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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY 19TH DECEMBER/SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2020

Parish Services this Week

Mass:- Monday-Friday 10am; 1pm

Funeral masses: Mon 21st Dec, 1pm – **Catherine Harte R.I.P. (Mourners only)**

Saturday 10am; 4pm (Vigil) and 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9am; 10.30am; 12pm & 4pm

Live Streamed Masses: Sunday 12 noon; Mon-Fri 1pm; Sat 10am

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday-Saturday 9.30-10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before 10am mass, in Our Lady's side chapel or by arrangement

Baptisms/Weddings: Please speak to a member of the clergy to make an appointment.

LIVESTREAMING PRIVACY NOTICE

During live streaming, our camera is focussed on the area of the sanctuary. Please note that you may be seen on camera when going to Communion. If this causes you concern, please speak to the Clergy.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

Places at Sunday Mass MUST be booked through our online booking system

<https://st-columbkilles-sunday-mass.eventbrite.co.uk> or by **PHONE** or **TEXT** 07783 340539.

Last week's collection - £1345 - Thank you for your generosity

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Please consider making a regular donation to the parish. The easiest way to do this is to set up a standing order with your bank using our bank details:-

Sort Code: 83-26-24

Account No: 00255006

Filling out our Gift Aid form will allow us to claim an extra 20% of your donation from the taxman, at no cost to yourself!

Standing order and Gift Aid forms are at the back of the church or on our website.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Envelopes for this important annual collection have been posted out to all parishioners on our database, accompanied with a Christmas greeting card with all the services and Masses occurring over the festive period. If you didn't receive one there are some at the back of the Church. To be added to our database to receive future communications please email the office. The Christmas collection is an important source of income for the parish but please only give what you can afford, we appreciate this is a difficult time for many. Envelopes can be returned to the box at the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

All Masses for Christmas are now fully booked. If places become available this will be announced through our Facebook page. Masses, on Christmas Eve in particular are close together so **please do not arrive any earlier than 10mins before the start of Mass as you will not be allowed entry** until those attending the Mass before you have left.

Live streaming:- The 5pm Vigil, 12 midnight and 12 noon Masses will be live streamed.

CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

With all the restrictions placed on the practise of our faith this year, and the disappointment we know many will be feeling at not being able to get booked for Christmas Day, we feel it is important to highlight that Christmas is not just a single day. The Feast of Christmas lasts for eight days – the Octave of Christmas. Mass on each of these days is a ‘Christmas Mass’.

‘Why is it important to celebrate Christmas during the Octave? Because Christmas is just too important to limit to a single day’s celebration! We spend four weeks of Advent preparing for the Christ child to be born. We therefore need time to simply enjoy the great mystery once arrived.’ – Leeds Diocese website.

Those who were unable to get booked for Christmas Day will have priority to book Masses during the Christmas Octave. Mass times are as follows:-

Sat.26th - 10am, 4pm, 5.30pm;

Sun. 27th - 9, 10.30, 12 Noon & 4pm

Mon 28th to Wed. 30th - 10am & 1pm

Thu. 31st - 10am, 1pm & 7pm

Fri. 1st Jan - 10am & 1pm.

Please speak to a steward to book one of these Masses or book for Sunday Mass in the usual way.

INDOOR CRIB

Thank you to Ken Ross and Vincent Deighan for the amazing job they have done creating our new indoor crib, which is located at Our Lady’s Altar. Please pay a visit over the Christmas Octave.

OUTDOOR CRIB – LIGHTS

Thank you to Docherty Electrical Contractors and S&D Home Improvements for their help installing the outdoor socket for the crib lights.

FESTIVE CAFÉ

Parish Hall festive cafe will be open on:
Saturday (Dec 12th & 19th) 9.00- 12.30pm
Sunday (Dec 13th & 20th) 9.30- 2:00pm.

ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like a loved one’s death, anniversary or birthday to be mentioned at Mass please speak to the priest in the sacristy before the start of Mass. Please provide the priest with a note with your loved one’s name on it.

LIGHT UP A LIFE – HOSPICE COLLECTION

We will be having a collection for the St Andrew’s and Kilbryde Hospices at all Masses this weekend.

There is still the opportunity to Light up a Life by sponsoring a lantern in memory or in honour of a loved one. Lanterns are priced at £5 and will be lit in the Church throughout the Christmas Octave.

ANGELUS PRAYER CARDS

These are available at the back of the Church for anyone who wishes one. Beginning this weekend, we will pray the Angelus before 12pm Mass on Sundays.

