

CHRISTMAS Schedule

Saturday 20th December

4.30 - 5pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 21st December: 4th Sunday of Advent

9am & 11am Mass (1st anniversary of Dan Baird RIP) (No Children's Liturgy)

12.30 Baptism of Alfie and Joni Keeble
5.30pm Evening Mass with worship Group

Monday 22nd December 10am Parish Mass

9.30 - 12 TWMM Breakfast Club

2pm Funeral appointment

5.30 Team to decorate Church/Crib

Tuesday 23rd December 10am Parish Mass

Tuesday Club closed—watch for restart date

Wednesday 24th December

10am Parish Mass (All closed until 4.30)

Christmas Eve

5.30pm Children's & Family Christmas Vigil

9pm Christmas 'Midnight' Mass

(Drinks in hall after)

Thursday 25th December; Christmas Day

10am Christmas Day Mass

Friday 26th December; St Stephens Day

'Boxing Day' 11am Parish Mass

Sat 27th December ; St John The Evangelist

9.30 Men's breakfast (Viking Lounge)

12.30 Committal & memorial; Marie Dargan.

4.30 - 5pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.30pm Vigil Mass of the Holy Family

Sun 28th December; Feast of the Holy Family

9am Mass; 1st anniversary of John Buchta RIP

11am & 5.30pm Mass



Arms Embargo on the UAE. British military equipment exported to the UAE is being used by the Rapid Support Forces to commit atrocities in Sudan - the UK government knows but has continued arms sales; ask your MP to call for an embargo: <https://caat.org.uk/take-action/campaign-with-us>
Compassion Not Cruelty. Home Secretary's new immigration reforms undermine basic principles of a humane asylum system & stoke fear & division in communities; ask your MP to reject harsh new measures: <https://scottishrefugeecouncil.good.do/compassion-not-cruelty>

Laudato Si in 2025.

This year marked 10th anniversary of Laudato Si' & the movement's global community rediscovered the conviction that everything is connected &



courage to believe another world is possible; read up activities2025: <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/>. **Stella Maris** is the largest ship-visiting network in the world helping seafarers and fishers through a network of local chaplains and seafarer centres, offering information, advocacy, and spiritual support; present in Glasgow, Greenock & Oban. sign up for info: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/>. **Drop It!** Debt Justice's magazine is packed with the latest campaigns news, in-depth articles and ways we can get involved, along with inspiring insights from activists living on frontline of debt crisis; sign up for a copy: <https://act.debtjustice.org.uk/yes-send-me-drop-it>.



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Sunday Mass 5.30 (Vigil) 9a.m, 11am (children liturgy)
5.30pm (Youth worship) **Confession** Saturday 4.30 - 5pm or reasonable request **Weekday Mass** Monday - Friday 10am (No morning Mass on Saturday) **Email** immaculateconception@rcag.org.uk

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4th Sunday of Advent (Year A)

'In this parish, all are welcome, none are judged'



1st Reading; Isaiah 7:10 - 14
Behold the virgin shall conceive

Responsorial Psalm 24

Let the Lord entre; he is the king of glory

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1 - 7
Jesus Christ, descended from David, Son of God.

*Prepare ye the way Prepare ye the way
prepare ye the way of the lord*

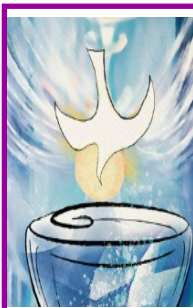
Gospel; Matthew 1:18 - 24

Jesus was born of Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, Son of David

Three events to celebrate St Mungo, our city and diocesan patron
Saturday 10th January 11.45 for 12.15 Vita

Kentigerni - The Life of Mungo in The Mitchell Library, Granville Street with Church and Civic representatives
Sunday 11th January 4.00pm St Mungo Festival Ecumenical Service Glasgow Cathedral, Cathedral Precinct, High St with Civic and Church Leaders

Monday 12th January 7pm Vigil of St Mungo, Ecumenical Service St Andrew's Metropolitan Cathedral, Clyde St. Glasgow
All welcome to these free non-ticketed events



Baptism of older children. 17 children aged around 7/8 have been put forward to be baptised on January 11th, so they can progress to other sacraments. Fr Jim feels that, since only one of these children is at Mass, there is no commitment to or connection with the parish. He is postponing the baptism on January 11th and will be in touch with each family after Christmas.

