

THIS WEEK



Supporting the world's poorest through SCIAF

Very grateful to those who have come forward to be our SCIAF link person; so grateful! This weekend is the last chance to buy 'Real Gifts' (We've sold a cow and a pig, but there are also smaller gifts in the porch - chicken, soap, seeds and more.) Sorry - Christmas cards are all gone.



GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

Saturday 14th December; St John of the Cross

11am - 1pm Pre-Christmas pop-up café at ASDA

4.30 Confessions & 5.30 Vigil Mass

Sunday 15th December; "Gaudete Sunday" (Year C)

9am Mass; 11am Mass (children's liturgy)

5.30pm Mass (Youth Liturgy)

Monday 16th December

10am Parish Mass

10.30 TWMM Breakfast Club at Foodbank

Tuesday 17th December

The season of Advent changes today - now we focus

on the birthday of our Saviour

10am Funeral Mass Rosaleen Rooney RIP

11am - 2.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday Club closed for holidays

4pm - 7pm Administration meeting

Wednesday 18th December

10am Parish Mass

12.45 Final Committal; Jim Flynn RIP

7pm Parish Penitential Service for Christmas

(Followed by tea in hall)

Thursday 19th December

10.00am End of term Mass with St Marys School

10.30 - 2pm Maccy CaFFY (last before Christmas)

Friday 20th December

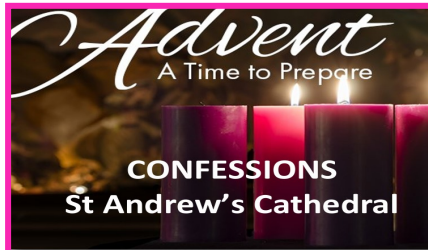
10am Funeral Mass - Mark Bilsland RIP

10 - 12noon Glasgow Afghan United Group

11.30 St Blanes end of term Christmas Concert

Saturday 21st December

4.30 Confessions 5.30 Vigil Mass



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

2nd collection this weekend for the St Nicholas fund. In the past, this trust has supported some of our projects in the parish here in Maryhill



St Nicholas Care Fund



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MARYHILL



The third - pink - candle is lit this weekend. Today is Gaudete Sunday!



"What should we do?" is the question the people ask John the Baptist this weekend. Maybe it's the question we all ask at this time of the year. What do I need to do to prepare properly for Christmas - apart from all the mad rushing and spending! Here are a few ideas.

Parish Penitential service Wednesday - come & be together for healing & peace

Spread the Good news - make a point of giving a Christmas card & calendar to a neighbour or family who no longer come?

Do something for the poor - through SCIAF or the foodbank hamper or both?



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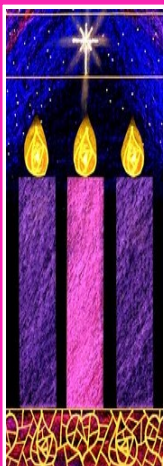
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Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)
"Gaudete" ~ Rejoicing ~ Sunday
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"In this parish, all are welcome, none are judged"



1st reading, Zephaniah 3:14 - 18
The Lord will exalt over you with loud music!

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

2nd reading; Philippians 4: 4 - 7
Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say rejoice!

Gospel: Luke 3; 10 - 18
And the crowds ask John, 'What shall we do?'

Parish Christmas Card (depicting the stained glass in the church) available today. Can you spread these wide and far!



Parish Pastoral calendars still available. You know the deal! Take as many as you can distribute to those who no longer come!

Gospel Power goes on sale this week. Daily reflection every day for the Holy Year 2025. Nice wee stocking filler. (£7 or 19p a day!)

Western Catholic Calendar - Year Book of the Catholic Church in the province of Glasgow - the diocese of Glasgow, Motherwell & Paisley in the porch at £3.70

Lifting 2-child benefit cap. Catholic Scottish Bishops welcomed Scottish Government's vow to lift the 2-child benefit cap, look forward to seeing more detail & hope it will be lifted as quickly as possible to benefit 15,000 children here; statement: J & P Scotland.

Not stopping now. UK Government admitted still allowing sale of arms to Israel, components for F-35 bomber jets; Oxfam vows to keep on campaigning; 134,000 have already signed: Oxfam GB/get involved/campaign with us.

Protect the oceans. Success as Norway paused plans to mine deep sea in the Arctic after 200,000 protested; call on PM to put global deep sea mining off-limits to for good: Greenpeace UK/take action - protect the ocean now.

International Human Rights Day. 79 years since UN's adoption of Universal Declaration of Human Rights people in poverty still face barriers to everyday human rights; see: Poverty Alliance/Research and policy/Briefings and reports - Barriers to Living with Dignity.

