PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Yr A) 18th December 2016

Today's Readings:-

First Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14

The maiden is with child.

Second Reading: Romans 1: 1-7

Jesus Christ, descendant of David, Son of God.

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.

Only on the last Sunday of Advent do we ever have an infancy narrative story in the gospel; this year, Matthew's 'annunciation' - to Joseph, rather than to Mary. In his acceptance of Mary's child, Joseph sets in motion the final part of the history of the line of David. By adoption, Mary's child, whom she will call 'Jesus', will be descended from King David. There will be no further descendants after Jesus: he will be the eternal king!



Vigil Saturday 6.00 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. 12 noon 6.30 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Tuesday 10a.m.

Wednesday 11a.m.

Thursday 6p.m.

Friday - Saturday Mass at 10a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.20p.m.- 5.50p.m. and after Vigil Mass Church open for prayer each day Monday—Friday until 6p.m. **Thursday Eucharistic Adoration** from 10.30a.m. until 7p.m. Fr. Damien Nejad

Our congratulations to Fr.Damien Nejad, who was ordained for the Diocese of Raphoe by Bishop Philip Boyce in Letterkenny Cathedral last Sunday. We pray that Fr. Damien will be truly blessed by God in his ministry. We offer our congratulations also to his mother and father and to all the members of his family.

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

Sick:- Marie Stafford, Catherine Loughrey, Bella Doherty, Rita Antonetta Murphy, Mary Colthart, Thomas Kent, Patrick Gillen, Teresa Kane, Scott Kyle, Graham Molloy, Bill Fulton, Annemarie Boyle, John McKelvie, Connie Lipton, Teresa Melly, Katie Milliken, Anna Smith, Joseph Kearney, Connie Lamont, John O'Donnel, John Dickson, John Lynch, Richard Lowrie,

RIP: Diana Doherty, Marcelle Ewing, Brid McBride, Tom Stitt, Christina Craig, Bella Doherty,

Month's Mind: Paul Stevenson,

Anniversaries: Margaret O'Brien, John Jo O'Brien, William Farrell, Marion Glancy, Sarah McGarvey, Eddie McAulay, Paddy McAulay, Charlie McAulay, John McGee, Molly Burke,



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday 19th December: Penitential Service here at 7 p.m. with St. Bartholomew's and St. Margaret Mary's. There will be 6 priests on hand to assist with Confessions. Please try to take time for this most important element in our preparation for Christmas.

Tuesday 20th December: After morning Mass

Wednesday 21st December: After morning Mass & 6 p.m.—7 p.m.

Thursday 22nd December: After evening Mass until 7 p.m.

Friday 23rd December: After morning Mass & 6 p.m.—7 p.m.

Sunday 18th 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!

Masses for Christmas

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December

Masses at 5 p.m. 7 p.m. 10.30 p.m. with Carols & Blessing of the Crib

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December

10.00 a.m. 12 noon No evening Mass on Christmas Day

Monday December 26th Mass at 12 noon St Stephen

Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th December

Mass: 10 a.m.

Thursday 29th December

Mass: 6 p.m.

Friday 30th & Saturday 31st December

Mass: 10 a.m.

Sunday 1st January Mary the Mother of God

Normal Sunday Mass times: Vigil Mass 6 p.m. 10.00

a.m. 12 noon

No evening Mass on 1st January

Sunday Collection £1527 Standing Orders (Each week) £516 Second Collection (Caring Sunday) £1181 Many Thanks.

Second collection 1st January is for Pro Life envelopes can be used.

Second collection 8th January is for Justice and Peace envelopes can be used.

The Church Stall is now open for the sale of:-Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards, Baby Gift Cards, Across the Sea Cards, Church Art Calendars, Sticker Books (Stocking Fillers), Rosary Beads, Medals, Cribs, Holy Water Fonts and various other pious objects.

Eucharistic Adoration.

No Eucharistic adoration this Thursday as the Church will be receiving a "deep clean" for Christmas. |Adoration will resume on January 12th, 2017.

Western Catholic Calendar for 2017 now available. Packed with lots of information on the Church and parishes in Glasgow and beyond. Priced just £3.20

Baptism

We were delighted to welcome **Matthew Cullis** into the family of God last weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism. Our congratulations go out to his parents and godparents and to all members of his family.

Holyrood RC Secondary School

The Holyrood Christmas Concert will take place on Monday 19th December at 7.30 pm in Holyrood. Tickets £4.00 Concessions £2.00

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