

St Aloysius' Church

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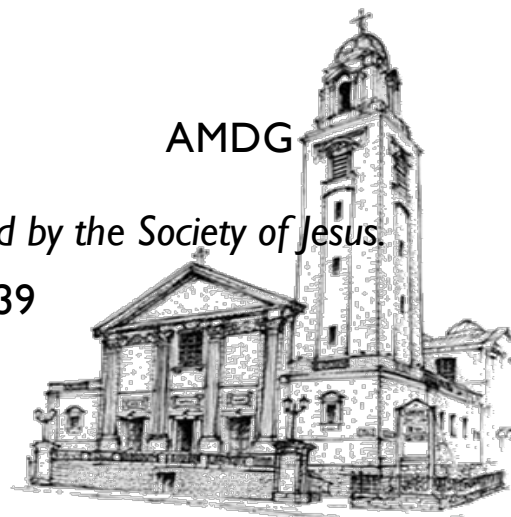
A Church of the Archdiocese of Glasgow founded and served by the Society of Jesus.

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31 December 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

Saturday 30th – 12.15 pm and 5.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

**Monday 1st Jan – New Year's Day,
Mary, Mother of God and Tuesday 2 Jan**
Only one Mass at 10.00 am

Christmas 2023 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.



The heart of the Lord began to beat within Mary; the God of life drew oxygen from her. Ever since then, Mary has united us to God because in her God bound himself to our flesh, and he has never left it. ...

She is not only the bridge joining us to God; she is more. She is the road that God travelled in order to reach us, and the road that we must travel in order to reach him. Through Mary, we encounter God the way he wants us to: in tender love, in intimacy, in the flesh. ...

The holy Mother of God teaches us that the first step in giving life to those around us is to cherish it within ourselves. Today's Gospel tells us that Mary "kept these things in her heart". And goodness comes from the heart. How important it is to keep our hearts pure, to cultivate our interior life and to persevere in prayer!' Pope Francis



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 Friday 2nd February – The Presentation of the Lord

‘We see Jesus in the children ...’

‘Christmas invites us to focus on the sign of the Child and to recognize him in the faces of little children, especially those for whom, like Jesus, ‘there is no place in the inn’ (Luke 2:7).

We see Jesus in the children of the Middle East, who continue to suffer because of horrific conflict
We see Jesus in children worldwide, wherever peace and security are threatened by the danger of new conflicts.

We see Jesus in the children of unemployed parents, who struggle to offer their children a secure and peaceful future.

We see Jesus in children whose childhood has been robbed, and who, from a very young age, have been forced to work or to be enrolled as soldiers by unscrupulous mercenaries.

We see Jesus in the many children forced to leave their countries to travel alone in inhuman conditions, and who become an easy target for human traffickers.

May our hearts not be closed, as they were in the homes of Bethlehem. May we welcome in the Baby Jesus the love of God made man for us. And may we commit ourselves, with the help of his grace, to making our world more human and more worthy for the children of today and of the future.’

Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights,
seasons and years.
Bless your children
at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.
R/. Amen.

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.

Pope's Prayer Intention – January 2024

For The Gift of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

RCIA Programme 2023-24

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

St Aloysius College Notices

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 staloyus.org or ring 0141 332 3190.

Young Adults Group

The group will recommence on Sunday 14 January 2024. 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).

Winter Warm Hub

Our warm hub for the winter meets each Wednesday from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm. The Winter Warm Hub is open to welcome people, young and old, individuals, families and children. The church hall (the Auditorium, 2nd floor) is 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. Thank you to our volunteers who assist in the hub throughout Christmas and the New Year and provide such a warm welcome to our guests. It is so much appreciated. If you can volunteer, please contact the Parish Office on 0141 – 332 – 3039 or staloyus.garnethill@rcag.org.uk

Mary's Meals

The Double The Love appeal has launched, meaning that donations made to Mary's Meals from now until 22 January will be doubled by a group of generous donors, up to £1 million.

Young Adult St. Mungo City Pilgrimage Walk: Join RCAG Youth on Sat 13th Jan 2024 to celebrate the City's Patron Saint! 18 – 35 year olds. 10am til 3pm Pilgrimage Walk – Mass – Pub.

www.tinyurl.com/stmungowalk

FORMED Monthly Youth Group (S1 – S6) by Youth Office for S1 - S6, provides the opportunity to meet & explore faith & relationship with Jesus, the Church and one another. To find out more and to register your young person go to www.rcagyouth.co.uk

Alpha Youth in a Catholic Context Discovery Day: is a great resource for formation and evangelisation! Join Michael Roche of Alpha and the Archdiocesan Youth Office to sample Alpha Youth sessions. Sat, 17th Feb 2024. 10am -4pm – 1600. This event is inperson and free. Register here: [https:// tinyurl.com/alphayouthscotland](https://tinyurl.com/alphayouthscotland)

St Mungo Festival 2024: celebrating Glasgow's patron saint in a series of free events, talks, concerts in the city, 8 to 14 Jan 2024. Prof Elaine Moohan talking about the music in Glasgow Cathedral up to & beyond the Reformation; the 'Opening of the Vita Kentigerni': readings & song in praise of St Mungo at the Mitchell Library and a concert in honour of Sts Mungo, Ninian and Brigid performed by Alan Tavener with the Strathclyde University Chamber Choir. Info & booking @ website: stmungofestival.co.uk.

FRIENDS OF NUNRAW ABBEY FACEBOOK

As a service in a busy life this page offers a daily life of the Saints/ Blessed's: particularly the more obscure lives and our Scottish Saints. Inspiring stories, liturgical seasons information, conversion stories, religious video clips, our Scottish Monasteries and much more.

Liturgical Calendar

Monday 1 January
Tuesday 2 January

Mary, The Holy Mother of God
St Basil and St Gregory Nazianzen

Solemnity
Memorial

MASS TEXTS AND READING

Entrance Antiphon

Lk 2:16

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

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Your heir shall be your own flesh and blood.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 104:1-6, 8-9. R. vv.7-8

He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

The faith of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac.

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. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

The child grew, filled with wisdom.

Communion Antiphon

Ba 3:38

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

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