

St Aloysius' Church

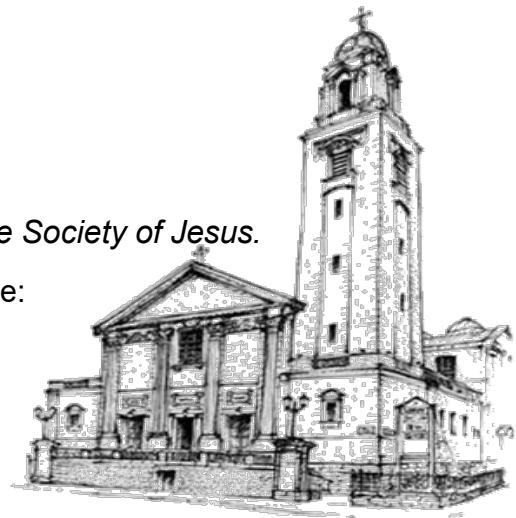
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A Church of the Archdiocese of Glasgow founded and served by the Society of Jesus.

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28 December 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Year A

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

Christmas 2025 It was wonderful to welcome so many people to the Christmas Masses this year. Thank you to everyone whose efforts contributed to these celebrations and the welcome we were able to extend to our many visitors. A special thank you to all those who cleaned and decorated the Church, and who sang and served at the Services and all who contributed to our Christmas celebrations.

Crib Donations All donations are for St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society. Our Crib – in the Holy Souls Chapel will be available to see until Monday 2nd February – The Presentation of the Lord

Jesuit Community: From the Jesuit Community, a big thank you for all the kind cards and gifts we received for Christmas. They are very much appreciated. We wish everyone every blessing for the new year.

Foodbank collection this weekend Saturday and Sunday, 27th and 28th December. Priority items for the month are: tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned spaghetti, UHT milk, diluting juice, used bags for life, and any toiletries (excluding sanitary products). For more information about the difference your donations make please visit our website at:

<http://glasgowne.foodbank.org.uk/>

Mass Times

Monday 29 December – Thursday 1 January
12.15 Mass only / No 8 a.m. Mass

Friday 2 January First Friday of the Month (No 8 a.m. Mass) Masses at 12.15 pm and 5.30 pm. in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to pray for the Pope's intentions for January 2026: For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Feast of the Epiphany - Sunday 4 January 2026:

The celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany will take place on Sunday 4 January and not on Tuesday 6 January

Sunday Lunch 11 January 2026: All are warmly invited to lunch in the Ogilvie Centre after the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday 11 January to mark a significant birthday for Dan Divers, our Director of Music. Please do join us.

At your side – the art of accompaniment

“I think that synodality is an attitude, an openness, a willingness to understand. Speaking of the Church now, this means each and every member of the church has a voice and a role to play through prayer, reflection...through a process...of dialogue and respect of one another. To bring people together and to understand that relationship, that interaction, that creating opportunities of encounter, is an important dimension of how we live our life as church.” Pope Leo

Since June 2025 the parish has been looking at ways forward and how we might live in the synodal way encouraged by Pope Leo. In June there was a day called ‘At your side – the art of accompaniment’ which helped us explore how to do this. Then there were four sessions for those who were interested in learning more here in the parish. In September a small group of us joined with Sacred Heart Jesuit parish in Edinburgh, and then in November, 14 people from the parish went to a gathering of all the Jesuit parishes in Britain. There we looked at how things are in each of our parishes, what helps people to grow, and how to continue to deepen our faith with people in the parish and wider community.

Following the conference we really want all parishioners to get a feel for this. You will find a link on the parish website to a short video about it – please have a look to get a sense of what it’s all about and what it might mean to you. Many people in our parish would welcome the chance to continue to grow in faith and deepen our relationship with God. They also want to know how to share their faith with family and the wider community. Some of you will have come to the parish retreat days we had in February, March and October. Some will have enjoyed being part of the individually guided retreat in January.

Growing in Faith: During 2026 we will continue to explore this synodal way by providing opportunities to spend time with the Lord, explore our faith, gather as a community and grow in ways of listening better to God and one another.

GROWING IN FAITH Deepening faith and exploring the gift of active listening St Aloysius Church, Garnethill with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow **Four Saturdays 10.30 – 3.00 17 January, 21 February, 21 March, and 18 April** Also a **Retreat in Daily Life starting after 12.00 Mass on Sunday 22 March**. This lasts a week and gives individuals the opportunity to meet with a prayer guide every If you wish to find out more or sign up for the programme, please use the QR code to fill in the form and we will be in touch. Alternatively please email marianne.lucchesi@iscglasgow.co.uk for a link to the form or further information.



Planned Giving Appeal: Thank you most sincerely to all those who have already returned Planned Giving Forms. Completed Pledge and Volunteer Forms may be placed in the Pledge Form boxes at the back of the church today (forms are removed at the end of each Mass) or may be handed in to the parish office

We rely on the generous financial support of those who worship in this church to be able to keep the building and our mission in Glasgow afloat. The most helpful way of giving is by Standing Order, either monthly or weekly, as this allows us to predict income and plan well. If you are a UK taxpayer, please also sign a Gift Aid form – this enables us to claim from the Government an additional 25p for every £1 you donate at no extra expense to yourself. Standing Order and Gift Aid forms are available at the back of the church. If you have internet banking, you can set up a Standing Order online. As ever, thank you for your generosity.

