

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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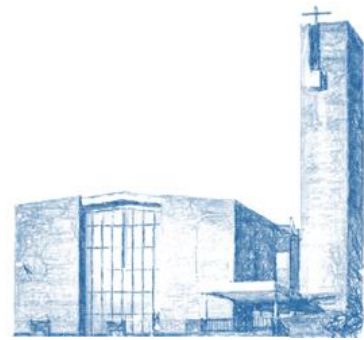
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A 26th and 27th November 2022

Mon	10:00	Devotions
Tue	10:00	Mass
Wed	10:00	Mass: St Andrew Funeral of Gerrard Divers
Thu	10:00	Mass
	18:00	Reception of Remains of Thomas Woods
	18:15 – 18:45	Confessions
	19:00	Mass
Fri	07:00	Mass
	10:00	Mass: Funeral of Thomas Woods
Sat	09:00 – 09:45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	09:15 – 09:45	Confessions
	10:00	Mass: St Francis Xavier
	16:15 – 16:45	Confessions.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A 3rd and 4th December 2022

	17:00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sun	09:00	Sunday Mass
	11:00	Children's Mass

During Advent there will be an additional Mass on Friday at 07:00.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

ISAIAH 2:1-5

The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom

PSALM 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

ROMANS 13:11-14

Our salvation is near

MATTHEW 24:37-44

The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

A new season begins today: Advent. So does a new liturgical Year, and since it's Year A, so does the three-year liturgical cycle and the first scripture proclamation of the entire lectionary, with the words "The vision of Isaiah...": a vision for people to turn swords into ploughshares, spears into pruning hooks - destructive implements into creative tools. Advent is a season of hope, of positive expectation. Our challenge is to bring about this hope, this peace.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK

John Gould, Margaret Gannon, Jan McKnight, Mary (May) McCann, Nora Houston, Jim McFadden, Terry Cassidy

RECENTLY DECEASED

Thomas Woods, Gerrard Divers, Grace Finnegan, Patricia McCreath, John Fagan, Elizabeth Lunny, Andy Duffy, Myra Roy, Jim McTaggart

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Rita Kelly, Mary Ann Lynch, Jeannie Cook, Cathie Russell, Robert Cook Snr., Graham Stelmach, Elizabeth Mooney, Jimmy Ferguson, Harry Carrol, Agnes McDonald, Peter & Molly Rooney, Rita Kelly

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU.

Last Sunday's Offerings	£1,644
Votive Candles	£123
Stall	£290
Education	£945

RCIA RITE OF WELCOME

Three people have begun the process of becoming Catholic and they will be formally welcomed this weekend after the homily. Please keep them in your prayers.

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

NOVENA, ROSARY AND PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday before Mass at 09.25 and after Mass on a Saturday.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday after Mass in the Oratory.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday in the Oratory after Mass

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS & VOCATIONS

Friday at 13:30 in the Church, Stations of the Cross and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY ROSARY

First Tuesday of the month at 19:00 in the Oratory.

All Welcome

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

ISAIAH 7:10-14

The maiden is with child.

PSALM 23(24):1-6

Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

ROMANS 1:1-7

Our apostolic mission is to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations.

MATTHEW 1:18-24

How Jesus Christ came to be born

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE HALL

Tue	09:00	Knitting and Craft Group
	19:30	Bingo
Wed		Café after morning Mass
Thu	10:30	Mother and Toddler Group
	13:00	Friendship Group

All Welcome

SEASON OF ADVENT

This weekend we begin the season of Advent. This is primarily a season of hope that looks in two directions: backward as we remember the mystery of Christmas; and forward as we look towards Christ's return. The structure of the season reflects this: from the First Sunday of Advent until 16th December, the prayers and readings urge us to prepare for the Lord's second coming. From December 17th to Christmas Eve, the focus turns to the Nativity and preparing to celebrate God's presence among us 2,000 years ago. The colour for the season is purple, the same as with Lent. The Advent wreath is a focus, lighting one new candle each week as we prepare to celebrate Christ, who came as the light in the darkness.

OTHER NOTICES

CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

This year we will continue our established tradition of gifting toys to children in the east end of Glasgow. Please bring along wrapped toys that are in good condition with age and gender indicated and leave

them in the porch. They will be delivered to St Dominic's, Craigend, where Fr O'Brien's team will organise appropriate distribution.

CONFIRMATIONS

Congratulations to the young people of our two primaries who received the Sacrament of Confirmation over the past two weeks. The young people were a credit to their families, schools, and parishes.

MY DAY BY DAY SCRIPTURE READING BOOKS

This year's Advent book will be distributed to subscribers over the coming week. Please note that this is the final book of the current subscription.

Due to increased costs, the price for the 2023 subscription will be £11.00. If you wish to continue or discontinue your subscription, please can you inform John Burns. Payments for 2023 will be collected during December. If parishioner would like to take up a subscription, please contact John Burns on 07788 918579.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

SOLEMNITY OF ST ANDREW

Wednesday 30th November, Bishop Toal will celebrate Mass for the High School in St Bride's Church at 13:30. All are invited.

COFFEE MORNING

Next Sunday, 4th December, after 11:00 Mass. Organised by our young people to raise money for a SCIAF project to bring water to a village. Our young people have worked hard for this, so please come along and support them.

NEXT CHILDREN'S MASS

Next Sunday, 4th December at 11:00.

NEXT FOODBANK COLLECTION

Next weekend, 3rd and 4th of December, for Loaves and Fishes and the Community Foodbank. Our last collection before Christmas. You have been donating for eight years and your generosity has been remarkable. Thank you so much for this and your anticipated kindness in advance of Christmas.

SCRIPTURE EVENING

Wednesday 7th December at 18:00, an evening of prayer and reflection on Scripture for all in the parish, but especially our Readers. It will include an introduction to the Gospel of Matthew, then some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

NEXT AUTISM FRIENDLY MASS

Sunday 11th December at 14:00.

KILBRYDE HOSPICE

See the poster in the porch for the various events the hospice is running in December.