St Aloysius' Church

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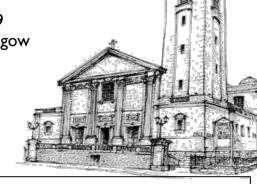
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Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Mass Vigil (Saturday): 5.00 pm

Sunday: 10.00 am,

12.00 noon (choir),

& 9.00 pm

Weekday Monday - Friday: 8.00 am, 12.15 pm,

Mass

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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



Crib Donations for St Margaret's Children and Family Care



Today our Mass times are: 10am, 12pm, and 9pm, with Exposition after the 12pm Mass.

On Monday 2nd Jan. there will be Mass in the church at 10am, after that date weekday Masses will be in the Ogilvie Centre at 8.00 am and 12.15 pm.

Parking

The College have kindly agreed to allow parking in the Scott Street playground (upper and lower car parks) to be used by Mass attenders on Sundays. The ground will be open Sunday mornings and must close in the afternoon. So please ensure that no car is left in the playground. The car park will also be open today - 1st January.

Church Restoration Progress

The church is now open each week-end. So please note:

Saturdays and Sundays the front half of the church is now in use. Please take great care in accessing the front, and come down the side aisles for access.

As we all see, the front of the church now has new lighting and decoration. We are progressing to completion by the end of January, and appeal to your generosity to meet the full cost. We are almost there with our fund raising, but still need a final boost to meet our target. Of the approximately £400,000 cost, we are just short by about £20,000.

There is a collection box available at the Sacred Heart chapel. Thanks to everyone for their many generous contributions to this major project.

Mondays to Fridays Services in the IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE in Scott Street. (Proceed up Hill Street, pass Dalhousie Street and Scott Street is the next on the right)

Winter Warm Hub

The Warm Hub continues each Wednesday, including in Christmas Week. In light of huge energy and food cost rises a 'Warm Winter Hub' will be open in St Aloysius every Wednesday, from 5 pm. – 7.00 pm. The Winter Warm Hub will be open to welcome people, young and old, individuals, families and children. The church hall will be open at 25 Rose Street as a 'Warm Winter Hub' for people to utilise. All are welcome to the Winter Warm Hub. Join us for a hot meal or take the opportunity to read, play board games, have a coffee, socialise etc. Volunteers to assist in the Winter Warm Hub will be much appreciated. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office on 0141 332 3039 or email: staloysius.garnethill@rcag.org.uk

Foodbank

Collections will resume at the end of January. The Glasgow NE Foodbank would like to thank everyone for their very generous contributions.

Week of Accompanied Prayer

Week of Accompanied Prayer in St Aloysius': An Ignatian retreat for busy people Sunday (15 January) to Sunday (22 January). If you would like to take part and for further information please email staloysius.garnethill@rcag.org.uk or phone the Parish Office 0141 332 3039

From the MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE **FRANCIS** FOR THE**WORLD DAY OF PEACE** 1 JANUARY 2023

No one can be saved alone.

Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace

What is the greatest lesson you learned from Covid-19? For Pope Francis it is that "we all need one another." So true, and yet, so often ignored. With this essential, foundational life-lesson, the Holy Father builds a New Year's invitation for global peace.

In his Jan. 1, 2023 World Day of Peace message entitled "No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace," Francis challenges us to travel on new paths that allow us to cast off the chains of our old habits, and to be better prepared to dare new things

"Certainly, after experiencing the fragility of our own lives and the world around us," Francis emphasizes that indeed, "we all need one another. That our greatest and yet most fragile treasure is our shared humanity as brothers and sisters, children of God. And that none of us can be saved alone."

Pope Francis reminds us that "At the very moment when we dared to hope that the darkest hours of the Covid-19 pandemic were over, a terrible new disaster befell humanity." He lamented the tragic war in Ukraine, and the tragedy of the dozens of armed conflicts around the world. "While a vaccine has been found for Covid-19, suitable solutions have not yet been found for war. Certainly, the virus of war is more difficult to overcome than the viruses that compromise our bodies, because it comes, not from outside of us, but from within the human heart corrupted by sin" (see: Mark 7:17-23).

In order to successfully pursue the good of all, Francis underscores an essential fact that the many moral, social, political and economic crises we are faced with are all interconnected. "And what we see as isolated problems are actually causes and effects of one another."

The Holy Father thus urges us to meet these crises head-on with responsibility and compassion. He asks us to pray to Mary Immaculate, Mother of Jesus and Queen of Peace for her intercession, and to commit ourselves to work for peace, universal public health care, the environment, the reversal of climate change, dignified work for all, an end to the scandal of starvation, and for humane policies that welcome and integrate migrants and all other human beings who find themselves discarded by societies.

Pope Francis puts to us this key question: "What then is being asked of us?" He reflects, "First of all, to let our hearts be changed." He challenges us to let God transform the usual way we view the world; to no longer think in exclusively personal and nationalistic terms. Instead, Francis points us toward the way of God; toward thinking in terms of the common good, a global community, and to "opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity."

Francis adds that we cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavor to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common."

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 2 January Tuesday 3 January Ss Basil The Great & Gregory Nazianzen The Most Holy Name of Jesus Memorial Solemnity

MASS TEXTS AND READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

First Reading Numbers 6:22-27

They are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8 R. v.2

O God, be gracious and bless us.

Second Reading

St Paul to the Galatians 4:4-7

God sent his Son, born of a woman.

Gospel Acclamation Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.

Gospel Luke 2:16-21

They found Mary and Joseph and the baby... When the eighth day came, they gave him the name Jesus.

Communion Antiphon Heb 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.