

St Aloysius' Church

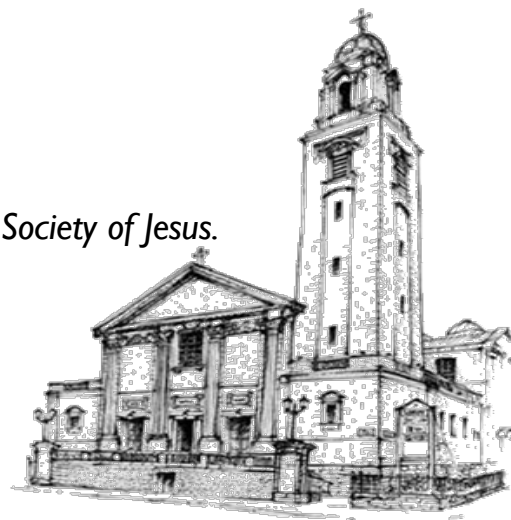
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15 December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

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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.

Advent & Christmas: flyer giving Mass times etc is available at the back of the Church

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Mass - 12.15 p.m.

Christmas Eve Confessions: 11.30-12.10 p.m. and 4.00 – 5.30 pm

Christmas Eve: Our first Christmas Mass with our Singing Group 6pm

Carols 8.30 pm , 9.00 pm Main Christmas Mass (Sung Mass with our Choir)

Christmas Day Mass times - 10.00 am and 12.00 pm
No 9.00 pm on Christmas Day.

New Lectionary: Although the Scripture readings within the new Lectionary are taken from the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition (ESV-CE) translation of the Bible, the Psalms are drawn from another translation, the Abbey Psalms and Canticles (AP&C). The sound and rhythm of the AP&C will perhaps be more familiar to us as it developed out of a revision of the Grail Psalter that we have been using for more than 50 years in our liturgy. However, there are some differences. The AP&C, as with the ESV-CE, seeks to be more precise in its translation whilst recognising that the psalms are texts to be sung. As such, a formal, “word for word” translation of the original text needs also to reflect something of the musicality and poetry of the psalms. The AP&C has been developed and refined over the years not just as a translated text but as prayer, sung by the Benedictine monks of Conception Abbey, Missouri in their daily round of liturgy.

The psalms are rightly called the prayerbook of the Church and they inspire, comfort and challenge many Christians in their personal prayer. We have used the Grail Psalter for many years and so know many verses of the psalms by heart. Hearing, praying and singing a new translation of the psalms may disconcert us at first but let us hold fast to the words of Psalm 84: “Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise. Blessed the people whose strength is in you, whose heart is set on pilgrim ways.”

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.

Caring Sunday This Sunday is Caring Sunday. The St Nicholas Care Fund provides assistance, in Christ's name, to people and communities facing hardship, putting into practice Jesus' words: "whatever you did to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did to me." Every penny you donate to the St Nicholas Care Fund goes to assist those in need. On Caring Sunday, please give what you can, so that those whose lives are blighted by poverty are given support.

Tuesday 17th December – Handel's Messiah

Children's Messiah at 4.00 pm. Handel's Messiah at 7.00 pm in the church. For tickets please call 0141 332 5057 or rcs.ac.uk/box-office.

Making Sense of Luke – Journeying through the Gospel

An introduction to the Gospel highlighting some of its main themes and characteristics. On Thursday 19th of December, after 12.15 Mass and repeated in the evenings at 6.15 pm with Mass beforehand at 5.30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. The Advent of our God, chapters 1 & 2 of the Gospel.

Pilgrims of Hope Pray as you Go Advent Retreat 2024

"The People that walked in darkness have seen a great light"

Monday 16th and 23 December 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. in the church. First floor of the Ogilvie Centre.
Thursday 19th December The Advent of our God Chapters 1 & 2 continued

Sacrament of the Sick: Liturgy of Anointing

The Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated on Friday 20th December at the 12.15 Mass.

Christmas Lunch – Friday 20th December

Fr Gerard Mitchell, SJ and Fr Laco Sulik, SJ invite Senior Citizens to enjoy Christmas Lunch in the Ogilvie Centre. All Welcome.

Martin Rhodes MP, Anas Sarwar, leader of the Scottish Labour Party and Pauline McNeil, MSP will pop into the lunch to engage with the clergy and parishioners.

