

St Aloysius' Church

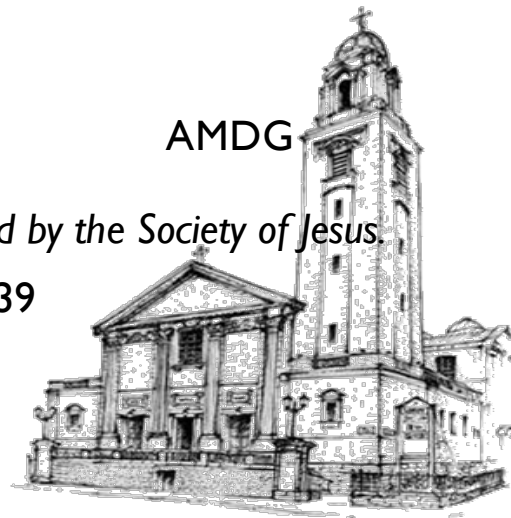
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17 December 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

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



St Aloysius' Church Service of Carols, Readings and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Our Carol Service takes place today led by our Choir at 4.00 pm.

Second Collection today is for The St Nicholas Care Fund (boxes are available for saving coins)



Christmas Lunch



Fr. Gerard Mitchell, S.J. and Fr John Twist, S.J. invite Senior Citizens to enjoy Christmas 2021 with a Celebration Lunch on Friday 22 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.

Foodbank

Our pre Christmas foodbank collection will take place over this weekend. Priority items for the month are UHT milk, diluting juice tinned meat, tinned beans, tinned or packet custard, tinned fruit, used bags for life. If anyone would like to contribute a Christmas treat for the children that would also be very much appreciated. The Glasgow NE foodbank would like to thank everyone for their very generous and thoughtful contributions throughout the year and wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas. <http://glasgowne.foodbank.org.uk>

Pope's Prayer Intention – December

For persons with disabilities We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Requiem Mass

The Mass will take place on Thursday 21st December at 10.00 am for Joseph Holyoak Hems.

St Andrew's West Midweek Carol Service

This will take place on Wednesday 20th December at 1.00 pm. 260 Bath Street, Glasgow.

Dunedin Consort – Handel Messiah

St Aloysius' Church, 21st December at 7.00 pm (Children's Messiah at 4.00 pm). Tickets from: rcs.ac.uk/box-office or 0141 – 332 – 5057.

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 staloyius.org or ring 0141 332 3190.

Young Adults Group

The group will commence in 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 has commenced - each Wednesday from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm. The Winter Warm Hub will be open to welcome people, young and old, individuals, families and children. The church hall (the Auditorium, 2nd floor) will be 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. Volunteers to assist in the hub will be much appreciated. If you can volunteer, please contact the Parish Office on 0141 – 332 – 3039 or staloyius.garnethill@rcag.org.uk

SCIAF Real Gifts

If you are looking for Christmas presents why not get a SCIAF Real Gift to help those in need. Visit <https://shop.sciaf.org.uk/>

Christmas Card Appeal for Imprisoned Nicaraguan Bishop and Priests

This Advent the Public Life Group of St Aloysius' invites us to send a Christmas card to an imprisoned Nicaraguan Bishop or priest, see pages 23 and 24 of Connect and Encourage - CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE. <https://www.csw.org.uk/connectencourage> Copies are to be found at the back of the Church. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appears. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Jesuit Missions in Advent

"Remember always to welcome strangers, for by doing this, some people have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2



ANGEL AT MY TABLE

- Each day during December, lay an extra place at your dinner table for an angel
- Set aside an amount of money for each of your angel's meals
- Total the amount and donate it to Jesuit Missions (use the QR code and mention 'Angel at My Table' on the donation form)



In the Book of Genesis, Abraham welcomes three strangers, offering them food and hospitality. Little does he realise that he is entertaining angels. The three leave Abraham and Sarah, promising great blessings, a promise that is fulfilled with the birth of Isaac. This is the image that St Paul shares in his letter to the Hebrews.

Each year Jesuit Missions' partners help to improve the lives of thousands of people around the world through a variety of projects which support human dignity and create opportunities for people living on the margins.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

This falls on Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December. There will be Advent Masses at the usual times of 10.00 am and 12 noon.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve - 10.00 am and 12.00 pm	Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
4.00 – 5.30 pm Confession	6.00 pm Our first Christmas Mass with our Singing Group
8.30 pm Carols	9.00 pm Main Christmas Mass (Sung Mass with our Choir)
Christmas Day - 10.00 am and 12.00 pm	No 9.00 pm on Christmas Day.

Christmas Cards

There is a small selection of Christmas Cards for sale in the shop. Included are St Aloysius' Church cards beautifully photographed by one of our parishioners. If you would like to buy cards, please ask at the Office and Alison will open the shop for you.

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.

St Peter Canisius SJ

Thursday 21st is the feast of St. Peter Canisius SJ. He was born in the Netherlands and joined the young Society of Jesus. He worked in the Netherlands, Germany, Austria and other places, produced a Catechism, attended the Council of Trent, founded Colleges and was a key figure in the Counter Reformation, re-asserting Catholic Faith in Northern Europe. A Mass Vestment we have here at St Aloysius' is believed to have been worn by Peter Canisius.

Parking

The College have kindly agreed to allow parking in the Scott Street playground (upper and lower car parks) and can be used by Mass attenders on Sundays. The ground will be open Sunday mornings and must close in the afternoon. Please ensure that no car is left in the playground. The car park will open on 24th, 25th, 31st December and 1st January.

The entrance to the church via the Ogilvie Centre, is recommended for those who are not too agile. Please **do not park in the alleyway to the entrance of the Ogilvie Centre. Parking is for the disabled to use.**

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection - £1007.10

Second Collection for Ecclesiastical Students - £361.27

Donations via card reader last week £261 – many thanks!

MASS TEXTS AND READING

Entrance Antiphon

Ph 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

I exult for joy in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Lk 1:46-50, 53-54. R. Is 61:10

My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading

Thessalonians 5:16-24

May you all be kept safe, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Is 61 :1 Lk 4 :18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

There stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 35:4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.