

Church of Our Lady and St. George

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Solemnity of the Nativity - Christmas Day - Sunday 25th December 2016

Parish Priest:
Rev. Fr Joseph Boyle
Fr Joe is generally available after Mass and at other times by arrangement.

Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,
Sunday: 9:30, 11:00am
Monday - Saturday 9:30 am

Confession/Reconciliation:
Most mornings before Mass from 9.10 until 9.25am and Saturday evenings from 5:30 until 6:20pm

No Novena on:
26th December & 2nd January.
Next Novena Monday 9th Jan at 7pm

Sacrament of the Sick :
for those seriously ill or who are going into hospital contact Fr Joe on the parish phone number

Marriage :
by appointment with Parish Priest (6 mths notice required)

Baptism :
By appointment with Parish Priest (forms available in porch)

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

Father Joe writes…

Christmas Greetings to all. At the time of writing, Tuesday, we are still in the thick of the preparation. The tree proved to have a thicker trunk than I had been used to and instead of a few minor adjustments the saw, the hammer and the chisel were working overtime. I called on St Joseph, the carpenter, to help but it must have been his day off. I hope it doesn't fall down on our weekday Mass server's head, for he is called David and King David of Israel had an important part to play in the story of the nativity of the Lord. If we are still smiling on Christmas Day then you will know that all went well.

I am grateful for all the kindness shown me. The kindness is always a humbling experience and if I am not able to thank you properly you will know that this year it is because of the Christmas tree.
Happy Christmas. Fr Joe.

Postscript: this is now Thursday and the squad arrived to decorate and set up the tree. What a marvellous job they did, young and not so young. The men put the finishing touches to the trimming of the tree though they will probably say that they did most of the work! You know the story.

Christmas Cards Received for the parish: Archbishop Tartaglia, Mrs Taylor and St George's School , Johan Lamont MSP, Chris Stephens MP and Humza Yousaf MSP.

Remembrance Plaques: the latest batch of plaques should be in place any time now.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the Masses will be at the usual time including the vigil Mass at 6.30 on Hogmanay. The second collection is for Pro-Life (Archdiocese of Glasgow) and the following Sunday, the Epiphany, the second collection is for Justice and Peace, again through the Archdiocese.

Those who are sick: Robert Carroll; Margaret Peoples; Alan Macdonald; Margaret Barr; John O'Malley; Therese O'Neill, Betty Hassan; Phyllis Sykes; Catherine Leverage; Angela Stirling; Sadie Reid; Bill Robinson; Ella Macgregor (Uddingston); Mattie MacDonald; John O'Neill; Heather Hunt; David Kirkwood; Christine Hollyer; Liam Cullen; Craig Asher; Paul Patrick Gallagher; Anna Bell; Barry Turnbull; Betty Turner; Patsy Pollok; Elizabeth Clark.

Those who have died recently: Mary Smith; Catherine McKeown; Maria (Myra) McMahon; Mary Kennedy; Michael Devlin; Clare McAllister (Fr McGinley's sister)

Months Mind: Terry Magennis (1mth - Special Dad)

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mary Ferrier; Stephanie Tait; John Kaney; Margaret Kaney; Catherine Magennis (8yrs - Special Mum)





The parish calendar is now available at the back of the church

Canon Peter McBride will celebrate Canon Simcox's **Month's Mind Mass** in St Martin of Tours Parish Church Renton on 30 December at 7pm, followed by a light supper in the Hall.

Hogmanay Watchnight in Glasgow Cathedral 11pm on 31 December 2016.

First Vespers for St Kentigern, or Mungo, will be sung in Glasgow Cathedral on the Eve of his Feast on Thursday 12 January 2017. Doors open at 5pm; Introduction and First Vespers at 5.30pm; Cathedral Doors Close at 7pm.

The Glasgow Phoenix Choir present a **Gala Concert** to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Glasgow St Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday 28 January 2017, 19.30. Tickets, £8, from the Cathedral

SOUTHSIDE FOODBANK

Grateful thanks from all at the Southside Foodbank for your contributions this year and especially for such great generosity this month.



Please continue to add a donation when you can and put in the box in the porch or the hall.

Happy Christmas

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HOGMANAY PARTY

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT. THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO ADMISSION WITHOUT A TICKET.

Last week's collections. Thanks to all who contribute in any way. £997 was taken up at the Presentation of the Gifts (including Gift Aid contributions). The second collection for the Hall Fund came to £612. Brown envelopes for the hall building fund came to £88 (including Gift Aid brown envelopes). Standing order contributions have to be added to the above amounts.

St Margaret of Scotland Children and Family Care Society



Crib offerings go to this cause and the Church is now more or less the only source of funding. The Archbishop has invited parishes to extend the presence of the crib in our churches until the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, (2nd February).

Please pick up a donations box in the church porch for the vital support and running of St Margaret's, the only Catholic adoption agency for the whole of the UK. Glasgow archdiocese along with neighbouring diocese's can be rightly proud of standing by this charity's important work which is carried out within the framework of Catholic teaching.

On behalf of the adoption team and our children and families, thank you for your on-going financial support and prayers. Rev Thomas P White