



Saturday 24th January 2026

11am RCIA interviews
4.30 - 5pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5.30pm Vigil Mass

Sun 25th January; 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

9am Mass & 11am Mass (Children's Liturgy)
Tea bar after Mass
12.30 Baptism of Cal Gerard Black
5.30pm Evening Mass with worship Group

Monday 26th January; Sts Timothy & Titus

10am Parish Mass
9.30 - 12 TWMM Breakfast Club
6.30 wedding appointment

Tuesday 27th January

10am Parish Mass (Adoration of Bl Sacrament)
Tuesday Club 11- 2pm
1pm Cole AD meeting
2pm TWMM steering group meeting
5pm Administration meeting
7pm Rosary & wake in Balloch

Wednesday 28th January; St Thomas Aquinas

10am Parish Mass
6pm Vigil & Reception; Mary Dunn (Balloch)

Thursday 29th January

10am Funeral Mass; Margaret Prentice RIP
12.15 Funeral Mass; Mary Dunn RIP (Balloch)
7pm RCIA church visit

Friday 30th January

10am Parish Mass
JPA S6 Caritas retreat (Mass & hall) til 1pm
5.20 Altar Servers outing (see inside)

Saturday 31st January; St John Bosco

9.30 Mens Breakfast (Viking - all welcome)
12pm Baptism Torin Thornycroft (Stepps)
4.30 - 5pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5.30pm Vigil Mass



Other Events

Newman Association: *Building peace in Babel -Burma's future after five years of conflict* - Dr Michael Marett-Crosby. CEO Suu Foundation: Hall, Immaculate Conception 7.30pm Thur 5th Feb All welcome.

Abba's Vineyard: Adoration, confession, Mass & dinner. All Adults 18-35 welcome to join. , 5-9pm, Sat 31st Jan. Bl John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, G5 OYT. Info email abbasvineyard@gmail.com."

Retreat weekends—Thinking about what's next. 'Navigating the way forward' - Either 13-15 March (Conforti, Coatbridge) 8-10 May (Benedictine Monastery, Largs) See poster for info or check web at ISC Glasgow - ISC Glasgow

St Patrick's Day

Mass: Annual St Patrick's Day Mass Saturday 14th March 10am St Andrew's Cathedral Glasgow. All welcome.



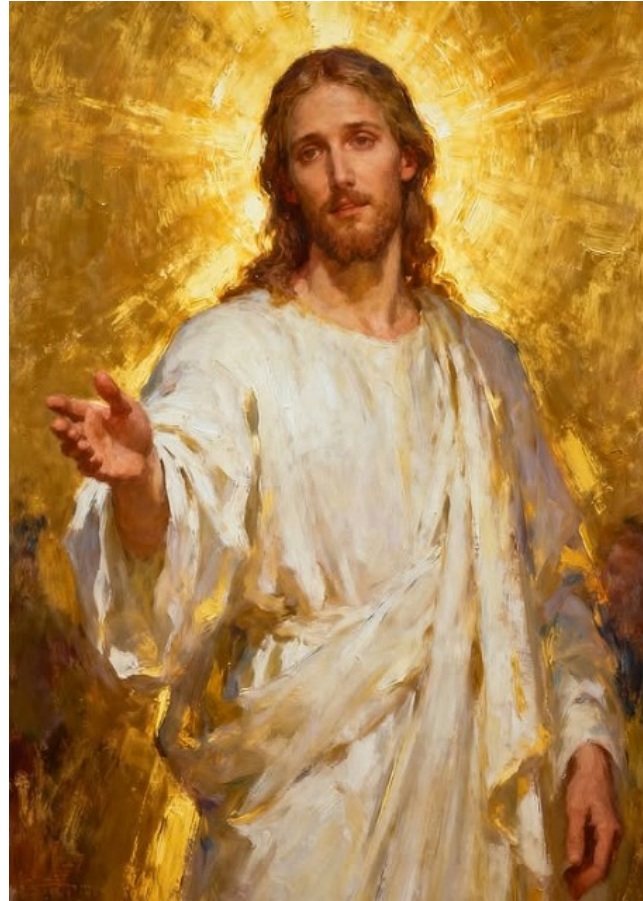
Going Deeper - For people who have gone through RCIA 1-3 May Pluscarden Benedictine Monastery, Elgin, as a group, as well as periods of silence and personal reflection. Go to ISC Glasgow - ISC Glasgow

