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SUNDAY MASSES: Vigils at 4pm & 5.30pm, 10 am, 12Noon & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon – Sat 10am

CONFESSIONS: 30 min before the mass in the Sacristy

Baptisms: Speak to Fr Ghislain.

Marriages: Please speak to Fr Ghislain. Please note 6 months' notice is required.

Sunday 13th December 3rd Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading Is 61:1-2. 10-11

Responsorial Psalm: *My Soul Rejoices in my God*

Second Reading Th 5:16-24

Gospel Reading Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

For our salvation, He came down

One of the key words in our religion is the word 'Salvation'. But what do we mean by 'salvation'? In the past there was a tendency to see salvation in a purely spiritual sense - as salvation of the soul from sin and eternal damnation. Moreover, it tended to be understood in every individualistic and selfish way- I save my own soul, and more or less forget about the salvation of others. Also it was seen too often as something which really only happened in the next world.

Jesus came to fulfil our salvation. 'The 'Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken, to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom for those in prison, to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord'. (Lk 4:18-21). While he took care of his own needs, Jesus spent himself in ministering to his brothers and sisters, especially the poorest and most wounded among them. He cared not just for their souls but also for their bodies. And he announced to them the good news of the Kingdom of heaven. Salvation begins here, but its full blossoming is in the hereafter. While we work for a better world for ourselves and others, we must not put all our hopes in this world, or in human efforts. Our ultimate hope of complete salvation lies in Jesus, the one who was sent into the world by the father. Blessed are we if we do not lose faith in him.

The Star of Redemption Event

This online Public Lecture on Monday 14 December 2020, 7-8pm, may be of interest to parishioners in the current frantic debates of how we are going to celebrate Christmas. Join Professor Bob Davis as he invites us, religious and non-religious, to recapture the true

meanings of the festival we are trying so hard to celebrate.

 Mass Schedule		
Monday	8am 10am	Mass – St John of the Cross - Memorial
	6pm	Holy Rosary
Tuesday	8am 10am	Mass
Wednesday	8am 10am	Mass
Thursday	8am 10am	Mass
Friday	10am	Mass - Please note there is no 8am mass.
Saturday	10am	Mass
	4pm 5.30pm	4th Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	10am 12noon 5pm	4th Sunday of Advent Mass Mass Mass



1st Prize: 222 M Gillick
2nd Prize: 13 R McPhee

Last Sunday's Collection – £565.20

Building Fund Collection £376.11

Thank you for your generosity and support

Penitential Service Tuesday 15 December at 7pm.

Our parish offers the opportunity for the faithful to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. This is a particularly important opportunity for spiritual preparation as many of us have not attended Mass in recent times. We need to place ourselves humbly in God's presence and acknowledge our sins as we prepare to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries.

Guide to making a Good Confession

Ask for God's Help – Pray that God will give you peace and help you to make a good confession.

Reflect - Examine your conscience

Confess your sins – Tell your sins to the priest who listens on behalf of Christ

Receive Penance – The priest gives counsel along with asking you to offer a prayer or an act of charity after confession

Pray an Act of Contrition - A simple expression to God that we are sorry for our sins

Receive Absolution – The priest says the prayer of absolution in the name of Christ.

Parish Gift Tree

Please place your gift under the tree on or before 20 December.

If you know of someone that could benefit from a gift, please give their details to Father Ghislain

Ecumenical Call to Prayer

The link to the Ecumenical Call to Prayer for **Sunday 13th December 2020 at 7.00 pm** is provided below.

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/scottish-christians-join-in-prayer-on-third-sunday-of-advent>

Christmas celebration

With regard to the liturgical celebration of Christmas, in the guidance of the Bishop Joe Toal we offer the opportunity for the faithful to attend the Christmas Mass. This will be extended across the whole weekend from Thursday evening (Christmas Eve) until Sunday evening. This would mean celebrating the Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity throughout this period. During these days we encourage those who prefer mass on Facebook or YouTube to attend mass with their parish community.



Welcome to any of our Advent and Christmas Services

During Advent and Octave of Nativity Morning Masses will be at 8am Monday - Thursday & 10am Monday to Saturday

3rd Sunday of Advent: 13th December

Tuesday 15th December, 7pm: Penitential Service

4th Sunday of Advent: 20th December

Thursday 24th December: Morning Prayer (No Morning Mass) at 10am,

Christmas Eve: 4pm, 6pm, 9pm

Carol Service will start 30 minutes before each Mass above.

Friday 25th December. The Nativity of the Lord. Holiday of Obligation.

Masses at 8am, 10am & 12 noon

The feast of the Holy Family will be transferred to Tuesday 29th December

Masses at 10am & 12 noon

New Year's Eve Mass 7pm

Friday: 1st January 2021, New Year's Day: Mary Mother of God. Solemnity. Mass at 10am & 12noon

Fr Ghislain wishes you all Christmas Joy and Peace and a Very Happy New Year 2021, may Emmanuel, God with us, protect us and keep us safe.

Confession 30min before mass.

Pease remember in your prayers:

Sick: Leigh McKennan, John Clenaghan, Jean Graham, James Carr, Linda Webb, James McLaughlan, Isabelle Marshall

Recently Dead: Mary Kelly, Tzena Gallagher, John Higgins

Months Mind: Father Cornelius Xavier O'Leary, Helen, Margaret & Agnes Docherty, William & Patrick Docherty, Anna & Joseph Pearson, Mary & Edward Drummond, Alex Thain, Bill Paul & Lawrence Molloy, Tommy Reynolds, Thomas & Rose Tiernan, Rosemary (Tiernan) O'Neill, The Leonard Family

Anniversaries: Charlie McNab, George McNeil, Denis Leonard



Please also remember the souls who have no one to pray for them