

PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)

14 December, 2014

Today's Readings:-

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11

I exult for joy in the Lord

Second Reading 1 Thess 5:16-24

May you all be kept safe, spirit, soul and body for the coming of the Lord.

Gospel John 1:6-8.19-28

Make his paths straight.



Gaudete Sunday

So who is coming? This Sunday's readings help to answer that question. John the Baptist is asked about the coming of the Messiah - is it him? He affirms his role as a witness to speak for the light, by pointing to the one who stands among the crowd unknown to them who is coming after him. This idea is present in the First Reading, where Isaiah proclaims what the anointed one (Messiah in Hebrew) will do, and the joy that this will bring. It is interesting that the Psalm appointed for this Sunday is the Magnificat - Mary's song of praise at the announcement that the Messiah would be born of her - in which she sings of the works of the coming Messiah. Paul then reminds us that we are still waiting patiently: God has called you, and he will not fail you. This is why, on this 'Gaudete' Sunday, we as God's people rejoice in his care, made visible in his promises, fulfilled in Jesus. .

Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass Saturday 6 p.m.

Sunday 10.00 a.m. 12 noon 6.30p.m.

Weekday Mass

Monday— Saturday 10a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.20 p.m.-5.50 p.m. and after Vigil Mass.

Church open for prayer each day from 9a.m. through to 6p.m..

Parish Penitential Service in Preparation for Christmas

Monday 22nd December 7p.m.

In your prayers, please remember those who are sick, those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Sick:- Frances Robertson, Dan Duffy, Gerard Kelly, John Rooney, May Lee, Geoff Bent, Mary McGowan, Sarah Reid, Brian Keeley, Andrew Dijk, Hugh McGowan, Fr. Jim Cosker, Bryn Thomas, James McBride, David Currie, Michael Donnelly, Doreen Davis, Fr. Conn scj, Sr. Kathleen Delaney, Louise Dolan, Jim Conlin, Robert Beck, Manus Gallagher, Sheila McDaid, Peter Connor, Linda Barrett, Mark Clocherty, Ian Graham, William Drennan, Catherine Loughrey, Grace McFadden,

RIP : Mark Shevlin, Peter Scullion, Thomas (Tam) Kelly, Sadie Kirsop, Jim McNulty, Rosie Doherty, Christine McBride, Breda Mackay, Kenny Jones, Annag MacNeil, Kirsty Fraser, James (Jim) Buggy, Rose Docherty,

Month's Mind: John McGhee, Breid Pugh, Margaret Murray, Jack Buchanan, Joseph Paterson, Paddy McAuley, Dan Sweeney, Nora McAuley,

Anniversaries: Thomas Albert Carbery, Frances McGhee, Joseph Armstrong, Catherine Armstrong, Alan Conroy, Isabella Conroy Tony Murray, John McMonagle, Patricia Paterson, Monica Doherty, Clare Connelly, William Farrell, Marion Glancy, Eddie McAuley, Charlie McAuley, John McGee, ,

Sunday 21st December 3p.m.

Family Carol Service—for everyone!

We invite our children to come dressed as one of the characters from our Crib scene.

The Carol Service will be followed by seasonal refreshments in the Parish Hall and free raffle for children!

Church stall is open after Vigil Mass and Sunday morning Masses. Selection of Christmas cards, Calendars, Diaries, Advent calendars and Nativity sets.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Monday 7.15 in the Parish House.

Flowers

We have been very fortunate to have both a talented and very committed Flower Group in the Parish. Over many years we have been indebted to both their talents and their generosity in terms of time and energies. The group, however, would be very keen to hear from anyone who would be able to give a hand in their endeavours. If you would be able to help in this direction then please let us know as soon as possible.



During Advent, Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place during the 6p.m. Vigil Mass.

Considering a Career in Teaching?

A support event is being held in the Glasgow Archdiocese Offices, Eyre Hall, Clyde Street, Glasgow on Wednesday 7th January at 6.30pm. If you have applied or are considering applying to Glasgow University for primary teaching this meeting will offer advice and support on both the completion of application forms and in preparing effectively for the interview process. The event will be attended by existing head teachers who will be on hand to give advice. This event will be of great benefit to anyone thinking of a career in primary teaching.

Parish Children's Pre-Christmas Party
Sunday 14th December 2 p.m.
Church Hall
Tickets £3 Anne 633 0920 Anne 633 1439

Eucharistic Ministers Christmas Masses

Many thanks to all of you who have signed up to Minister at the Christmas Masses. There are still a few spaces left. I would be grateful if you could indicate your availability.

Thanks, Louise..

Over 50's Club

Pre- Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 16th December 2014
Lunch served at 1 p.m. cost £15
Reservations 634 2759

Sunday Collection	£1442
Standing Orders	£525
Total	£1967

Second collection today is for Caring Sunday, envelopes **cannot** be used.

Thank You

Today I ask you to be generous once more, knowing that we will use your donations wisely to provide real help for local people in difficult circumstances. Cardinal Winning once described this fund as "doing at home what SCIAF does overseas". It's a good description. I ask you too to consider applying to for a grant for a project you may know which would benefit from funding. Your parish priest can you help you do this - **Archbishop Tartaglia**

This month's **Pro-Life Mass** is on Wednesday the 17th December in Bl. John Duns Scotus, Franciscan Friary, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals G5 0YT. There will be Exposition at 6pm followed by Rosary at 7pm, then Mass at 7.30pm and tea and biscuits afterwards. The celebrant will be Fr Douglas Macmillan.

Parish Clergy:-

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