Church of Our Lady & St. George

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Fr Joe is generally available after all Masses and in the evenings from 8.30 – 9.30 pm Monday –Thursday except Wednesdays.

Sunday Mass times:
Vigil:6.30 pm, 9.30 & 11.00 am

Weekday Mass Times:
Mon- Sat. Morning Mass 9.30am
How to join the Catholic Church. Adults who would like to join our Church community are most welcome to make this known. (After the initial inquiry preparation begins and the time it takes depends on individual circumstances.)

Rosary: is prayed every morning, Tuesday—Saturday after morning Mass

Confession/Reconciliation:
Any morning before Mass and Sat: 5:30-6:30pm

Novena
to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Mon 7pm

Sacraments:

Marriage: By appointment with Parish Priest (6 months' notice required)

Baptism: By appointment with Parish Priest

Sacrament of the Sick:
For those seriously ill or going into hospital. Please phone Fr. Joe on 882-4868

Funerals: Please approach the Parish Priest in the event of bereavement.

SOUTHSIDE FOODBANK TREATS

Basic items of food, hygiene or Christmas treats would be very gratefully received during December.

MANY THANKS.



Third Sunday in Advent
Gaudete Sunday

" *Gaudete in Domino semper*"
("Rejoice in the Lord always")
The "Rose" candle is lit today.
The priest may wear Rose Vestments.

Fr Joe writes.
Three processes come to the fore in Advent: listening, turning away from self (repentance), and turning to the One who brings fulfilment to our lives. These three processes came together when it was time to head out last Monday to Nazareth House where there was a celebration of Reconciliation (Confessions) for priests. The gaggle of geese which I heard far above seemed to cackle: "It is about time you got along to Confession!" I heard them but I did not see them.
My listening brought me to the conclusion that my age old habits and selfish concerns had not gone away, but that there is One who is bringing about a slow and gradual transformation to be completed some time in the future when He comes again. The mince pies and strong tea was a little foretaste of this communal transformation.
I never heard the gaggle on the way back. Perhaps they were off to say to someone else: "Time for you to go to Confession too!"

Christmas Mass times: Sunday 24th December: Christmas Vigil Mass at 6 pm. Carols at 8.30 pm followed by Mass at 9 pm

Christmas Day: Mass at 10 am.

Church Opening: The church opens again this Monday and Tuesday from 8.30 am until 4 pm. Enter by the side door facing the hall.

Morning Prayer of the Church is said at 9 am at the front of the church before the Blessed Sacrament. You are welcome to join us.

St Nicholas Care Fund. This Sunday our second collection will be taken up for this Fund. A letter from the Archbishop is to be read out beforehand. Information pack, including cardboard small change boxes, are available at the back of the church.

An Advent Delight. Come along to the hall on Tuesday afternoon from 2pm until 3 pm. This will be the last before Christmas..

Celebrating Reconciliation. Confessions will be available in St Andrew's Cathedral on 19th December during the day till 5 pm. (See the notice board.)

The statue of Our Lady. Our statue of Our Lady of Lourdes depicts her as Bernadette saw her in 1858 dressed in white with a blue sash. In addition we also have her standing on rocks and a little stream is at the side. The waters of Lourdes have been transported all over the world and united many a humble person with the Mother of God. Unfortunately, our statue has lost some of its paint over the years and we think there may be someone in the parish who will be able to do a bit of restoration!.

Last week's collections. Thanks to all who contributed to the parish upkeep in our first collection which came to £1026 (including Gift Aid contributions). The second collection for the parish renovation fund came to £514, The brown envelopes for parish renovation: £91. Standing order contributions have to be added to the above amounts.