WAYSIDE CLUB COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Wayside Club Collection last weekend and to St Vincent de Paul, who organised the collection and dropped off all your donations to the Wayside Club on Tuesday, where they were gratefully received.

HEALTHY AND HAPPY

Do you know a local family needing support with Christmas gifts for their kids? Or perhaps an isolated older person who is unlikely to receive any presents? Perhaps you/your family need some support. Healthy n Happy are offering their help. Please visit www.healthynhappy.org.uk/christmas2020 or call 0141 646 0123

WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS

For sale at the back of the Church priced £3.20. Please place money in the box marked 'stall'.

ST MARGARET'S VIRTUAL CRIB APPEAL

St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society, are hosting a 'Virtual Crib' on their website. The Virtual Crib is a peaceful, animated crib scene accompanied by a full Christmas Carol Concert from the St Andrew's Cathedral Choir. Please visit their website to donate and support this important charity if you are able.

300 CLUB

The Christmas Draw for the 300 Club will take place on the 4th Sunday of Advent. Dues for 2021 (**£20**) can be handed in to any of the boxes at the back of the Church. New members welcome – please contact Rosaleen Anderson on 647 2301.

Please pray for the following:-

Sick

Mary and Niall Greenan, Baby Ronan Jackson, Mary (Molly) Gray, Patricia Fay, Marie Murphy, Helen McAllister, Fraser McAllister, Isabel McEwan, Sophia Walker (9), Jim Ferguson, Joe Doherty, Trudi Hewitt, Mark M^cLachlan, Eric O'Neil (5), Bea van der Linden, Margaret Gray, Margaret Malone

Recently deceased

John McColgan, Liz Glen, Julia Brady, Tom Mahoney, Sandra Blackwood, William Campbell, Edward Donaghey, James Feely, Jean Balmer, Danny M^cGurk, Robert Clow, Diane Leggitt.

Anniversaries

Sean Heraghty, Josephine Brady, Francis Deighan, Jeanette and Roderick Docherty, Frances and Denis Connor, Michael and Lily Docherty, Natalie Quigley, Marie Hughes, Anna Law, Margaret Hoey, Rose M^cBrearty, May M^cFadyen, Samuela Endico, Charlie Chambers, May and Jimmy Cassidy, Mark M^cTominay, Gerry Haughey, Claire Loughran, George Dempsey, Terry and Phyllis Heaney, John and Lena Clark.

Baptism

We welcome Cal Hugh Garrett to our community.

Golden Wedding

Congratulations to Gerry and Maria Gordon on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We wish them many more years of happiness!

THE ANGELUS PRAYER – HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE

Have you heard our new Church bell yet? Hopefully you are enjoying hearing it ringing out throughout Rutherglen! As highlighted in last week's bulletin the bell is being rung at 12 noon every Sunday, for now, to remind us to pray the Angelus.

The Angelus Prayer is an important Marian Devotion which commemorates the Incarnation. Before the existence of smart phones and even watches, church bells were a call to stop what you were doing and pray the Angelus, to mediate on that moment in Mary's discipleship when she said 'Yes' to God's will, in profound obedience. Reciting the Angelus each day allows us the opportunity to reflect on this and to let God's grace enter our hearts.

The prayer originated as an offshoot of the Liturgy of the Hours. In the 11th-century, monks would recite three Hail Marys at the evening, or Compline bell. Over the years a morning Angelus was added to accompany the evening one and in 1475 Pope Sixtus IV granted an indulgence to anyone who said the Angelus at midday. From that point, the ringing of bells at 6am, noon and 6pm was heard every day throughout Europe. In 1964, Pope Paul VI began to pray the Angelus publicly, on a weekly basis, at St. Peter's Square. However, since Vatican II it has fallen out of practice.

The Angelus is a simple prayer - a few lines of Scripture, 3 Hail Marys and a concluding prayer and takes only a few minutes. It is an opportunity to refocus our minds on Jesus in the middle of the day.

ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary. . .

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary. . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: **Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.**



'The Angelus taught me that the Incarnation is the central mystery of our Faith: a moment in history that rightfully stops us in our tracks and invites us to "ponder in our heart" what God has done for us.' Sr Anne Flanagan of The Daughters of St Paul.

'My father taught me great love for the Virgin Mary. I can still see him kneel down on the sand of the Ourous to pray the Angelus every day. I never forgot those moments when he closed his eyes to give thanks to Mary. I imitated him and recited my prayers.' Cardinal Robert Sarah.