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4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday 19th December *2021*

Sunday Masses

Sunday Mass and weekday Masses are live streamed. Go to the website for the link : www.olsg.org.uk

Mass Times: Vigil: 6pm. Sunday: 9.30am and 11am.

Weekday Masses: 9.30am

The novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Mondays at 7 pm

Friday afternoon rosary: 1.30 pm

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve:

- Vigil Mass 6 pm
- Night Mass of Christmas at 9 pm (Carols and readings at 8.30 pm.)

Saturday 25th December: Christmas Day

- Day Mass: 10 am.
- (No Vigil Mass for the Sunday)

Saturday 1st January: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- Morning Mass: 10 am
- Vigil Mass for Sunday: 6 pm.

PRIVATE PRAYER: The church is open for private prayer **1.30pm to 2.30pm**, and **6pm to 7pm** Monday to Friday, with individual Confessions being available Monday, Tuesday and Friday around 6.15pm and also on Thursday from 5.45-6.05pm. Silence in the church is observed since loud talking disturbs those who have come along for private prayer.

Confirmations. Keep in your prayers the young people who are coming forward for Confirmation on January 27th.

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?



ADVENT:

Elizabeth said to Mary:

"Blessed is she who believed that the promise of the Lord would be fulfilled."

Baptism: The Church welcomes adults and children who wish union with the Lord in his victory over evil and death and who wish to participate in the life of the parish.

Sacrament of the Sick: The Anointing of the Sick is for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age.

Marriage: For baptised Catholics marriages are to be solemnised by God's blessing.

Prayers for the dying. Praying the rosary can be a most comforting experience for a person preparing to move on to the new life. Other prayers and readings are available on request.

Funerals: Families are encouraged to choose from a selection of readings. These can be found on the internet: scripture readings for Catholic funeral Mass. The translation has to be one of the approved ones for the UK.

One good website to check: **olasv.org.uk**. (Use Search Box)

We are asked to pray for those who have died recently: Betty Thompson

For those whose anniversaries occur about now: Elizabeth Freer, Kitty Ward, Mark Quinn, Catherine Quinn, Eileen Stevenson (7th), Mary Cruickshanks, Mary Crawford, Billy Ryan; and birthday remembrances Betty Murray and Hugh Dillon.

Pray for those who are ill: for the sick at home, in hospital, in nursing homes. Prayers are requested for: Robert Carroll, Chrissie MacIntyre, Fr Billy Donnelly, G. Saville, Mary Blair, Sheila Smith. *(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.)*

HOGMANAY CANCELLATION: The social committee would like to apologise to the 85 people who pre-ordered tickets for the Hogmanay Party which we have regrettably had to cancel. To have continued after the latest omicron virus news and the Scottish Government guidelines would have been irresponsible, particularly in view of the close proximity of people during the New Year celebrations. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable festive season and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next dance – Saturday 26th February.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

Please be extra careful especially when on the move, coming and going, and at the crib when it comes to Christmas. The Children's Liturgy has been cancelled for a few weeks.

Help decorate our Crib- Donate a poinsettia – bring it to Our Lady's Altar, and it will be placed on our Crib for Christmas.

Fr Joe writes. The message at the start of Advent was that the Lord's coming would be sprung upon us like a trap. I thought of that after my back wheel gave way and sent me clattering to the ground in an instant. My helmet gave me a little bump as if to say: "Just as well you are wearing the helmet!" I lay for a few seconds, but with no one around to take pity on me, I scrambled to my feet, picked up the bicycle, and looked back to see what had caused the fall. The leaves looked innocent enough at that bend in the underpass beneath the Clydeside expressway, but I did not delay, headed through the tunnel, past the hospital, and back home to nurse my wounded and bruised hip. The following week the same leaves were apologetically heaped to the side, but how many more cyclists had they fooled? When I approach that corner now I will be more attentive to the gospel advice to stay alert and watch yourselves.

Online Premiere - Mon 20th Dec 2021 at 6.00pm: AGAP Theatre "Sign of Contradiction: The Christmas Story" (Recorded live in 2018). Written & Directed by Stephen Callaghan. In a park in Glasgow, on a cold Christmas Eve night, a group of homeless people gather around an open fire to keep warm. Finding an old Bible in a rubbish heap, they are considering whether to burn it for fuel when a stranger appears and begins to take them through the story of Christmas in a way that they have never heard it before. Link on YouTube available via www.agap.org.uk

Finances Thanks to all who contribute to the parish upkeep. £1186 was taken up last weekend (11/12th December) at the Masses, a further £492 as donations for the parish upkeep, and £59 for the parish renovation. Standing orders and other bank donations are also most gratefully received.

Thanks to those who take up the collection these days, men and women and people of different nationalities to reflect the universality (catholicity) of the Church.

St Nicholas Care Fund; £1039 was taken up last weekend.

Teacher Recruitment:
See the poster in the porch and the QR code.

Christmas Baubles and Petitions

A petitions box is now available for insertion into Christmas baubles and hung from the Christmas tree.

Synodal Church: The Preparatory report for the Synod is to be found at www.synod.va More on this soon.

Decorating the church, setting up the crib and Christmas tree: Suggested time is this Sunday after 11am Mass (approx. midday)

St Vincent de Paul Society:

If you know of anyone who could do with a bit of assistance you drop a note into the box on exiting the church giving contact details if you have permission of the recipients, or Tel: 07947 194252

Gifts for Deanfield Nursing Home. Toiletry gifts (wrapped and marked male/female) for the residents will be gratefully received at Masses this weekend.

Publications: Western Catholic Calendar: £3.20. The Scottish Catholic at £2, and Flourish which is free.