Growing in Faith Retreat Days: Deepening faith and exploring the gift of active listening. St Aloysius & ISC 4 Saturdays, 10.30 - 3.00 (lunch provided; donation only). 17 Jan, 21 Feb, 21 Mar, & 18 April.

Retreat in Daily Life starting after 12.00 Mass on Sunday 22 March. To find out or sign marianne.lucchesi@iscglasgow.co.uk for a link to the form or further info



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"The people that walk in darkness have seen a great light"; Here's a short poem to reflect on Jesus, who is that light

"Thou art the light"

*When I'm lost,
When it's dark,
When I'm scared,
You're in my heart.*

*I know you're there,
When life is stormy.
You're by my side,
You'll never leave me.*

*When it's hard,
When it's dark,
Just remember,
He's in your heart.*

*In troubled times,
He is the light.
He makes the darkness
Turn to bright.*

(Written by Piper, age 10, Utah, USA)

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"In this parish, all are welcome,
none are judged"*

**2nd collection for parish
renovation & church stairs**



Postal address 2049, Maryhill Rd, G20 OAA **Telephone** 0141 946 2071

Sunday Mass 5.30, 9a.m, 11am (children liturgy) 5.30pm (Youth worship)

Confession Saturday 4.30 - 5pm or request

Weekday Mass Monday - Friday 10am (No Mass on Saturday)

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SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



1st Reading; Isaiah 9;1b - 4

In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light

Responsorial Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation

2nd Reading: 1Cor 1;10-13,17

I appeal that you all agree and there be no divisions among you

Gospel; Matthew 4;12 - 17

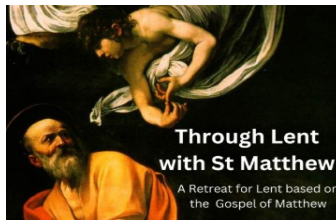
Jesus went to Capernaum so that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled



Sick and Housebound There now more people unable to get to church who maybe would appreciate Holy Communion brought to them at home. So we need you to consider 1. Let us know who in your family or neighbourhood ought to have the sacraments at home and then 2. We need more Eucharistic ministers to volunteer to visit 1 or 2 people every month. (You need a PVG to do this which we will arrange) Speak to Fr Jim asap. We are aiming to celebrate Mass in Shiskine and Arrochar sheltered complexes - and arrange afternoon tea - as part of our Lenten programme

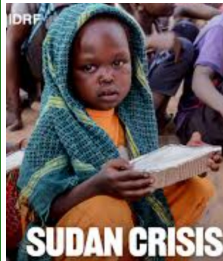
Lent soon approaching.

The great season of grace to maximise faith & spiritual renewal. We'll be offering Poverty Supper to support SCIAF & welcome visitors from Caritas International (March 17th) Take part in World Day of Prayer here—focusing on Nigeria. (March 6th) There will be a weekly gathering to reflect on the Sunday Gospels. Our 11 candidates for the sacraments (RCIA) will be involved in ceremonies each Sunday. You'll be invited to take part in the Ignatian Spirituality Centre's annual on line (or hard copy) retreat - Through Lent with St Mathew. SCIAF "wee boxes" available next week at all Masses



ACTS OF FAITH

Keep the Cap on Nuclear Weapons. New START is last remaining agreement capping US & Russian nuclear weapons but due to expire soon - write to the Foreign Secretary, urge the government for renewal of New START: <https://cnd.eaction.org.uk/RenewNewStart2026>. **Meeting Child Poverty Targets.** To meet legally binding 2030 targets, government needs to extend £40 Scottish Child Payment to all children - 54% of people believe our Government should redistribute income to pay it, 29% disagree; read up: <https://www.povertyalliance.org>.