£900 was received from the proceeds of *What's the Pointe's* presentation in the hall; £345 received from the parish ceilidh, and £694 from the Table Top Sale. Thanks to all who participated and supported these events.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THOSE WHO ARE SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL:

Marjorie McGhee; Margaret Peoples; Robert Carroll; Claire Keegan; Betty McCreadie; Jo Maule; Betty Hassan; Catherine Leverage; Angela Stirling; Sadie Reid; John O'Malley; Gladys Connelly; D. Dickson; G. Wright; P. Fitsimmons; John Reilly; Patsy Gallagher; Mary McLeod; Joe Graham; Margaret Miller; Linda Fulton; Margaret Smyth; Martin Carlin; John O'Neill; Heather Hunt; Eddie Gethins; Betty Turner; Laura McCluskey; Patsy Pollok.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME:

Yvonne Lynn; Eileen and James McKelvie; Una Eadie; Mary Cruikshanks (26th); Eileen K. Stevenson (3rd); Maisie Duffy (1st); Catherine and Bernard Donnelly; Kitty Ward; Catherine Quinn; Mark Quinn.

STALL

Christmas cards and Christmas Mass Bouquet cards Are available in the stall Also plaques, statues, votive lights, rosaries, prayer leaflets etc. Why not come in and have a look?

The Jesse Tree



During Advent the children will prepare the Jesse Tree. They will decorate the tree on the four Sundays of Advent. The decorations represent the promises God made throughout the Old Testament concerning the birth of His only Son. The tree is named after Jesse, the father of David, the great king of Israel. Jesse and David were promised that God's only Son would be born in their family. The decorations begin with Creation and end with the birth of Jesus.

CHRISTMAS



On Monday 18th December we will give the church a deep clean in preparation for Christmas. We would welcome anyone who can help on that day after 9.30 Mass

Minnie Crossan, Formerly of Talla Rd. Is celebrating her 104th birthday on 15th December!

YOU ARE NEEDED **YES YOU!** To help decorate your church for Christmas. If you can spare one hour or so of your time then please come after 9.30 Mass on Wednesday 20th December

ADVENT PRAYER

THE LAST OF OUR FOUR SESSIONS OF PRAYER FOR ADVENT IS ON TUESDAY AT 2.00 P.M. IN THE HALL. AN HOUR OF PEACE WITH MUSIC, SCRIPTURE AND SILENCE.

ALL WELCOME.

Carols by Candlelight

Church of the Good Shepherd Hillington Rd South This Sunday 17th December At 7.00pm (See poster in porch)

ALL WELCOME REFRESHMENTS SERVED

WOMEN'S GUILD

At the recent night out at the Crookston Hotel there was a mix-up in the cloakroom and a wrong fur jacket was taken. If you mistakenly took another jacket thinking it was yours please phone Cathie Gilmour On: 891 5708

AGAP-DECEMBER 2017

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER
1.30pm-3.00pm
BOOK CLUB
A chance to meet up with fellow book lovers and share what you've been reading
Tea + coffee provided
Friendly informal set-up

Feel free to bring your own lunch.

400 CLUB WINNERS DECEMBER

1ST- NO 154—KEIRA LUCCHESI CAIRNHILL CIRCUS...£100

2ND-NO 183—GERALD FARMER LAMINGTON ROAD...£50

3RD– NO 201—JANET MALLON CARDONALD DRIVE...£30

DAY OF CONFESSION

Priests will be available all day in the Cathedral on TUESDAY 19th DECEMBER 2017 From 7.45am until 5.45pm

If you missed the beautiful Penitential Service on Tuesday 12th Dec. then here's your chance to go to confession before Christmas!

CHURCH DECORATIONS

A box will be left at the back of the church for donations towards the purchase of updated decorations for the church. Also please bring a poinsettia plant for around the crib. These can be left in the porch or at Our Lady's Altar.

SSVP are looking for volunteers to help organise the "winter warmer" for which we have received many enquiries. It has proved to be a very popular event in the past but to run this event in early February we need around 25 volunteers in various capacities including drivers/coordinators. There would be approximately 80 guests on the day. If you can, please put your name and the capacity in which you would like to help on the list at the back of the church. THANK YOU