# Church of Our Lady & St. George

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## Sacraments:

**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.

**SOUTHSIDE FOODBANK**
**Please consider buying an item for the foodbank when shopping if you can. Cash can also be donated by texting glasgowswfb and the amount you wish to donate 70085. Many thanks.**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION: our meeting for parents of the children to make their First Reconciliation is on Thursday at 7.15 pm in the smaller hall.**

**LENTFEST ONLINE**
**Leaflets are available with info on events begining this week. Links to these and other free virtual events at www.agap.org.uk/**

**WORD DAY OF PRAYER**
**St Andrew & St Nicholas Church of Scotland, Hartlaw Crescent, at 2 pm on Friday 4th March**

**HEALING SERVICE**
**Saint John's, Barrhead G78 2RW, Tuesday 8th March at 7pm.**



*Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.*

**Sunday Masses**
**Vigil: 6 pm; Sunday 9.30 and 11 am.**
**Weekday Masses: 9.30 am**

**The novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Mondays at 7 pm.**
**Rosary after Mass most days.**

**The Church welcomes and wishes all peoples to believe in Jesus Christ, who suffered died and is risen from the dead, to be baptised in his name and to gather to give thanks to God in the celebration of the Eucharist. For those not able to be present physically our Masses are live streamed. Go to the website for the link : www.olsg.org.uk**

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

**This week we start Lent with Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the only two days of fasting and abstinence although all days of Lent and Fridays throughout the year are days of penance. Mass and distribution of ashes will take place during Mass at 9.30 am and 7 pm. Children in St George's will have the opportunity to receive the ashes in school at 11 am.**

**Stations of the Cross are to be held each Monday to Friday at 6.40 pm.**

**Friday after Ash Wednesday is to be a Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse, and the Stations of the Cross that evening will include prayer for this intention.**

**The obligation for Catholics to celebrate Sunday as a Holy Day by gathering together for Mass will be restored from the First Sunday in Lent, Sunday 6th March… As always, the obligation does not apply to those who are sick and their carers or to those aware of their greater vulnerability to the virus….. May our Lenten journey this year lead us to a renewed appreciation of our Catholic faith, of the celebration of the Eucharist and of the presence of the Risen Christ who is always at our side. Bishop Hugh Gilbert**

**Welcome into the Church. This Sunday we welcome Jacob Vinnie Stuart into the Church as he is baptised into the mystery of Christ. With his parents, Jacqueline and Ryan, helped by Gemma and Kirsty, we are confident that he will grow up loving God and loving neighbour.**

**May they rest in peace We are asked to pray for those who have died recently: Colin Docherty (Funeral Mass on Thursday 4th at 9.30), Ellen Kennedy, Jean McDowall; for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Esther Brady (1st); Nan McLeod and Joyce O'Neill.**

**Pray for those who are ill:** for the sick at home, in hospital, in nursing homes. Prayers are requested for: Sister Kay, Liz McGoldrick, Robert Carroll, Margaret Dillon, Michael Dillon, John Keown, Marjorie Mulrooney, Lesley-Anne Boyd, Mary Blair, G.Saville, Ann McDonald. *(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.)*

**Lenten Synodal Meetings** Pope Francis has asked that all baptised Catholics worldwide would be involved *and participate in helping the Church to be a place where people feel at home,* listen to the Holy Spirit in prayerful adoration, and experience closeness, healing of wounds, broken hearts and grow in Faith.
The Archdiocese of Glasgow wants to listen to lay people. What is our experience of Church? How do we think the Church could be a place where all are welcomed, valued and involved?
Come along to 5 weekly meetings beginning Friday 11th March at 7- 8 pm in the Hall. We will reflect on the Sunday Gospel, listen to one another in small groups, pray and share ideas together, on how to improve our mission to witness the love of God in the World.

**Safeguarding Statement to Parish 2022**
The Bishops' Conference has stated that 'the Catholic Church in Scotland is concerned with the lives, safety, wholeness and well being of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone. It seeks to safeguard the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations. As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us, ordained, professed, paid and voluntary members to work together to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect of children, young people and vulnerable adults'. Pope Francis has asked that our families are made aware that they have every right to expect that they are safe and secure in 'Our Father's House'.
The Archdiocese of Glasgow is fully committed to Safeguarding as an integral part of life in the Church.

As part of our commitment to Safeguarding, it is vitally important that we remember those who have been harmed or abused either by a member of the Church, members of their family or any other person. It is asked of us that we pray and care about them. In 2019, the Bishops of Scotland established an annual Day of Prayer for those who have suffered abuse and individuals and communities who are affected by abuse. This Day of Prayer is to be marked each year on the Friday following Ash Wednesday. This year the Day of Prayer falls on the 4th of March. This day allows the Church to renew its apology to anyone who has suffered and to stress its commitment to the essential work of safeguarding across our parish communities. In the parish of Our Lady and St George we will be marking this day of prayer in our prayers of intercession and at our Stations of the Cross at 6.40 pm.

Both the Archdiocese and our parish of Our Lady and St George embrace the special responsibility we have for all children, young people and vulnerable adults who are part of our faith community. In our hall, church and parish website there is a poster/information which highlights our Safeguarding manual and has contact details for the Parish, the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator(s) and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Please make contact with them or the Parish Priest if you have any concerns regarding the abuse or harm of any child, young person or vulnerable adult.
Safeguarding in our parish is with us in all aspects of our living faith. Each year, as Parish Priest, Parish Safeguarding Coordinators and volunteers, we commit ourselves to these principles and to renewing and improving our practice. We adhere to the protocols and procedures laid out by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland in the document *In God's Image.* These procedures, and the vigilance of those involved in the life of the parish, helps us to ensure that everyone should feel safe when they come to Mass, services, groups or social events.

**Finances** Thanks to all who contribute to the parish upkeep. £1177 was taken up last Sunday (19/20th February) at the Masses. Standing orders and other bank donations are also most gratefully received.
Gift Aid envelopes for the parish renovation £6.
There is to be a retiring collection each of the Sundays of Lent for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund but on the 4th Sunday it is for SCIAF.

**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 telephone: 07947 **194252**

radioalba.org *Services from Glasgow Churches Together during the week.*

**40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil:**
**Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Hardgate Road Glasgow**.Can you give one hour per week to come and pray for an end to abortion? If so email Ogilvie1615@outlook.com

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. This weekend we have a retiring collection for the Assisted Parishes.