Sunday 4rth January Find us on: **Instagram: ourladyandstgeorge** The Epiphany of Our Lord



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Normal Sunday Masses times

Vigil: 6 pm; Sunday 9.30 and 11 am.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Monday at 7 pm

Masses are live streamed for those unable to physically to take part. Go to the website for the link: www.olsg.org.uk

- **CAMERAS FOCUS ONLY ON THE SANCTUARY AREA AND THE AREA IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF IT. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO HAVE YOUR IMAGE LIVE STREAMED, PLEASE MIND THIS.**
- **Church Opening times in addition to Mass times the church is open this week Monday to Friday 1.30 to 2.30 pm. And Monday to Friday 6 to 7 pm**
- **Generally, individual Confessions are available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 6.15 to 6.45.**

Silence in the church is observed to allow private prayer.

This Sunday 4th January is the feast in Scotland of the Epiphany. It is a Day of Prayer for Justice and Peace. A retiring collection is to be taken up for Justice and Peace Scotland. Archbishop writes: "...our prayer for peace is not just that armies will stop fighting, that acts of terrorism and warfare will cease, that countries will live in harmony with one another. Our prayer for peace is for every human heart, our own included, to be purified of all that is within it that leads to conflict..."

May they rest in peace We are asked to pray for those who died recently; Sadie Allison (Funeral Mass 13th January), Sr Norah McGonigle (Funeral Mass 15th January), Archie McKinven, Joe Gribben, Iain Campbell, Stephen Flaherty; those whose anniversaries occur about now: Donald John Wood, Rose Wallace (13 yrs), Emma-Jane Donnelly (1st yr), Frank Geraghty (7yrs), Sadie Whyte (9 yrs), Jack Dowling, Johnny Dowling

(Names for insertion should be added to the list available in the link corridor before 10 am. Thursday.)

Prayer are requested for those who are ill: for the sick at home, in hospital, in nursing, homes: Jade Evans, Ellen Hamilton, Murdo Moby, Alan MacDonald, Isabel McLellan, Maureen Cunningham, Joseph Dodds, Willie Fortucci, Finn McGuinness, Mary Blair, Billy Miller, Betty Hassan, Belle Mann, Gerry Fergusson, Agnes Charles, Kevin McCann, Anthony McCann, Rosemary McManus, Harry Simpson, Debbie Needleman, Sr Rose Hughes, Els Heuchan, Angela (Gillan) Barr, Liz Murray, Pamela McKinven, Charlotte McKinven, Sean McMahon
(Permission from the person who is ill is required before insertion in the bulletin. Add the name to the list in the link corridor each week.)

The Western Catholic Calendar is now on sale

The parish calendar for 2026 is now available.

Last week's collection amounted to £1447. Christmas day collection was a bumper collection coming to £2418 and we are grateful to all who contributed.

Welcome to Fr Brendan Murtagh who will be celebrating Mass for us this week.

Bible Alive is a publication which gives a reflection on the Mass

readings of the day. The following story appeared a number of years ago.

Golfer: Are there golf courses in heaven?

Angel: I have good news and bad news.

Golfer: What's the good news?

Angel: The good news is that heaven's golf courses are beautiful beyond anything you could imagine!

Golfer; How could there be any bad news with that?

Angel: You're teeing off at 8.30 am tomorrow morning!

Several of our parishioners were dismayed when this story was read out a number of years ago. They were due out on the golf course the next morning at 8.30 am.! They were glad when rain prevented play!

The feast of St Kentigern is coming up on the 13th. When you visit St Andrew's Cathedral look to the right of the sanctuary and you will see a fairly small stained glass window depicting the episcopal consecration of St Kentigern. He is presented as a monk being consecrated by two other bishops.

Several accounts of the life of St Kentigern were in circulation during the 12th century and a monk of Furness, called Jocelin, collated the accounts and presented a new "life" of the saint, the only one to survive intact till the present day.

As his feast comes around, I like to pay attention to the reminders of his life. They are there in Glasgow's Coat of Arms seen on bin lorries, on some of the older bridges crossing the Clyde, on notepaper from schools, on bus shelters (the bird, the salmon with a ring in its mouth, the tree and the bell), on city of Gland I'm sure on many other places too.

The original woodcut for the Coat of Arms which was presented to the Lord Lyon in 1974 was presented to Mgr Hugh N. Canon Boyle, the Administrator of St Andrew's Cathedral on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee on 9th December 1987. It was presented to him by the former Lord Provost, Peter McCann, a regular member of the Cathedral's parish.

Poem by Murdoch Maclean, submitted by a parishioner, similar to the Irish poem in last week's bulletin.

Trim the cruisie's failing light

The Son of God shall pass tonight

Shall pass at midnight dreary

The Son of Mary, weary.

Lift the sneck and wooden bar

And leave the stranger's door ajar

Lest he may tarry lowly

The Son of Mary holy

Sweep the hearth and pile the peat

And set the board with bread and meal

The Son of God may take it

The Son of Mary, break it.

(A Duan of Barra)

Fr Joe writes. "It is not something I really need" I thought to myself on opening one of the cards and reading the words:" You've been given a bicycle". I was more content, however, on opening the card which explained: "Actually a little kid in Malawi has your bicycle but it's no loss what a friend gets."

The card was one of the Concern Worldwide Gifts. The person who gave the gift made a donation to the Livelihoods Programme with me in mind, helping "to sprinkle a little Concern magic around the world and changing the lives of people facing extreme poverty." I was happier at that.

Wishing you all every blessing from the Lord for 2026.