Saturday 28th November
9.30 Men's Breakfast (Viking; all welcome) 12.30 Baptism of Max & Meadow Breslin
4.30 Confessions 5.30 Vigil Mass; First Sunday Advent

Sunday 29th Nov; First Sunday Advent
Mass at 9 am. 11 am (Children's liturgy & Reception of Candidates for RCIA)
Welcome JPA; Catholic Education week
Tea Bar after Mass
5.30 Evening Mass

Monday 30th November; Solemnity of St Andrew, Patron of Scotland



10am Church open for cleaning
11am Parish Mass
12noon wedding appointment
1pm Funeral appointment
10 - 1pm Breakfast Club; St Gregory's

Tuesday 1st December
8.20 Parish Mass in John Paul Academy
10am Parish Mass Followed by Rosary
10.30 – 2.30 Adoration of Bl Sacrament
11.30 – 2.30 Tuesday Club
7pm Wedding appointment

Wednesday 2nd December
10 am Parish Mass
11am Funeral appointment
7pm Wedding appointment

Thur 3rd December; St Francis Xavier SJ
10 am Parish Mass
10.30 – 2pm Maccy CaFFY
11am Funeral appointment
6pm Baptism rehearsal
7.30 Newman Association (hall)

Fri 4th Dec 10 am Parish Mass

Saturday 5th December
12.30 Baptism of Albie & Orlagh Adams
4.30 pm Confessions;
5.30 Vigil Mass of 2nd Sunday of Advent

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1st Sunday of Advent

Our new website goes live today! Check it out *immaculateconception.org.uk*

First Sunday of ADVENT

1st Reading; Isaiah 63;16-17ff
O that you would rend the heavens and come down

Responsorial Psalm 80
Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth and we shall be saved

2nd Reading; I Cor 1;3-9
We are waiting for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel; Mark 13;33-37
Stay awake for you do not know when the master of the house will come

Prayer for the Season of Advent

1st Sunday of Advent Sunday, 29th November begins a new year & also the day we launch our parish planning – **our new parish calendar**. After our 175 Jubilee, the theme is "into the future together…" Please collect as many as you can shift – we suggest a £1 donation to defray costs.
Parish Christmas card here TODAY – please take a bundle and get these out far & wide (See The Hearld article that tells the story of our card)
Advent Pop up café for Advent & Christmas takes place at the ASDA on Saturday 12th December – Please consider stepping out of your comfort zone and come help spread the Good News

Advent Faith-sharing groups and scripture reflection to take place on next 3 Fridays in the Oratory in chapel house. Sign up if interested?
Advent walk with me Popular booklet with simple reading & reflection for every day of Advent – helping us prepare for Christmas (Porch £1.50)



SCIAF Advent appeal focuses on supporting displaced people – like Yasmine. (pictured) Very aware of the time of year, cost of living crisis and other demands. So – no collection – no pressure. There are buckets in the church at the 4 statues with Yasmine's image – if you'd like to help
SCIAF Christmas cards on sale today – we only have 100 packs so don't delay! 10 cards - various designs - £4.50 – put your cash in the box on the wall

Pews News

Hospice Lottery Thanks if you already signed up. If you took a form, please return to the church at your convenience. If you didn't get a chance, there are forms at the back to support.
Welcome to John Paul Academy marking catholic Education week. Erin Brown S6 will speak at 11.30 Mass and we welcome the HT and staff
Early Day Motion at Holyrood has been put down by our MSP Bob Doris, to congratulate the parish on its 175th birthday. Bob will present this after 11 am mass on Sunday.

RCIA Our candidates are taking the next step this first day of a new year as they make a commitment to enrol as catechumens and candidates fir sacraments. We are blessed in them so spare them a welcome and a prayer.

Huge thanks To the community payback team who did a great job clearing shrubbery & debris around our entrance & Maryhill Rd. Great job!

Jubilee commemorative prayer card. These are in the porch; we ask you take bundles to spread among your family and friends, to keep the prayer going!

Jubilee Photographic Display. Will be in the porch of the church for a while so you can see these, next to our mini-museum case and display. **A parent/grandparent toddler** All we need are a few of you to support. Speak to Fr Jim in 1st instance to gauge interest We are proposing that this will now take place on a Wed beginning on January 14th – 10am -12noon

Jubilee Gift We have received the gift of a Rowan Tree from Maryhill Ruchill Parish to mark our 175th. This was planted by Stuart, the minister at MRP on Thursday – see pics on SM



CCTV completed = Ensures safety around the hall, church & house. It also covers the car park. We are legally obliged to have signage up – to follow asap. (Cost £7,300) This

For sale in the porch. Fr Tommy Greenan's *Song of the Poor* – stories from El Salvador. (half price at £10) Also Gospel Power for 2027 (£8.50) When they're gone they're gone!

