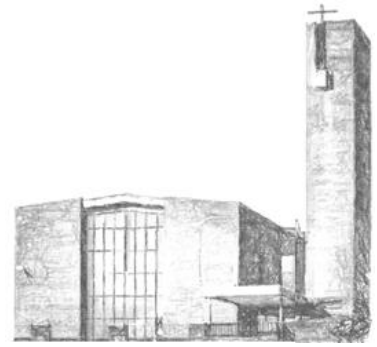


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SUNDAY MASS – 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8th December 2024. Services for 9th -15th Dec

Monday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
Tuesday	
7.30	Rorate Mass
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
Wednesday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
Thursday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
Friday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
Saturday	
09.15 – 09.45	Confessions
10.00	Mass
16.15 – 16.45	Confessions
3 rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 15 th December 2024.	
17:00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday	
09:00	Sunday Mass
11:00	Sunday Mass

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1,745
Votives	£175
Stall	£260
Other (OVO FIT)	£725.48
Gift Aid £345	£2,905
Digital	£85

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

BARUCH 5:1-9

'God will show your splendour.'

PS 126(125):1-2B. 2C-3. 4-5. 6. R3

What great deeds the Lord worked for us!

Indeed, we were glad.

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-6, 8-11

'Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.'

LUKE 3:1-6

'All flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Once again, prophecy holds the key to understanding Advent. Baruch points to a great future for a nation in exile; people must prepare by obeying God's decree to flatten mountain and fill in valleys. Israel will then walk in safety under the glory of God, with God's mercy and integrity for escort. Today, John the Baptist urges people to be baptised (literally, immersed) in the things of God, demonstrated by them being immersed in water.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RIP

Mary Gibson, Anne Fleming, Marian Kirklands,
Peter Love, Connie Lau, Douglas Meek

SICK

Michael Cullen

ANNIVERSARIES

Tommy, Annie & Thomas Flaherty, Betty Sweeney,
Winnie Howarth, Arthur and Jean Burns, George
Reilly.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Thomas Flaherty, Patricia Berry.

FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

HOGMANAY FAMILY CEILIDH

The Parish will be hosting a family Ceilidh in the church hall on Tuesday 31st December from 8pm-12.30am. Tickets are £5 for adults and kids go free. There will be games and raffles on the night as well as a hot pie. BYOB and snacks. Tickets on sale at the back of the church on the first Sunday of advent.

THE STALL

Please buy your Christmas Cards from the stall, firstly to help retain the Christian message of the coming feast and secondly because it supports the parish too. Keep Christ in Christmas.

AUTISM MASS

Today (Sunday) at 2pm

PARISH CHRISTMASS CARD

There is a Christmas Card in the porch for all parishioners of the Church. It contains the details of Christmases and other events over the Christmas period. Please take one for yourself. If you know of anyone who may wish to know what's on then please pass one onto them.

RORATE MASS

On Tuesday morning at 7.30am I will celebrate a Rorate Mass. All welcome. (If this is well attended then it will be a feature of advent for us, this is a trial.)

For your information, the Rorate Mass is a Votive Mass in honour of the Virgin Mary for the season of Advent. It has a long tradition in the Catholic Church, especially in German-speaking areas. The Masses had to begin relatively early in the morning when it was still dark due to winter-time and were said by candlelight.

FOODBANK COLLECTION

This weekend we have the final foodbank collection before Christmas. As ever, thank you for sustaining the basic needs of many in our own community.

DUNGAVEL IMMIGRATION CENTRE

I found my recent visit to the gates of Dungavel a very harrowing and disturbing experience. To think that there are people incarcerated behind huge gates and fences with no possibility of outsiders seeing inside is frankly disgraceful. "Justice and Peace Scotland" who organised the short vigil mentioned that from time to time they take cakes and sweet goodies to the Immigration centre for the residents. At this time of year, many of us will be receiving goodies that we really could do without eating. I would be happy to accept sweets, chocolates etc and pass them on to J & P to give them to these poor souls. Leave donations at the Chapel House.

SISTERS OF PETER CLAVER

Will sell copies of their calendar to assist them in their work at all Masses next weekend 14th/15th December.

DONATIONS OF TOYS- A CHRISTMAS REQUEST

For a number of years now, leading up to Christmas, our parish has responded to a request to support disadvantaged children in the northeast of Glasgow, by donating Christmas presents (both new and good-as-new) which are collected in our church porch over two weekends in Advent.

These two weekends this year are 7th/8th December and 14th/15th December. As before, gifts should be Christmas-wrapped with a label to identify the age and gender of the intended recipient. Thereafter the gifts will be delivered to St. Dominic's parish church in Craigend, which, for these children, becomes the North Pole of the East End. Our parish efforts have been superb in the past and have always been greatly needed and appreciated. The coordinating group in Glasgow thanks us, in anticipation of our generous response.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS:

There will be daily opportunities to get to Confession during the third week of Advent. More details next weekend.

DIGITAL SUNDAY OFFERING

The following QR Code or link takes you to a secure web page that can be used for your Sunday Offering.



Please note that not only can you donate your weekly donation online, there is also provision to give a donation for any special collections.

<https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-church>

You can also register for Gift Aid or Gift Aid your offering. Only those who Gift Aid will have their details recorded. You can also include a short message.

VOCATIONS EVENING

A meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 7.00pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral for those in our diocese who feel called to the priesthood. This informal evening will begin with a short time of prayer and provide an opportunity for anyone considering a vocation to the priesthood to ask questions, come together and learn a bit more about priesthood and the discernment process. If interested in a vocation to the priesthood but can't make it to the meeting, please email Fr Sean Wyllie, Diocesan Vocations Promoter: frwyllie@rcdom.org.uk

PARISHIONERS' CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

There is Parishioners' Coffee Morning next Thursday 12th December after 10am Mass in the Our Lady of Lourdes school. Parishioners are invited for a cuppa, a cake and a little festive entertainment provided by the children.