

St Aloysius' Church

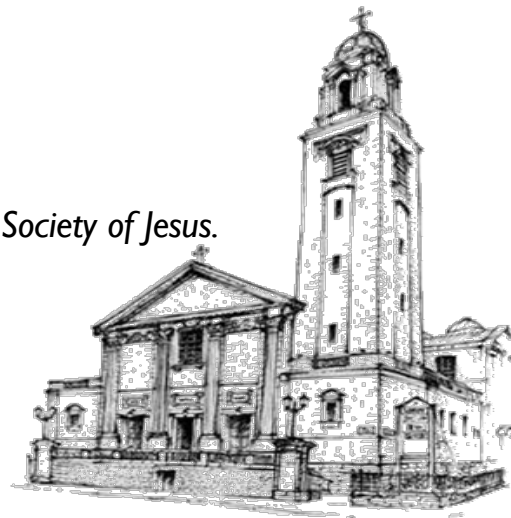
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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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.

Christmas 2024 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 Sunday 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

Foodbank collection will take place over this weekend. Priority items are: UHT milk, diluting juice, tinned fruit, tinned custard/rice, tinned meat, tinned veg., used bags for life. For more information about the difference your donations make please visit our website at: <http://glasgowne.foodbank.org.uk>

Mass Times

**Monday 30 December –
Thursday 2 January
12.15 Mass only
No 8 a.m. Mass**

**First Friday 3 December
8 a.m. 12.15 and 5.30 p.m.**

**Weekend Masses
4-5 January
Normal Times**

**Weekday Masses
6 January onwards
Normal Times**

Pope's Prayer Intention – January 2025
For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

The gift: The first fact that emerges from the Biblical texts for this Feast is that a child is a gift from God. We see this in the First Reading that narrates the birth of the prophet Samuel. It can also be gleaned from Jesus' response to His parents in the Temple.

Incomprehension: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" In Mary's question, "Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety", Mary is thinking of His father, Joseph. In His response, Jesus refers to God His Father. Mary and Joseph "do not understand", even though they knew that this child was a "gift from God". In the end, only the Cross will fully reveal everything regarding who Jesus is, the Son of God.

Mary's journey of faith: That response was not easy for the Virgin Mary. In fact, the evangelist points out that she "*kept all these things in her heart*". She did not throw the memory of the event out of her memory and her heart. Rather, she was aware that she had to wait in order to understand. This is the journey of faith in which doubt does not impede hope, but opens it up in expectation.

Joseph and Mary – parents: As parents do today, even Joseph and Mary experienced difficulty understanding the words and choices of Jesus, their Son. Above all, today's parents can learn from them that a child must grow up and is certainly called to correspond to the many expectations placed on him or her – expectations of parents, friends, colleagues.... But there is an even more important, fundamental and foundational expectation that comes from God, the Father and Creator. Before this expectation that comes as a "call" in each person's heart, the most appropriate attitude is that of prayer, of "keeping it" at heart so that everything might be revealed in its time and at the right moment.

The Holy Spirit speaks to today's families: Today, the Holy Spirit still continues to guide "all peoples", "all couples", "all parents". But we need to listen to the Spirit who speaks in us. If the Son of God came to live with us as a child, and only the eyes of faith can perceive His presence, how important it is to remind ourselves that everyday things are never of little importance, that daily occurrences are never useless or purely coincidental. The eyes of faith are necessary to grasp the hidden and the beyond. Everything becomes a "place" to encounter or reject God's presence. Everything is a sign for those who believe.

The gospel of the family: To live the gospel of the family is not easy today. Those who want to defend life from the moment of conception are criticized or attacked. Yet in the Gospel we find the way to live a beautiful life on the personal and familial level, a way that is certainly challenging, but attractive and all-embracing. It is a way that still deserves to be trusted and undertaken after the example and through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth itself. There are happy and sad, serene and difficult moments in every family. This is life. To live the "gospel of the family" does not exempt us from experiencing difficulties and tensions, of encountering moments of pleasant fortitude and painful weakness. Families who are wounded and marked by weakness, failure, difficulty...can rise again if they learn how to draw from the font of the Gospel. There, they can rediscover new possibilities of starting over.

RCAG Young Adult Sessions: St Mungo's City Pilgrimage Walk. Sat 11th January 2025, 10am – 3pm. Join RCAG Youth and other young adults to celebrate the City's Patron Saint whilst walking off some of those mince pies. 16–30-year-olds welcome. Pilgrimage Walk – Mass – St. Mungo's Cathedral Visit – Drygate. www.tinyurl.com/stmungo25

Young Adults Group

The next Sunday Evening meeting will take place in the New Year on Sunday 12 January at 7 p.m. 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.

Jubilee Year 2025

Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee or Holy Year and invited Catholics worldwide to reflect on their identity as Pilgrims of Hope. The Pope will open the Holy Year in Rome on Christmas Eve. In each diocese of the world, local bishops will open the Jubilee Year this Sunday, 29 January. Here in the Archdiocese of Glasgow, Archbishop Willaim Nolan will open the Jubilee Year with Mass and blessing of the Jubilee Cross at St Andrew's Cathedral at 12-noon. All are welcome. In our own parish of Saint Aloysius, we will mark the beginning of the Jubilee Year at Masses on the feast of the Epiphany (Sunday 5 January)

Cathedral Carol Service

Today, Sunday 29th of December 2024, Pentaharps will present a concert of Christmas music in St. Andrew's cathedral at 2pm. From the Annunciation carol to We three kings, an hour of familiar and not so well-known Christmas music played on clarsaches. All welcome. Donations gratefully received.



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 see the flyer at the back of the church email staloyusius.garnethill@rcag.org.uk or phone the Parish Office 0141 332 3039

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Sun 19 January 1.30 p.m. St Andrews West and St Aloysius invite you to lunch @ 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

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 28th - August 3rd, 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

St Agnes' Lambhill Fr Anthony, parish priest of St Agnes, will take up another appointment in January. St Agnes will no longer have a resident priest from 2025 and the parish will be administered by Fr Paul McAlinden, (St Augustine's, Milton) assisted by Fr Leo Ayogu & Emmanuel Onuoha, St Theresa's, Possilpark

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.

Laudato Si Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all who helped with the Laudato Si Christmas Fayer and thank you for all kind donations

Liturgical Calendar

Wednesday 1 January	Mary, The Holy Mother of God	Solemnity
Thursday 2 January	St Basil and St Gregory Nazianzen	Memorial
Friday 3 January	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	Solemnity

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection

First Collection - £1,320.74
Collection for St Margaret Children and Family Care £1,179.78

This Week's Second Collection is for Parish Expenses

Next Week's Second Collection is for Justice and Peace

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

Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

'Samuel, as long as he lives, is lent to the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84 (83):2-3, 5-6. 9-10. R. cf.5a

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Second Reading

First Letter of St John 3:1-2, 21-24

'We are called children of God ; and so we are.'

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Ac 16 :14b

Alleluia, alleluia! Open your hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.

Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

'Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the teachers'

Communion Antiphon

Ba 3:38

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

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