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Sunday 15 November 2026
33rd Week of the Year

Sunday Mass: Vigil (Sat): 6pm
Sunday: 9.30am and 11am

Mon—Sat: 9.30am

Feasts this week:

Monday 16th —
Saint Margaret of Scotland

Tuesday 17th —
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Saturday 21st—
Presentation of Bl Virgin Mary

Friday 20th—6pm

Mass in thanksgiving for Fr Joe Boyle's ministry in OLSG, followed by celebration in hall

Church Opening times:

The church will be open from 8am until around 6pm—extended on evenings when Mass or devotions.

Confessions:

Fridays at 6pm-7pm with Blessed Sacrament adoration

Perpetual Succour Novena
Monday evenings 7pm

RED WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, **18th November**, our Scottish cathedrals will join Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) in celebrating Mass to remember Christians across the world who suffer for believing in Jesus. Eighty percent of all religious persecution in the world is directed against Christians, and our brothers and sisters in Christ desperately need our prayers and support. Help break the silence on this persecution.

1pm Mass: St Andrew's Cathedral

Pope Leo's message for World Day of the Poor

The Lord is a refuge for the poor...

The words of the Psalm serve as a standard for Christian living because they reveal the face of God and acknowledge human poverty. To every generation, this Word appears in all its relevance. From the very beginning, it reveals the contradiction into which we still so often fall today. "*Fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good*" (*Ps* 14:1). It highlights the contrast between those who act wisely and those who go through life as if there were nothing greater than themselves.

The loss of a sense of the transcendent in daily life is no longer so much a theoretical denial of God's existence; rather, it is evident in the failure to take his goodness and mercy into account in the pursuit of personal and social justice.

The absence of God no longer places people side by side in mutual respect, but places one above the other in a relationship of domination and oppression.

Today, the poor's cry for justice is silenced by a multitude of increasingly subtle tactics, to the point of rendering voiceless their every effort to make their demands heard.

That God is their refuge is not merely a promise; it becomes a reality in the person of Jesus Christ. God dwells among us through the Incarnation of the Son, who makes concrete and visible the refuge for which we hope.

The poor of our day are the forgotten and the marginalized: robbed not only of bread, but also of a voice and a face. May they encounter the Son of God, who draws near to everyone without neglecting anyone. May they encounter him, first and foremost, in those who call themselves Christians.

In the Church, his Body, it is Jesus who offers bread and friendship; he brings light and opens a horizon of hope; he calls each person by name and restores dignity to all. In Christ, we are called to become poor and to be a refuge for the poor. The Christian community cannot remain indifferent to the many who today stand at the door but remain invisible to those who are shut within their own walls.

Certain questions inevitably arise, and on this World Day of the Poor: Are we a sign of a God who is a refuge for the poor? Do we go where the poor are, experiencing their marginalization? Do we listen to their thoughts and share their hopes?

The eighth centenary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi prompts us to recall how, upon arriving in Rome as a pilgrim to the tomb of the Apostle Peter, he was moved with compassion for the beggars. To understand and experience their suffering, he took off his own clothes and exchanged them for the ragged garments of one of them, sitting down to beg and spending the entire day among the poor with a joyful spirit.

Those who have God as their refuge have the freedom to make prophetic choices, which testify to the fact that everything can be reimagined from the ground up, in the humility and fraternity that alone can heal a world wounded by arrogance.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOODBANK

The foodbank is hoping for a boost in donated food supplies leading up to Christmas, as need becomes greatest at this time of year. Please see the notice in the porch for a list of items requested. From next week there will be trays in the porch in which food may be donated. This will be collected every Tuesday morning (the foodbank operates in our hall every Tuesday 10.30-12.30). The appeal will continue up to Christmas.

We pray for those who have died recently:
Jane Rooney, Caroline McShane, Richard Evans, Eamon Friel, Mary Sweeney, Rose Burnside

Those whose anniversaries are about now:
Catherine McKenna, Angus John Cumming, Henry McDonald, George Ashman, Agnes McShane

St Margaret of Scotland Youth at 50

The SMSYG has been assisting the Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage for 50 years. In thanksgiving to God for this half century of golden service by young people from across the Archdiocese of Glasgow, you are invited to join with Archbishop Nolan for the celebration of Mass this **Friday, 20th November at 7pm** in St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street. All are welcome, especially former "groupies", and anyone who has travelled to Lourdes with the pilgrimage.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

There has been an approach asking that the Bible Study be repeated in the day time for those who wish to take part but do not want to come out at night. If there is sufficient interest, consideration would be given to re-running it from the start on a Wednesday morning after Mass, beginning in January. Please let David Ashman know if you are interested (07807 683711). The existing Thursday night group continues as normal.

QUIZ AFTERNOON
Friday 27th Nov
1.30pm
Mill Hill Missions
Lourdes Ave
Cardonald
£5 (Tea/Coffee)

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Prizes include £100, M&S Gift Voucher, Hamper, Wine, Glasses and more
Tickets available from next week-

Emerald Lunch Club

Wednesday 18th November
12noon—3pm
OLSG Hall

Irish Traditional Music, Song & Dance

Soup, Sandwiches, Sausage Rolls
Tea, Coffee & Cakes
Cost – £5.00

Places must be pre-booked
Call Evin: 07866 453708

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
Special collection next Sunday for Scottish Catholic Education Service

Becoming a Catholic Teacher

Online Information Event
Wednesday 25th November; 17.00-18.00

The St Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education will be hosting an online information session for anyone interested in applying for Catholic teaching and attaining the Catholic Teacher Certificate. The session will cover the vocation of teaching, becoming a Catholic teacher through our Undergraduate (MEduc) and Postgraduate (PGDE) programmes and the ways to obtain the Catholic Teacher Certificate for practising teachers. Eligibility and submission of a priest's reference will also be covered. If you are interested in becoming a teacher in a Catholic school, you are most welcome to join the information session using this QR code.

Further info email: catholic-education@glasgow.ac.uk

RCAG Young Adults

On the Road: Navigating Tough Terrain
Age 16–35 | **Mon 9 Nov** | 7-9pm | RCAG Offices G1 4JY
Discover what it means to follow Christ with courage, grow as his witnesses and take your next step as disciples. The evening includes prayer, input, real faith stories, pizza and fellowship.
To register: www.rcagyouth.co.uk/on-the-road

Solemnity of Saint Andrew

Archbishop Nolan will preside at Vespers (Evening Prayer) on the Vigil of St Andrew's Day, Sunday **29th November** at Saint Andrew's Cathedral at 7pm. All are invited to this celebration as we gather together as a diocesan community to honour Scotland's patron Saint.

Freedom from Torture is dedicated to the healing and protection of torture survivors living in Scotland. You're invited to support this work by buying the charity's Christmas cards which are available in the church porch.

ADVENT FAITH SHARING

With Advent coming up, you are invited to become part of a small Faith Sharing group within the parish. Made up of six to eight people, the groups meet once a week in homes or the hall to reflect on the Advent scriptures, pray together and discuss how to live out our faith as witnesses within the wider community. Sign-up slips available at the back of church, with options on times and days that suit. The first set of meetings begins week of **Mon 30th Nov**.