

St Aloysius' Church

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The Baptism of the Lord

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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.

St Mungo Festival 2025 celebrating Glasgow's patron saint Glasgow's 850th anniversary in a series of free events, talks and concerts throughout the city, takes place from 6 to 25 January 2025. Full details and booking on our website: stmungofestival.co.uk.

O Priest of Matchless Renown: Music for Mungo, Columba & Brigid Strathclyde University Chamber Choir directed by Alan Tavener Wednesday 15 January | 7.00pm | St Andrew's Catholic Cathedral, Clyde Street, Glasgow.

A Particularly Special Daughter: Glasgow from Cathedral to Kirk

Saturday 18 January at 1.00 pm, Mitchell Library Moir-Dyer Room, Glasgow. 'The Church in Glasgow from the 12th century through to the Reformation.'



Sunday 12th January 4pm the Ecumenical Service celebrating the Feast of St Mungo and Glasgow 850, at Glasgow Cathedral on High Street.

The Piper will lead a Colourful Procession of Civic and Church Leaders across the Precinct to the West Doors of the Cathedral to begin the Ecumenical Service, dedicated to the founder of our City. We will celebrate in word and song the establishment of the city as a Bishop's Burgh in 1175 in this 850th year of the City of Glasgow, with the Poet Laureate of Glasgow, Jim Carruth. Reflection by Archbishop William Nolan, Archbishop of Glasgow. The Music will be led by the St Mungo Singers, Salvation Army Band, Andrew Forbes, Musical Director Glasgow Cathedral,

Feast of Saint Mungo Monday 13 January

Kentigern (Welsh: *Cyndeyrn Garthwys*; Latin: *Kentigernus*), known as **Mungo**, was a missionary in the Brittonic Kingdom of Strathclyde in the late sixth century, and the founder and patron saint of the city of Glasgow. Particularly in Scotland, he is known by the pet name Mungo, possibly derived the Welsh: *fy nghu* 'my dear (one)'.

The *Life of Saint Mungo* was written by Jocelyn of Furness in about 1185. Jocelyn states that he rewrote the 'life' from an earlier Glasgow legend and an Old Irish document, According to Jocelyn St Mungo was born around AD 518 at **Culross** in Fife. Mungo and his mother were baptised into the Christian religion at Culross.

During his boyhood Mungo is credited with two quasi miracles. First he brought a dead robin back to life then re-kindled a dead fire.

Around AD 550 Mungo was ordained and embarked on a missionary career. Upon the death of a local dignitary he arranged for the body to be placed in a cart pulled by two wild bulls. The cart came to rest at an abandoned but earlier Christian site which is now occupied by Glasgow Cathedral.

Mungo was ordained Bishop around AD 543 at age about 25 years. He lived a penitential life as a monk in the region of what is now Glasgow and close to the River Clyde. Because of friction with local pagans Mungo went to Wales for about twenty years. Here he founded churches and a monastery.

About AD 573 Mungo was brought back to Glasgow following a Christian battle victory led by the King of Strathclyde, Rydderch whose power base was at Dumbarton, near Glasgow. After spending eight years proselytising in the Galloway region of southern Scotland Mungo returned to his former base in Glasgow.

At this time a story evolved concerning King Rydderch. The essence of the story is that the King's wife gave her ring to a knight of the court. However, Rydderch spotted the ring and became suspicious. At night he removed the ring from the

knight's finger and threw it in the river. Later he asked for his wife to produce the said ring but, of course, she could not. Mungo became involved and instructed a monk to fish in a certain spot where the ring had entered the water. The monk caught a salmon and cut it open. Then the ring was found inside the fish and was returned to the Queen, thereby re-establishing domestic harmony.

Later in life Mungo visited Pope Gregory in Rome. Here he was handed the gift of a bell which was used to summon the populace to prayer. Mungo died about age 83 years in AD 603. He was buried at a site now occupied by the lower church of Glasgow Cathedral.

In the *Life of Saint Mungo*, he performed four miracles in Glasgow. The following verse is used to remember Mungo's four miracles:

Here is the bird that never flew
Here is the tree that never grew
Here is the bell that never rang
Here is the fish that never swam^[9]

Celebrating the Nicene Creed BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship

19 Jan 2025 08:10 At the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Poet and priest the Revd Dr Malcolm

Guite celebrates and explores the Nicene Creed, in the year marking the seventeen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in 325, which first formulated its beautiful, illuminating words. The Nicene Creed invites us into the mystery of God as Trinity, a communion of love.

Young Adults Group

The next Sunday Evening meeting will take place in the New Year on Sunday 12 January at 7.00 pm 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.

Please Consider Joining the St Aloysius Public Life Group

The purpose of the Public Life Group is to assist the Parish Priest by publicising issues relevant to the Catholic Church within the parish and enabling parishioners to take action to uphold the teachings of the Church in public life. Current activities include campaigning against the assisted dying bill, publicising justice and peace and environmental and climate issues and supporting persecuted Christians. Please see Fr Mitchell if you might be interested in joining the group or would like further details. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome to attend the next meeting on Friday 17th January at 2pm on the first floor of the Ogilvie Centre.



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

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity the parish of St Aloysius and the community of St Andrew's West Church of Scotland in Bath Street and the Ignatian Spirituality Centre together will be holding a Week of Accompanied Prayer. It is a retreat experience ideal for busy people who want to explore how to deepen their spiritual life in their everyday routine. There will be the opportunity to meet with a prayer guide every day for 5 days in Garnethill. If you would like to take part and for further information please click the link <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/assets/Days-of-Prayer/RDL-Jan25.pdf> or see the flyer at the back of the church or email staloyusius.garnethill@rcag.org.uk or phone the Parish Office 0141 332 3039

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Sun 19 January at 1.30 pm - St Andrews West and St Aloysius invite you to lunch at St Aloysius. All are welcome to join us for lunch to mark the start of Christian Unity Week. If you are taking part in the Week of Accompanied Prayer you will have the opportunity after the lunch to meet with your guide to sort out when and where to meet each day of the retreat.

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.

40 hours devotion at Saint Aloysius will be on 25th -27th January with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the following timings:

Saturday 25th from 1.00 pm - 4.45 pm and after 5.00 pm Mass to 7.00 pm

Sunday 26th from 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm – 8.45 pm

Monday 27th from 8.30 am to 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

The Celtic Connections Mass will be here in St Aloysius Church at 4.00 pm on Sunday 26th January.

New Encyclical from Pope Francis Dilexit Nos - He Loves Us
Parish Reading and Discussion Group
First Fridays of the Month after 12.15 p.m. Beginning Friday 7 February Led by
Fr Peter Griffiths, S.J.

Pope Francis has written an encyclical on the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Christ. 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>

Liturgical Calendar

Monday 13 January	St Kentigern	Feast
Friday 17 January	St Anthony	Memorial

First Collection:	£464.61	
Second Collection:	£394.15	for Justice and Peace
Contactless Machine:	£192.00	

This Week's Second Collection is for Parish Expenses

Next Sunday our Second Collection is for the White Flower Appeal

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 Sunday 2nd February – The Presentation of the Lord.

MASS TEXTS AND READING

Entrance Antiphon **Cf. Mt 3:16-17**
After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading **Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**
'The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.'

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 104 (103): 1b-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30. R.1**
Bless the Lord, O my soul! My God, how great you are!

Second Reading **St Paul to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**
'He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.'

Gospel Acclamation **Cf. Lk 3 :16**

Alleluia, alleluia! He who is mightier than I is coming, said John. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Gospel **Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**
'When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened.'

Communion Antiphon **Jn 1:32, 34**
Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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