

St Aloysius' Church

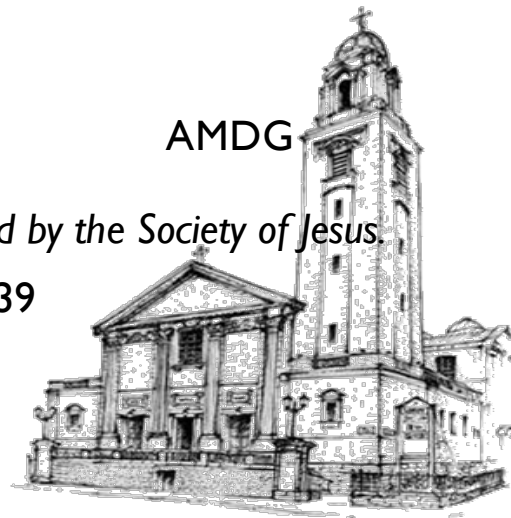
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10 December 2023

Second 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

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 17th December at 4.00 pm.

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

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

Second Collection today is for Ecclesiastical Students.



Coffee and Carols

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



Pope's Prayer Intention – 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.

St Aloysius College Notices

Kindergarten and Junior School Open Day – Thursday 11th January.

The St Aloysius College Carol Service will take place at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 12 December in the Church followed by refreshments in the college.

Kindergarten Come and Play Sessions – Tuesday 16th January – 2.00 – 3.00 pm.

Entrance Assessment P4-S2 – Saturday 20th January 9.00 am – 12.00 pm.

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

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.

St Andrew's West Midweek Carol Service

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

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.

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

RCIA Programme 2023-24

The RCIA group are taking a break over Christmas, and will begin again on Monday 15th January.

Young Adults Group

The Young Adult group meets today (theme: The Dead Sea Scrolls), but will then break over Christmas until the new year. Meetings take place 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).

Foodbank

Our pre Christmas foodbank collection will take place over the weekend of Saturday, 16th and Sunday, 17th December. Priority items for the month are UHT milk, diluting juice tinned meat, tinned beans, tinned or packet custard, tinned fruit, used bags for life. If anyone would like to contribute a Christmas treat for the children that would also be very much appreciated. The Glasgow NE foodbank would like to thank everyone for their very generous and thoughtful contributions throughout the year and wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas. <http://glasgowne.foodbank.org.uk>

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 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.

Jesuit Missions in Advent

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



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)



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.

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 Mass Times

Christmas Eve - 10.00 am and 12.00 pm Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
4.00 – 5.30 pm Confession 6.00 pm Our first Christmas Mass with our Singing Group
8.30 pm Carols 9.00 pm Main Christmas Mass (Sung Mass with our Choir)
Christmas Day - 10.00 am and 12.00 pm No 9.00 pm on Christmas Day.

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.

Liturgical Calendar

Wednesday 13 December	St Lucy	Memorial
Thursday 14 December	St John of the Cross	Memorial

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection - £1225.10

Donations via card reader last week £207 – many thanks!

Next Sunday our Second Collection is for The St Nicholas Care Fund

MASS TEXTS AND READING

Entrance Antiphon **Cf Is 30:19, 30**

O People of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading **Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

Prepare a way for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8**

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

Second Reading **St Peter 3:8-14**

We are waiting for the new heavens and new earth.

Gospel Acclamation **Lk 3 :4, 6**

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 1 :1-8**

Make his paths straight.

Communion Antiphon **Ba 5:5; 4:36**

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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