Winter Warm Hub

Our warm hub for the winter is open in the Ogilvie Centre every Wednesday from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm. to welcome people, young and old, individuals, families and children. All are welcome. Join us for a hot meal or take the opportunity to read, play board games, have a coffee and socialise

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.

St Aloysius Church Carol Service, Sunday 22 December at 4.00 pm

A meditation on Scripture and music to help us to meditate on the mystery of Christ becoming man for us.

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.

Foodbank

Our next foodbank collection will take place over the weekend of 28th and 29th December. 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/>

Flowers - During Advent we do not have flowers on the altars

Christmas Cards

There is a small selection of Christmas Cards for sale in the shop. If you wish to have a look, please ask Alison in the office, who is available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

Carols for Peace

Hosted by the Lord Provost's Office, this will take place on Sunday 15th December at 3.00pm in Glasgow City Chambers. Doors open at 2.30pm. Supported by the St Mungo's Singers, Ukrainian Singers and children's choir, South Side Fiddlers, St Denis' Primary School, Piper, Harpist and St Mungo's Music Ensemble. There will be prayers for peace in the world, particularly Bethlehem, Glasgow's Twin City. Enjoy refreshments in the Satinwood Suite overlooking George Square with all its Christmas splendour, where the crib still has a place of prominence. There will be a collection for the Lord Provost's Fund for Children.

Advent Day of Confessions

On Tuesday 17th December 2024 priests will be available all day in St Andrew's Cathedral (from 9.00 until 5.00pm) for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Wednesday 18th December – St Andrews West Carol Service – 1.00 pm

Tea and coffee available after the service.

FireCloud Nativity 2024

Make the most of Advent by coming to see the Christmas story brought to life in music and drama. Sunday 15th December, 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm) St. Margaret's Church, Clydebank, G81 1AE. Tuesday 17th December, 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm) St. Flannan's Church, Kirkintilloch, G66 2HY. Suggested donation at the door £4 (£10 per family group) - or whatever you can afford. Tea and coffee in the hall afterwards.

The Laudato Si Circle

Invite you to a Christmas Fayre on Saturday, the 21st December between 1pm and 4pm in the Ogilvie Centre. We would ask the parish to support the Fayre by donating any unwanted gifts, and fancy goods such as pictures, ornaments and gift sets. These can be left in the Baptistry at the back of the church on the weekends of 14/15 December and will be collected by volunteers. All proceeds from the Fayre will go to an eco project in Ecuador, the Otonga Foundation (see report below).

Integral Ecology Update

The Jesuit Province has recently launched a new online newsletter, the *Integral Ecology Quarterly Update*. Intended both for Jesuits and for those who work with, and support, us, it is introduced by Stephen Power: "Since our carbon audit of 2022, our Decarbonisation Committee holds regular forums to share progress, updates, information and news of what is going on around the British Province of Jesuits. Our new quarterly update will share key information from those sessions with you, our supporters." The kind of work the Province does here includes divesting from fossil fuels, supporting workers' rights, and holding companies accountable for ethical practices. The inaugural issue describes how Jesuits in Britain recently signed three shareholder resolutions with UK-based companies to promote Real Living Wage Accreditation. The November update can be read here: <https://www.jesuit.org.uk/news/introducing-our-first-integral-ecology-quarterly-update>.

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

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.

Jesuit Refugee Service Advent Appeal JRS UK has launched its 2024 Advent Appeal to raise funds for vital services providing shelter, safety, and stability for refugees facing homelessness this winter. In recent months there has been an alarming rise in destitution and homelessness among refugees seeking sanctuary in the UK, with almost half of those served by JRS UK spending time on the streets last year. JRS has responded with its hosting scheme, by which supporters offer temporary accommodation in their homes for individual refugees, and two dedicated houses, one for men and the other for women. You can learn more about, and support, the appeal here: <https://www.jrsuk.net/advent-appeal-2024/>. This includes a link to Together, the JRS newsletter, which gives more news of those benefitting from its accommodation project.

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection

First Collection - £781.48 Second Collection £759.06
Contactless Machine: £247

This Week's Second Collection is for Caring Sunday

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

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

'The Lord will exult over you with loud singing.'

Responsorial Psalm

Is 12:2-3. 4b-d. 5-6 R.6

Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading

St Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7

'The Lord is at hand.'

Gospel Acclamation

Is 61 :1 (Lk 4 :18)

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has sent me to proclaim good news to Luke.

Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

'And we, what shall we do?'

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.

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