Jesuit Young Adult Ministries: offer an extensive programme of activities and meetings every Sunday evening at 7.00 pm in the Ignatian Spirituality Centre at 35 Scott Street, G3 6PE. We begin at 6.45pm for 7pm: a light meal is prepared, followed by a talk and discussion or prayer time with the option to attend 9.00 pm Sunday Mass. You can download the monthly programme offer or the whole programme for 2025-26 here: <https://www.stalloysiusglasgow.org/yam/> **We will not meet on Sunday 28 December and Sunday 4 January.**

RCIA Programme 2025-26 The RCIA group are taking a break over Christmas, and will begin again on Monday 12th January at 7.30 p.m. in the Ogilvie Centre.

Winter Warm Hub is taking a break for Christmas and will begin again on Wednesday 7 January.

Three events to celebrate St Mungo, our city and diocesan patron **Saturday 10th January** 11.45 for 12.15 Vita Kentigerni- The Life of Mungo in The Mitchell Library, Granville Street with Church and Civic representatives **Sunday 11th January** 4.00pm St Mungo Festival Ecumenical Service Glasgow Cathedral, Cathedral Precinct, High St with Civic and Church Leaders **Monday 12th January** 7pm Vigil of St Mungo, Ecumenical Service St Andrew's Metropolitan Cathedral, Clyde St. Glasgow All welcome to these free non ticketed events

St Aloysius' College is delighted to announce the Ignatian Academic Excellence Scholarship. This scholarship will offer pupils entering S1 or S2 up to 50% off fees from when they start until they finish in S6. This Jesuit school is committed to nurturing potential, celebrating achievement and supporting pupils who thrive through curiosity, dedication and a love of learning. To find out more, please visit stalloysius.org or email Tony Gilroy, agilroy@stalloysius.org

SAVE THE DATE

A St Aloysius' Burns Night Dinner – An Evening of Festivities featuring Burn's songs and recitals following a supper of traditional Scottish fare. 23 January 2026 at 7pm in the Ogilvie Centre. We invite young adults who would like to volunteer and help in organization of this event to come forward and leave their contact details in the sacristy.

The event is hosted by young adults of the parish and ticket costs £10 per person, a table reservation costs £50. Looking forward to a wonderful parish event of the Scottish tradition.

Jesuit Institute Vacancies



At the request of Fr Provincial, the Jesuit Institute is expanding its work of supporting the Province's schools in ensuring that the Jesuit charism remains at the heart of their mission. The Jesuit Institute is currently advertising for a second Schools' Officer, to work alongside Maria Neal, and three regionally-based "Ignatian Formators" to help the existing school chaplains in enabling staff to deepen their appropriation of Ignatian spirituality. You can find full job descriptions and application forms here:

www.jesuitinstitute.org/news/jesuit-institute-vacancies **The deadline for all applications is: Wednesday 21 January 2026.** Interviews will take place on: Tuesday 27th January – Lancashire, Wednesday 28th January – Glasgow, Friday 30th January - London (for both Schools Officer role and the regional Schools Ignatian Formator role).

Responding to Suffering

At the end of November Fr Arturo Sosa, S.J., Superior General of the Society of Jesus visited Jesuit works in the Holy Land. On his return, he wrote a powerful and heartfelt letter. You can read the full text of Fr General's letter, entitled "Returning from the Holy Land: How will the faithful respond to suffering?", here: <https://www.jesuits.global/2025/12/12/how-will-the-faithful-respond-to-suffering-father-general-s-letter-to-the-society-of-jesus>.

Donations to St Aloysius' Garnethill can be made by using the card readers located at the main entrance to the church or by scanning this QR code. Don't forget to gift aid your donation. Thank you for your support.

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First Collection: £1,198.20 Second Collection Parish Expenses : £395.74

Contactless Machine: £887.00

Carol Service Collection for Saint Margaret's Children & Family Care Society: £974.65

Liturgical Calendar

Thursday 1 January Mary, The Holy Mother of God Solemnity

day 2 January St Basil and St Gregory Nazianzen Memorial

Friday 3 January The Most Holy Name of Jesus Solemnity

MASS TEXTS AND READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Lk 2:16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 3:3-7, 14-17

He who fears the Lord respects his parents

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5. R. Cf.v.1

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-21

Family life in the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Col 3:15,16

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Take the child and his mother and escape into Egypt

Communion Antiphon

Ba 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth and lived among us.

The Burning Babe (1595) St Robert Southwell, S.J.

As I in hoary winter's night stood shivering in the snow,
 Surprised I was with sudden heat which made my heart to glow;
 And lifting up a fearful eye to view what fire was near,
 A pretty Babe all burning bright did in the air appear;
 Who, scorched with excessive heat, such floods of tears did shed
 As though his floods should quench his flames which with his tears were fed.
 'Alas!' quoth he, 'but newly born, in fiery heats I fry,
 Yet none approach to warm their hearts or feel my fire but I.
 My faultless breast the furnace is, the fuel wounding thorns,
 Love is the fire, and sighs the smoke, the ashes shames and scorns;
 The fuel Justice layeth on, and Mercy blows the coals,
 The metal in this furnace wrought are men's defiled souls,
 For which, as now on fire I am to work them to their good,
 So will I melt into a bath, to wash them in my blood.'
 With this he vanished out of sight, and swiftly shrunk away,
 And straight I called unto mind that it was Christmas day.