Fairer rules for refugees. Number of days refugees have in which to find somewhere to live is increased from 28 to 56 days; campaign for change to be permanent will continue: Scottish Refugee Council/Latest.



SCIAF contact person Thanks to those who came forward - we now have people willing to be our SCIAF liaison!

Tuesday Club on holiday after a busy few weeks. Big shout out to Jackie and volunteers.

The Maccy CaFFY closes after this Thursday. Huge thank to Catherine and all the volunteers - including our JPA S6 helpers!

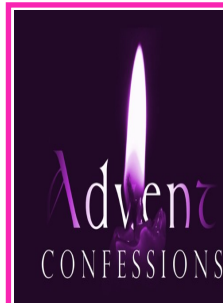
Sacraments for children 2 months on & still calling for registration forms! Get these in before school closes this week, especially if your child is to be baptised in January!

Insurance claim After July break-in—damage & theft at £2,500 - insurers repaid £960.

Funerals. (1) Please remember Rose Rooney (F Tues 17th Dec 10am) Mark Bilsland RIP (F 20th Dec 10am) Jim Flynn RIP (Final Committal 18th Dec 12.45) Patricia Jeffries (Final Committal 23rd Dec 2.15) Also for John Jackson & Jean Robertson, funerals last week

Funerals (2) We remind you; No eulogies at a Funeral Mass. There is a professional stipend of £80 each for cantor & for organist.

St Nicholas Fund; 2nd collection TODAY for this fund (from which our parish has benefited!) Your take-away info pack is in the porch



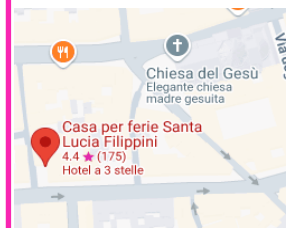
Penitential Service in preparation for Christmas on Wednesday 18th December at 7pm. There will be other here to help Fr Jim make this a smooth and beautiful evening of healing. Spread the word, come along, bring a pal! Time to chat & have a cuppa afterwards

Christmas little helpers! We need to know who will be here to steward each Mass. We need some mums & dads to help Santa when he comes after Jesus' birthday celebration at 5.30 on Christmas Eve. Can you sign up on the lists in the porch; or it truly will be chaos!



Christmas Hamper, Raffle & Festive Tea - great success! Raffle - £1700 for parish & craft stall another £220. Mini craft stall made £170 for St Margaret of Scotland Youth Group & over 100 people had afternoon tea! Huge shout out to Cathy Low & her "little helpers". Eileen McGinniss won the hamper; Ronnie Darroch the restaurant voucher. Runners up have been notified

Parish Pilgrimages 1. Iona, 22nd - 24th April; Coach, ferry & 2 nights at Royal Hotel Oban, half board. Tour of Iona Abbey & Mass; free time. Total cost £278 NOW CLOSED. **2. Assisi & Rome** Sept 26th - Oct 3rd. 2 nights Assisi Windsor Savoia Hotel. 5 nights Residenza Sta Lucia Fillipini in Rome's historic centre, near the Gesù. **(NOTE There's a lot of walking in this pilgrimage)** Costs & booking forms next week. Lourdes cancelled!



Carols for Peace TODAY Hosted by Lord Provost, Sun 15th Dec 3pm Glasgow City Chambers. Door 2.30pm. St Mungo's Singers, Ukrainian Singers, children's choir, South Side Fiddlers, St Denis' Primary School, Piper, Harpist & St Mungo's Music Ensemble. Prayers for peace in the world, Refreshments afterwards in the Satinwood Suite. Collection for the Lord Provost's Fund for Children.

FireCloud Nativity 2024: come see the Christmas story brought to life in music & drama. St. Margaret's, Clydebank. Tues 17th Dec, 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm) St. Flannan's, Kirkintilloch. Suggested donation £4 (£10 family group) - or what you can afford. Tea etc in hall afterwards.



Franciscan Sisters Hall Events: Advent Reflection Evenings -3 Role Models: All 7pm - 8pm. Dec 16th *Mary the Mother of Jesus*, by Canon Peter McBride. Tea, coffee & biscuits. **BOTH EVENTS** Franciscan Sisters Hall, 90 Saracen St. Possilpark G22 5AD. Book: Sr. Francesca: 07788798731 or email francescawil7@yahoo.co.uk

Sun 29th Dec 2024, Pentaharps concert of Christmas music St. Andrew's cathedral 2pm. Hour of familiar & not so familiar Christmas music. All welcome. Donations gratefully received.

Monthly Pro-Life Mass 18th December 7.30pm Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Ave. Adoration 6.15pm. Tea afterwards - all welcome.