SANDS delighted to host this group for those who lost a baby around birth or in infancy. Their Christmas service- "Lights of Love" is here Dec 9th here

Eucharistic Services In light of mergers & closures we want to create a small team (of 6?) who would be available during the week to lead a service of Word & Holy Communion for those times when it would be needed.

Funerals Emma Louise Mullen RIP (F 8th Dec 10am) Gina Eusebi RIP (F 14th Dec 10am) Beatrice Hannah RIP (F 15th Dec 10am) At time of printing we have no arrangements for James McIlhinney RIP; we wil post these asap Please pray for all who have died and all grieving

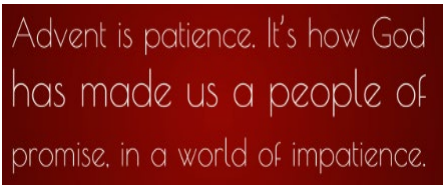


Solemnity of St Andrew – our national patron. Fr Jim has hospital appointments and can't say Mas at 10, Church will be open for cleaning & Mass of St Andrew at 11. Spread the word far and wide!

Month of the Dead Concludes this weekend as the November draws to a close. The lists will be destroyed.

Annual Christmas Service of Remembrance, inviting people to submit names of loved ones for our tribute screen. To submit a name, crem.staff@glasgowcrematorium.co.uk. Sun 6 Dec 2026, 2.30pm Glasgow Crematorium. Hot drinks & treats available after.. We're inviting donations to St Gregory's Foodbank. (Poster at the back)

Walking the Camino STILL NO FIRM INFO. This is quite different from previous trips – exact dates and costs to be confirmed. List is now full.



EVENTS

Advent Day of Confessions: St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde St, Tues 15th Dec. Confessions from 9am - 5pm.

Advent Reflections 2026: Living Faith in Challenging Times. Christ the King Hall 7-8.15pm. Thursdays: 26th Nov - Faith & AI Fr Paul Hayward; 3rd Dec – Faith & Justice towards Peace – SCIAF & J&P; 10th Dec – Faith Development in Catholic Schools, (Paul McWatt (HT St Paul's Secondary); 17th Dec – Bethlehem Today, - online with Bethlehem University students.

ADVENTure: Advent Prayer Evenings: FireCloud Eucharistic adoration, music & reconciliation. Tues 1st Dec: 7-8pm St Patrick's, Old Kilpatrick. Tues 8th Dec: 7-8pm St Margaret's, Clydebank.

FireCloud Nativity 2026: The Christmas story in music & drama. Tues 15th Dec, 7.30pm St. Flannan's, Kirkintilloch, Sun 20th Dec, 7pm. St. Margaret's, Clydebank, Sugg'd donation £4 (£10 per family) or what you can afford. Tea & coffee

Newman Association: Sex, Drugs and Catholic Theology by Dr Martin Murray: Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception 7.30pm Thurs 4th Dec. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

SCIAF Carol Concert: 7pm 10 Dec 2026. an evening of carols for SCIAF's Advent Appeal. Refreshments & opportunity to buy Real Gifts in Eyre Hall. Reserve your tickets at: www.sciaf.org.uk/getinvolved/events/1012-sciaf-carol-concert-2026

Grief to Grace – Healing Retreat for Victims of Abuse – 22nd - 27th Feb 2027 – Perth: 5-day programme for spiritual & psychological healing contact Grief to Grace (Scotland) at margaret.clarke@grieftograceuk.org

FAITH IN ACTION

Crisis in Yemen. Worst famine for decades; 5 million displaced, 18 million facing acute food insecurity & no clean water; 2.2 million children malnourished; ways to help: https://www.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam-in-action/current-emergencies/yemen.

End Energy Debt. Energy bills to increase by £443 p.a. & energy debt at £7bn; call on UK government to bring delayed Energy Debt Relief Scheme funded by a windfall tax on energy company profits; email to MPs: https://act.debtjustice.org.uk/end-energy-debt-email-your-mp.



Human Rights Day – 10 December. The Universal Declaration calls for equal dignity and freedoms for all, safety and free expression, access to education and justice etc; ask MP to share a message of support:https://www.amnesty.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/sign-apetition.

New UK Due Diligence Law. new law requires businesses to identify, assess & address risks of human rights abuse, labour exploitation in operations supply chains:www.ethicaltrade.org/resources/issues.

Save Wildlife - Ban Glyphosate. Public spaces poisoned by toxic pesticide used by local councils to kill wild plants depriving bees, birds, hedgehogs etc of habitats; call on UK government not to renew the license - urgent: https://action.greenpeace.org.uk/stop-glyphosate.