Crisis in Sudan. Conflict in Sudan forced millions of people to flee into neighbouring S. Sudan or Chad & over 5.9 million people in region facing high levels of food insecurity; how to help: <https://www.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam-in-action/current-emergencies/>.

Join the Big Plastic Count. From 9–15 March schools, households and communities around the UK will count the plastic packaging they throw away, gathering evidence to keep pushing the government to take urgent action to tackle the plastics crisis; join in at: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/sign-up>.

Make the Global Ocean Treaty Law. Global Ocean Treaty is now international law enabling huge areas to be protected but UK government still hasn't made the Treaty UK law; send an electronic postcard to the government: <https://act.greenpeace.org/page/183797/action/1>.



Valentines Dance. This falls on 14th February this year. Were keen to keep a parish social life going, and maybe meet new faces. If you've never been before why not get some friends together and give it a try?

Cheap tickets at £5, very competitive bar prices and live entertainment! See Maureen McKnight or 11am passkeepers or Fr Jim

Week of prayer for Christian Unity (1)

Today, Sunday, Maryhill Ruchill Parish send Wendy to our 11am service, bringing a gift to end our week of prayer for Christian unity. We send Brian to Maryhill Ruchill for their 11am service with a gift of flowers. This gesture says many things but above all our friendship & unity is not just a week in January; we're committed unity every day!

Week of prayer for Christian Unity (2)

Thanks to everyone who came along and took part - noticeable the numbers were up significantly - an encouraging sign. Thanks to everyone who prepared and led the sessions; the people who fed us at various venues. The Spirit is working in Maryhill



The Most Important Commitment in This Life

Baptism of older children. All families with an older child for baptism must attend Mass! Next session 1st February at 11am, the children go to the oratory for input about baptism. Feb 1st after Mass, a meeting after Mass for all parents. Those who attend will be offered a new date for baptism

Funerals This week, Margaret Prentice RIP (F 29th January 10am) Mary B Dunn (F 29th January 12.15 in St Kessogs, Balloch) Remember Mamie McCue & Sally McDonald whose funerals were last week.

Marrying in 2026? (or into 2027) Please email Fr Jim for pre-nuptial enquiry forms & other arrangements for your wedding day!

Altar servers outing this Friday, 30th January to say a big thanks to our 14 excellent 'young team'. We'll meet in the car park at 5.20; bowling at Braehead fir 6pm and then food at Frankie and Benny at 8. Well be home by 9.30ish and lifts will be provided.



Eucharistic Ministers. We're looking to refresh Eucharistic ministry. If you feel its time to stand down, let Fr Jim know before we recruit new faces. Is this a ministry you could help with? Speak to him asap

Fabric & Finance meetin - full

agenda. To progress church staircase, we need a design consultant. Anyone recommend an architect or designer? Good to know if you've used any roof repair companies - Chapel House needs some attention. Investigating options to have boiler room asbestos removed - its now off limits **Church cleaning** Has now moved to a Friday only. Grateful for new faces that showed up! You do not need to be here every week but good if you let us know you'll be available Always space for new helpers!

Time off - Fr Jim wants to let you know in advance that he'll be away from 2nd - 13th February for a pre-Lent break

Parish Team meeting was due for this Wednesday. Because Fr Jim has a friends funeral this week the diary is a bit busier so well shift the next meeting 'til mid February—apologies for inconvenience.



Maryhill Against Racism. First meeting for 2026. Wednesday 14th January at 5.30pm at Maryhill Community Centre, 35 Avenue Park Street, G20 8TS For more information contact Christine Vennard 07754 376831