# CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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# *4th Sunday of Advent*

## Sunday 20th December 2020

**Sunday Masses**

**Vigil: 6 pm; Sunday 9.30 and 11 am.**
*(At present there is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass)*

**Tier 3:** Maximum attendance (excluding staff) is 50

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

**Masses will also be broadcast in the hall for up to 40 people.**

If showing symptoms, or if you think you have the symptoms, or are worried about being infected, we would ask you not to attend

Contact details must be taken for all who attend. Stewards will be on hand to attend to this. Special allowances may be made for more senior members of the community.

**The church is open for private prayer this week Monday to Wednesday: 1 pm until 3 pm and 6 pm until 7 pm.**

**Confessions: Monday, Tuesday, 6-7 pm.**



***'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.'***

**Christmas Petitions:**

Petitions (placed in the box at the back of the church) will be placed in a clear Christmas bauble and hung from the Christmas tree.

**Christmas Masses**

This weekend December tickets are available for our Christmas Masses.

The Christmas Mass times are as follows:

**Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve: 6 pm**

**Night Mass of Christmas: 9 pm**

**Day Mass on Christmas Day: 10 am.**

The hall will be available for use as well as the church.

***Application forms will be available for an additional Mass on Christmas day morning*** *(if all the other tickets are taken up and if at least 20 people will agree to participate at the Mass).*

**SOUTHSIDE FOODBANK:** Amazingly it has been 7 years since the Foodbank opened. 7 years of much generosity from the people of this parish. Many, many thanks from the people who run the Foodbank for what must be thousands of items donated in that time. Sadly, also a plea to continue if you can.

If you need a Foodbank our nearest one is on a Friday between 10.30 and 12.45 in Hillington Park Church, Berryknowes Rd near Morrison's.




**Finances:** Thanks to all who contribute to the parish upkeep last weekend. £1028 was donated as Mass offerings and £228 was also contributed separately. Renovation fund contributions came to £35. Standing orders and other bank donations are also most gratefully received.

**May they rest in peace. We are asked to pray for those who have died recently:** Frank Devlin, Peter Devine, Patsy Scott, Robert Buchanan, Jane Balmer;

**For those whose anniversaries occur about now:** Elizabeth Freer, Yvonne Lynn, James and Eileen McKelvie, Gordon James Mathers (14), Ewan McMillan, Ann Campbell, Agnes MacKenzie.

**Pray for those who are ill.** The sick at home, in hospital, in nursing homes are to be remembered in our Sunday Masses. (For names to be entered into bulletin please obtain written permission).

## Sacraments

**Baptism:** Parents who seek to bring up their children with the gift of faith should request baptism for them. Adults too may receive the grace of baptism if they have not already received the sacrament. If resident outside the parish, you are to receive permission from the parish of your residence.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** The Anointing of the Sick is for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. We should not follow the wrongful practice of delaying the sacrament.

**Marriage:** Baptised Catholics are obliged to follow the Church's procedures for marriage. Civil marriages for Catholics can be regularised enabling them to receive Holy Communion.

**Prayers for the Dying:** Praying the rosary can be a most comforting experience for a person preparing to move on to the new life. If the person can receive Holy Communion this may be given as Viaticum (Food for the Journey). Other prayers and readings are available on request.

**Funerals:** Please inform the parish priest. If outside the parish please inform priest of parish of residence.

**Charlie & Cathy Marr:** Thank you for your selection boxes and cash donations for Iona house. This year we sent over 450 selection boxes for distribution to the outlying villages. We find it hard to believe that with the Covid-19 epidemic & high unemployment that the parishioners of Our Lady &St Georges were so generous . The selection box a child receives in most cases will be the only gift they receive this Christmas. Thank you all for your generosity.

**Holy Water** is to be blessed at Masses this weekend for use in or homes. We are asked to bring our own bottles of water and hold them while the blessing is given at the start of the Masses. This blessing reminds us of our baptism and replaces the Penitential Rite.

**SSVP Notice:** We will be handing out Christmas Afternoon Tea boxes next Sunday at the end of 11am mass in the small hall. As before they are for parishioners to take to anyone who they think could do with a pick-me-up.

**The Western Catholic Calendar (£3.20)** giving parish details and information is now available. Handling must be minimised.

**Decorating the Church for Christmas**:

Tuesday 22nd December from 1 – 3 pm? We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the crib, the tree, and place garlands round our church. Please give you names to the stewards.



**Freedom from Torture news:** In recent days about 150 torture survivors and their families living in the Glasgow area have received Christmas boxes from the FFT centre, containing nightlight, calendar, lavender, hat, gloves, scarf, chocolate etc. Thank you for your support.

**Parish Calendars:** are now available and we are grateful to all who contributed and enabled the production.

**Lisbeth Raeside, Director of SPRED:** Thank you to all who responded to the recent appeal for SPRED. The total raised, including gift aid, was £1,160.

I am truly grateful for every donation and the faith in SPRED's ministry to our brothers and sisters who have learning disabilities that the donations represent.. Please continue to pray that we will be able to keep a SPRED group in the parish. May God bless you for your kindness.