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1st Sunday of Advent - A
27th November, 2022

Holy Mass (Services marked in red will be live Streamed)

Mon - Fri: - 10am

Saturday: - 10am, 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: - 10am 12 Noon & 5pm

Children's Liturgy 12 Noon Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: - Mon - Sat 9am - 9.55am

Divine Mercy Novena: Mon 2pm

Confessions: Mon - Sun 9.30am - 9.55am

Baptisms & Marriage: - To arrange a baptism or marriage please contact Father Ghislain

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First Reading: Is 2:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: *I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's House"*

Second Reading: Rom 13: 11-14

Gospel: Mt 24: 37-44

Weekly Collection

Please support your parish through the weekly collection, our income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners.

Last Week's Collection - £877.24

This weekend there is a special collection for Catholic Education.

Thank you for your generosity

500 Club Winners

1st Prize No. 81 Z Roberts

2nd Prize No. 6 E Gallagher

3rd Prize No. 13 R McPhee

Altar Servers Meeting

There will be an altar servers meeting on Monday 5th December at 6pm. Anyone wishing to become an altar server is welcome to come along.

Please keep in your prayers

RIP: Alec Brown, Joseph McShane, Denis Tiernan

Sick: Ann & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Isobel Reilly, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Anne Marie Snodden, James Donnelly, Patricia McGhee, Bernadette Homer, Kelly Noble, Michael McGarrity, Sadie McBride, Mary Torbett, Sharon, Elizebeth McKenna, Alex Cooper, Sr Kathleen Owens, Isabella Sharpe, Linda Webb, Ann Smith, Helen Smith

Month's Mind: Sadie Slowey, Patsy Robertson, May & Jimmy McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Tilly & Marie Clarke, Mattie, Tommy & Thomas Collins, Jim Boyle, John, Margaret, James & Anne Marie Deigan, Mr & Mrs Deigan Jnr & Snr, Mr & Mrs Prost, Mr & Mrs Peter Deigan & Brian, Mr & Mrs Fagan, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Mr & Mrs Tommy Deigan, Jack Gill, Ryan Brown, John, Isobel, Pat, Ronnie, Donnie, Paul & Janet Daisley

Anniversaries: Agnes Gordon, Joan Kiernan, Lynne Thomson, Wullie & Joe Gordon, Alice Brown, Margaret & James Callaghan, Mary McKenzie

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

Can you spare some time to help your Parish?



In preparation for Christmas, we are looking for volunteers to help clean the Church after the 10am mass on Saturday 17th December. All age groups are welcome!

Thank You!

Thank you to the Teachers from St Andrew's High School who came along and celebrated mass with us this weekend for Catholic Education Sunday.

1st Advent, A. 'The time has come, you must wake up now.'

St Paul tells us that we must wake up now. We could be awake and yet be only half alive, because we have no awareness, no understanding, and no vision. Each day summons us to awake from sleep. Sometimes we can't wait for the morning to come. We wake up in joyful anticipation. We feel good to be alive. We are thankful to God for the gift of a new day. It is a chance to carry on some task we have started, or to begin something we have been postponing, or to repair some damage or neglect in our lives. Other times we are apathetic about waking up. We greet the new day with enthusiasm. Life may be monotonous or empty for us. Perhaps we are unemployed or retired; or there is nothing to look forward to. And most of us know or have known days, hopefully not too many, when we dread the approach of morning. We wake up fearfully, and get up reluctantly. Life is dark and burdensome for us. Perhaps we are old or sickly or alone. How we greet each morning is very important. If we greet the day with joy and thankfulness, we will bring energy and enthusiasm to its tasks. But if we greet it with apathy or dread, we will face its tasks in a half-hearted manner, which means we are going into the day with a very severe handicap. No one has a perfect life. All of us have some difficulties. It is what we make of these difficulties that matters. Difficulties can be challenges. If we don't like something we should try to change it. If we can't change it, then we should try to change the way we think about it. Complaining won't do us any good. Circumstances are beyond our control but our conduct is in our own power. What makes the difference is how we respond to our particular situation. Spirituality is about waking up. To be spiritually awake means to be attentive to God and to

others. It means to be living in love. Therefore, any good that we can do, to any human being, let us do it now, let us not defer it or neglect it; for we shall not pass this way again.



The Parish Christmas Fayre will take place on **Sunday 4th December** starting after the **10am** mass with special guests the Grace Notes Choir Coming to sing for us after the 12 Noon mass. We have lots of fantastic stalls selling a variety of goods, and you are all in for a treat. We look forward to seeing you there.



The Hall Committee have organised a Christmas Party Night on 16th December. Festive 3 Course Meal £22.50 per person. Details can be found on the poster in the Church Porch. Reservations can be made by calling Kelly on 07464254377 or via the Hall Facebook page.



Parish Gift Tree

We ask if you can please participate in the Giving Tree Appeal and help spread Christmas cheer and excitement, through the gift of surprise! Even the smallest of gifts that are sometimes taken for granted are most welcome. Please take a gift tag from the tree and a gift should be bought for the person on the tag. Please place your gift under the tree on or before 18th December.

 Advent	<i>Parish Advent Schedule</i>		 Advent
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>13th December</i>	<i>Penitential Service</i>		<i>7pm</i>
<i>Saturday</i> <i>24th December</i>	<i>Holy Mass</i> <i>Carol Service 30 minutes before Mass</i>		<i>4pm</i> <i>7pm</i>
<i>Sunday</i> <i>25th December</i>	<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>		<i>10am</i> <i>12 Noon</i>
<i>Saturday</i> <i>31st December</i>	<i>Holy Mass</i>		<i>4pm</i> <i>7pm</i>
<i>Sunday</i> <i>1st January</i>	<i>Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God</i>		<i>10am</i> <i>12 Noon</i>
<i>Saturday</i> <i>7th January</i>	<i>Holy Mass</i>		<i>4pm</i>
<i>Sunday</i> <i>8th January</i>	<i>Feast of the Epiphany</i>		<i>10am</i> <i>12 Noon</i> <i>5pm</i>