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Sunday 22nd December 2024

'4th Sunday of Advent'

Sunday Masses: Vigil: 6pm. Sunday: 9.30am and 11am.

Weekday Masses: 9.30am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

Rosary after Mass most days.

For those not able to be present physically our Masses are live streamed. 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 **Monday to Friday 1.30 to 2.30 pm, and 6pm to 7pm**. Silence in the church is observed to allow private prayer.

Generally, individual Confessions are available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday **at 6.15 to 6.45**

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Novena to Lady of Perpetual Succour is on Monday evenings at 7 pm.

We are asked to pray for those who have died recently: Mary McIlwaine (Requiem Mass Monday 13th January), Christine Nicoletti, Pauline Hastie, Joe Cusack, Charles Doyle, Mary Bradley.

For those whose anniversaries occur about now: Gordon Mahers (18 yrs), Cathy Flanagan (1 yr), Billy Ryan (4yrs), Margaret Kerrigan (birthday remembrance) Peggy Boyle, Mary (May) Crawford (25yrs)

For the sick at home, in hospital, in nursing homes. Prayers are requested for those who are ill: Fr Dermot Healy, John Brodie, Susan McDonald, Catherine Morrison, Margaret Curran, Finn McGuinness, Mary Blair, Billy Miller, Betty Hassan, Willie Hale, Belle Mann, G. Saville, Gerry Fergusson, Agnes Charles, Ellen Collum, Archie McKinven, Fr Vincent Kennedy, Jeanette Murray, Carmel Wright, Cathie Hunter, Frances Denham, Liz Murray, Frank O'Neill, Sr Mary Catherine MacInness, Sr .Rose Hughes, Els Heuchan, Christine Sutherland, Alan MacDonald, Kevin McCann, Kian Devlin, Willie Fortucci

(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). (When requesting a notice to be included in the bulletin it is preferable to send the proposal to the parish email which will reduce admin work.)

Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve: In Rome Pope Francis opens the Jubilee year. Jubilee year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope.

Our Vigil Mass: 6 pm.. Night Mass of Christmas: 9pm (Carols at 8.30 pm.)

Wednesday 25th December: Christmas Day: Mass: 10am.

Crib donations go to St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society.

The Jesse Tree Children will place decorations on the Jesse Tree representing God's promises of old.

The 4th candle on the Advent Wreath symbolises Love (the Angel Candle). The ultimate Love of Our Lord that he sent his only son on Christmas Day to be our Saviour. This candle represents the Angel Messengers who announced the Good News of the birth of the Messiah. How can we bring Good news this Christmas, can we be Angels of Love this Christmas ?

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The Crib, the Tree, the Decorations: Join us in preparing the church for the Christmas season this Sunday the 22nd after 11 o'clock Mass. We would be grateful for any donations of Poinsettias for the Christmas altar. They can be left at Our Lady's altar. Any help is appreciated.

Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm. There will be Crib Figure outfits for the children to wear at the back of the church. The children will then process with Father Joe to the Crib.

HOGMANAY PARTY: THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT!

Wednesday 1st January:
Feast of Mary, Mother of God: Mass: 10am.
Sunday 5th January:
The Epiphany of the Lord.
Pray for Justice and Peace. (
Retiring collection for Justice and Peace Scotland.)
Sunday 12th January:
The Baptism of the Lord. (End of Christmastide)

FINANCES: Thanks to all who contribute to the parish upkeep and those who give so generously. Last weekend, 14/15 Dec **£1486** was presented as we brought up the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharistic meal and sacrifice. **£949** was taken up for St Nicholas Care Fund.

Thanks to all who contribute through standing orders and all who are able to use the Gift Aid Scheme. Thanks also to those who take up the collections, men and women and people of different nationalities to reflect the universality (catholicity) of the Church.

MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP NOLAN

Oh to be a child at this time of the year. What excitement! What expectation! What longing the children have for Christmas. They teach us what Advent is all about: because Advent is a period of waiting, and they wait with such longing for they can't wait for Christmas to come.

For children of course Christmas is all about toys and treats, gifts and games. Adults know that it takes more than these to satisfy the deep longings of our heart. So we too wait.

And as we wait: we hope for peace and justice; we yearn for bitterness and strife to cease; we long for an end to suffering and sickness, to sadness and sorrow. Our wait is for a world touched by the presence of God: for a better world than we have today - where the teachings of Jesus inspire us all to be kind and caring people.

Each year our wait for Christmas rekindles our hope, and reminds us that Christ has already come into the world, that Christ in fact is present in the world, and that the seeds of Christ's goodness have been planted in our hearts and in the hearts of so many.

We long for those seeds of goodness to bear fruit, and for God's presence in the world to make the world the better place we wish it to be: Just as children can't wait for Christmas, we can't wait for the longings of our heart to be fulfilled."

Saturday/Sunday 28/29
Feast of the Holy Family. Normal Mass times.

The Archbishop will celebrate in the cathedral the 12 noon Mass on Sunday 29th December, the Feast of the Holy Family, to mark the local opening of the Jubilee year. A new Jubilee Cross has been commissioned which will be blessed during the Mass and will hang on the back wall of the Cathedral sanctuary for the duration of the Holy Year.

Wednesday 1st January:
Feast of Mary, Mother of God: Mass: 10 am.

Family Games Afternoon. Come and celebrate the New Year together with family fun and games and free pizzas in the Hall. Sunday , 12th January , 4-7pm. Old and new games for all ages -toddlers to Grampas - Aunties to teens!! Treasure Hunt, musical chairs, Generation dances, and much more!!

To help us organise (and make sure there will be enough Pizza for everyone !!) please Sign Up after Mass on 29th Dec and 5th Jan. There's no cost but you can bring along nibbles and soft drinks if you want. Bring along all the family and ask your friends.!!"

Young Adult Sessions: St Mungo's City Pilgrimage Walk. Sat 11th January, 10am – 3pm. 16–30-year-olds welcome. Pilgrimage Walk – Mass – St. Mungo's www.tinyurl.com/stmungo25

The Knights of Saint Columba: Young People's Competition (4 -18 Years) info: youth-province1@ksc.org

Natural Family Planning-God's Way - Nature's Way.
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