

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday 21st December

4.30 Confessions & 5.30 Vigil Mass

Sunday 22nd December

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

5.30pm Mass (Youth Liturgy)

Monday 23rd December

10am Parish Mass

(Confessions available after Mass)

10.30 TWMM Breakfast Club at Foodbank

2.15pm Funeral of Patricia Jeffrey RIP

4pm Funeral appointment

7pm Church decoration and preparation

Tuesday 24th December

10am Parish Advent Mass

10.30 Church cleaning (Can you give an hour?)

11am - 2.30 No Adoration today



The Celebration of Christmas Eve

5.30 Vigil Mass of Christmas for children

9pm Christmas 'Midnight' Mass

(Followed by drinks in the hall)

Wednesday 25th December;

The Solemnity of the Birthday of our Saviour

10am Christmas day Mass

(12 - 2pm Hospital Visits)

Thursday 26th December; St Stephens Day

11.00am Parish Mass (Note time)

Macey CaFFY (closed)

Friday 27th December; St John the Evangelist

10am Parish Mass

Saturday 28th December; The Holy Innocents

9.30 Men's Breakfast (Viking Lounge)

4.30 Confessions 5.30 Vigil Mass

Supporting the world's poorest through SCIAF

Very grateful to those who have come forward to be our SCIAF link person; so grateful! Also to those who supported SCIAF Christmas cards and Real Gifts. Well give you an update on all of that next week



2nd collection last weekend for the St Nicholas fund raised £1,475. Huge thanks to you all



St Nicholas Care Fund

Finance. We pay £6,500 per month to the archdiocese. National Contingency Fund contribution £9,500 paid this week; our printing bill (calendars etc) £5,200. £950 for our broadcasting licence and £750 for pest control (squirrel cull! Nothing gets done here - either the daily running of the parish or to reach out creatively - except because of your continuous generosity. Thank you



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A reflection on the Visitation - this weeks Gospel. In bringing the unborn Christ to Zechariah's house, Mary witnesses the fruits of Christ's presence. The babe in Elizabeth's womb professes his faith in a manner appropriate to the unborn - the baby leaps with joy! Elizabeth, shouts with humility and gratitude, professing her faith in Christ's presence within his mother, Mary Pope Francis writes: "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." (*Evangelii Gaudium 1*)



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Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)
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"In this parish, all are welcome, none are judged"



Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st reading, Micah 5: 2 - 5a

From you shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel!

Response to the Psalm (80)

Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved

2nd reading; Hebrews 1; 5-10

Behold, I have come to do your will

Gospel: Luke 1: 39 - 45

Why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?'

Christmas little helpers! We need help to steward each Christmas Mass, mums & dads to help Santa after Jesus' birthday celebration on Christmas Eve. Can you sign lists in the porch; or it truly will be chaos!



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

Penitential Service Thank you to all who came last Wednesday. Very moving evening! Thanks to David for music and folks for tea & coffee afterwards.

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 for those who no longer come!

Gospel Power On sale NOW. 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

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!

Funerals.(1) Patricia Jeffries (Final Committal 23rd Dec 2.15)) For Rose Rooney, Mark Bilsland & Jim Flynn, funerals last week. For Alice Docherty RIP (F 30th Dec)

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

Left; Image of the Immaculate Conception - the restored central roof boss of Notre Dame, Paris



GAZA CEASE FIRE NOW

Ceasefire in Gaza. Whilst negotiations continue in Qatar, Human Rights Watch believes Israeli authorities are responsible for acts of genocide by deliberately depriving Gaza of water since 2023; Oxfam's ceasefire petition still open - 366,000 signatures; access HRW's report at their website.

SCIAF's Advent Appeal. Bishop Brian McGee highlights work in Zambia to upgrade a community clinic so women

can give birth in safe, clean, stocked surroundings & avoid the inadequate healthcare that leaves poorest women in danger: SCIAF/get involved/appeals.

No new UK oil and gas. The UK government has paused making decisions on new oil and gas and is asking for our views; call on the PM to stop new drilling, end licensing for new exploration, and fund a just transition to clean energy; petition: <https://act.globaljustice.org.uk/node/4262>.

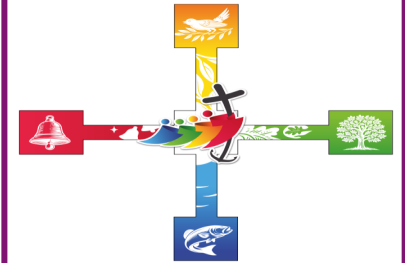
Simple Acts. These are everyday actions that we can all do to stand in solidarity with people seeking sanctuary and make new connections in our communities; as they plan the 2025 campaign, Refugee Week asks us to share our ideas and sign up for their newsletter: Refugee Week/about.



Targets for nature recovery. Scotland is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world and our government has committed to setting legally binding nature recovery targets in 2025; find out why targets are so important - 60 second video etc: Scotland Loves Nature.

The Foodbank at St Gregory's seems to reach higher numbers each week although the media and politicians seem to have forgotten its there! Please don't let us forget! If you can donate anything in our hamper in the porch. It could be a less bleak Christmas for someone because of YOU!

Holy Year of Jubilee, 2025



Pope Francis opens the Holy Door at St Peters Basilica, Christmas Eve, 6pm our time. Every diocese in the world opens the Jubilee Year in their cathedral on December 28th and displays a "Jubilee Cross". Archbishop Nolan will celebrate Mass at 12noon on Dec 28th. Our Glasgow Jubilee Cross is depicted above; the Jubilee logo & 4 symbols of the legend of St Mungo on each arm of the cross.

St Agnes' Lambhill



The Archbishop has asked Fr Anthony, parish priest at St Agnes, to take up another appointment at St Marys in Pollokshaws. St Agnes will no longer have a resident priest and the parish will be administered by Fr Paul McAlinden, (St Augustine's) assisted by Fr Leo Ayogu & Emmanuel Onuoha who live at St Theresa's in Possilpark

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