Adults Group

The next Sunday Evening meeting will take place in the New Year on Sunday 12 January at 7 p.m. in the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Scott Street.

RCIA Programme 2024-25

The RCIA group are taking a break over Christmas from after the meeting on Monday 9th December and will begin again on Monday 13th January.

Jubilee of Youth, Rome, Summer 2025

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

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.

Message from Catholic Parliamentary Office

Whilst a majority of MPs may have voted in favour of Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide bill in Westminster (330 MPs supported the Bill, whilst 275 opposed it), the fight to protect the vulnerable and improve palliative care is not over and we will soon be in touch to suggest steps you can take to defeat this bill and also the assisted suicide bill in the Scottish Parliament. It's worth bearing in mind that Scottish MPs overwhelmingly rejected the Leadbeater Bill, by 29-17. This is potentially significant and I am grateful to those of you who contacted your MP. Your emails, letters and meetings made a difference. Please remember to write to your MP and thank them if they voted against the Bill.

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT ENDS THE TWO-CHILD BENEFIT CAP

9th DECEMBER, 2024: Our Bishops have welcomed the Scottish Government's vow to lift the two-child benefit cap, which could potentially result in benefits being paid out to families of 15,000 children. The bishops look forward to seeing more detail on how the Scottish Government intends to lift the cap and hope that it will be lifted as quickly as possible to allow more children and families to receive support they so badly need

Liturgical Calendar

Wed 25 December	The Nativity of the Lord	Solemnity
Thursday 26 December	St Stephen	Feast
Friday 27 December	St John	Feast
Saturday 28 December	The Holy Innocents	Feast

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection

**First Collection - £1072.17 Second Collection £472.72 (Caring Sunday)
Contactless Machine: £283.50**

This Week's Second Collection is for Parish Expenses

MASS TEXTS AND READING

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 5:2-5a

'From you shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 80(79):2ac, 3b. 15-16. 18-19. R.4

Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading

Letter to the Hebrews 10:5-10

'Behold, I have come to do your will.'

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 1 :38

Alleluia, alleluia! 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

'Why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?'

Communion Antiphon

Is 7:14

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

LDS