Church cleaning

Some days down to 3 or even 2 cleaners. The church is cleaned on a Friday for the weekend and again on Monday - clearing after the weekend. We are proposing to change this from January, so the church will only be cleaned on a Friday. Hopefully this will encourage more people (including men) to help with a less burdensome commitment



Parish Penitential Service Thanks to big crowd who came and prayed; to David for music & volunteers in the hall.

Carols at The Maccy Caffy Great sing-a-long with JPA advanced higher music led by Mr O'Reilly. Its beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! Thanks to everyone involved
St Marys - thanks for leading Mass on last day of term!

St Blanes - thanks for your lovely moving Carol concert!
SMSYG Craft stall. Pauline is grateful for your support; last wee she raised £260 for our Lourdes Youth Group
Pop up Café last Saturday—threatened by bad weather but went ahead dry and busy! 225 packs and Christmas candles distributed to families in the community!

SPRED led our family mass last week. Beautiful atmosphere which everybody appreciated and applauded
Maccy Caffy now having a well deserved 2 week break
Tuesday Club after last weeks Panto, they are having a break (or no they're not!) til further notice.

Advent faith sharing Big thanks to Isobel and Avril for preparing and leasing the 4 Advent faith sharing groups. These now happen each month until we get to Lent when its back to every week! Watch this space!

NEWS

Round-up



The Celtic Foundation & Parkhead Pitstop has been monitoring our outreach with TWMM on social media. They approached us to create a partnership in NW Glasgow, to extend what they do at Parkhead, feeding people without question or distinction. We do that at the Breakfast Cub, Maccy & Gaffe Cafes, men's breakfast and more. This week the CFC Foundation have presented us with £10K - a great boost at the end of the year.

Christmas schedule.

Please ensure that you have a card and calendar - that you spread these far and wide. Also the schedule on the back of the bulletin is very important - please follow day by day.

Baptisms Today we welcome Alfie Alexander and new wee sister Joni Grace as they are baptised into Christ - our last christening of the year. Congratulations to Martine and Harry as their wee family grows.

Last men's breakfast of 2025. If you've never been to this why not come along and suss it out? If its not 'your thing' you'll at least have had a free brekkie? (Saturday 27th December 9.30 Viking Lounge)

Funerals Michael McGrory RIP (F Mon 29th Dec 10am). Oysp Orluta RIP (F 30th December 10am) For Rebecca & Marc; their first wee baby - Vinny - had his funeral on Friday. Jim McGrogan (in Dumbarton) Condolences to Colette and family. Keep all these families in your prayers at this poignant time of year

Website development has been hampered this last while because of BT disaster! Grateful for the wee group of people who will work now to populate our page and keep it fresh an interactive. Please copy and look for info www.immaculateconception.org.uk

Fabric & Finance updates. An obligatory survey of our buildings has revealed that there is asbestos present in the boiler room of the 'Toblerone' church, at the furthest end on Kirn St. It is now illegal for anyone to go into that space and we have been advised that removal will be in the region of £10K or £12K



Parish Christmas Cards

Are in the porch - sending our good wishes to all your families and the families of the community. Be a parish postwoman or postman! Please take as many as you can spread! Info of all our Christmas masses included

Parish Pastoral Planning Calendars are our most essential reach out to Maryhill. Can you please take them and distribute; they cost £3.50 to produce - we are asking for a suggested donation of £1. Please help spread our Good News

Western Catholic Calendar 2026.

Goes on sale this weekend - it is the year book of the Church in the West of Scotland, containing infor of every diocese, parish and religious

organisation and body—rammed full of info (also contains this year the obituary of our former PP Fr Willie Mone. Costs £3.50 (put payment in wooden box in porch)

Gospel Power 2026 is now available for sale. This offers 365 days of reflection on the scriptures at Mass with daily prayers and thoughts. It costs £7.95. (put payment in wooden box in porch)

We've limited numbers of these publications - when they're gone

