

# St Aloysius' Church

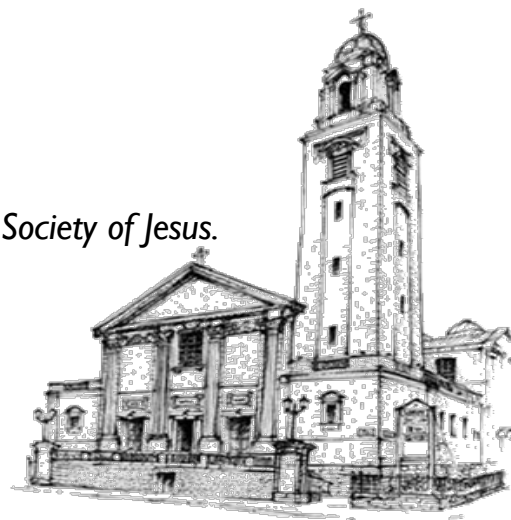
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Fr Ladislav Sulik SJ  
Fr Roger Dawson SJ

8 December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

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## 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



## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

19-24 January 2025 in St Aloysius' and St Andrew's West Church of Scotland, Bath Street.

At the end of Mass this weekend Marianne Lucchesi from the Ignatian spirituality will introduce a week of accompanied prayer led by a team from St Andrews Church of Scotland and the ISC for the week of prayer for Christian Unity. Fr Laco gave a similar introduction at St Andrew's last Sunday.

**New Lectionary:** Most Sundays at Mass, we hear readings from both the Old and New Testaments. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that: "Christians read the Old Testament in the light of Christ crucified and risen... (But we must not) forget that the Old Testament retains its own intrinsic value as Revelation reaffirmed by our Lord himself. Besides, the New Testament has to be read in the light of the Old. Early Christian catechesis made constant use of the Old Testament. As an old saying put it, the New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New."

The new translation of the Scriptures that we now use in the liturgy the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition (ESV-CE), gives life to these words in a systematic and deliberate way. The ESV-CE seeks – where it is appropriate and supported by the original languages – to make explicit the connections between the Old Testament and the New. Where the New Testament quotes from or alludes to the Old, the ESV-CE aims to match up the wording in both. In this way, the ESV-CE attempts to stress the unity of the entire Bible – the Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and spoken

**Take a closer look at the language of the new Lectionary** in Advent with Fr Jamie McMorrin Wednesday 11 Dec, and Wednesday 18 Dec at 7:00pm. Book on the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh website.

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

**Today - 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.

**Caring Sunday**

Next Sunday is Caring Sunday. The St Nicholas Care Fund provides assistance, in Christ's name, to people and communities facing hardship, putting into practice Jesus' words: "whatever you did to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did to me." Every penny you donate to the St Nicholas Care Fund goes to assist those in need. On Caring Sunday, please give what you can, so that those whose lives are blighted by poverty are given support.

**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). The last meeting before Christmas will take place this Sunday 8 December.

**RCIA Programme 2024-25**

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

**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.

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

An introduction to the Gospel highlighting some of its main themes and characteristics.

Thursdays of Advent - 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 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

**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

**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.

**FireCloud Nativity 2024** Make the most of Advent by coming to see the Christmas story brought to life in music and drama. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm) St. Margaret's Church, Clydebank, G81 1AE. Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

### **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.

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

#### **Sacrament of the Sick: Liturgy of Anointing**

The Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated on Friday 20 Dec at the 12.15 Mass.

#### **Christmas Lunch – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Lunch Fr. Gerard Mitchell, S.J. and Fr Laco Sulik, S.J. invite Senior Citizens to enjoy Christmas 2021 with a Celebration Lunch on Friday 20 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.

#### **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.

#### **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 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.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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)

#### **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.

#### **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>.

**Assisted Suicide:** sadly the Bill passed the first vote in Westminster. Thankfully our MP, Martin Rhodes, voted against the Bill, as did all the Glasgow MPs apart from the member for Glasgow North East, who voted in favour. A majority of Scottish MPs voted against the Bill with 29 voting against, 17 for and 11 not voting or abstaining. If you contacted your MP then it may be gracious now to write again and thank them for their vote (or to record your disappointment, if they voted in favour of the Bill).

## Liturgical Calendar

Monday 9 December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Feast
Friday 13 December	St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	Memorial
Saturday 14 December	St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Memorial

### Thank you for last Sunday's Collection

**First Collection - £1054.50      Second Collection £354.89**  
**Contactless Machine: £313.50**

**This Week's Second Collection is for Ecclesiastical Students**

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

### 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

**Baruch 5:1-9**

God will show your splendour.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 126. R.3**

What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

#### Second Reading

**St Paul to the Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11**

Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Lk 3:4, 6**

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

#### Gospel

**Luke 3:1-6**

All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

#### Communion Antiphon

**Ba 5:5;4:36**

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