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3rd Sunday of Advent - A 11th December, 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 35: 1-6,10

Responsorial Psalm: *Come, Lord, and save us*

Second Reading: Jm5:7-10

Gospel: Mt 11: 2-11

Weekly Collection

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

Last Week's Collection - £870.16

There will be a second collection this weekend for our Church Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity

500 Club Winners

1st Prize No. 130 D Battersby

2nd Prize No. 62 R Ferguson

3rd Prize No. 95 K Mitchelson

Parish Building Fundraiser Name the Reindeer

There is a card in the church porch for anyone wishing to participate in our Christmas fundraiser.

Stake £2

Prize £50 to the winner

Please keep in your prayers

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, Linda Webb, Ann Smith, Helen Smith

RIP: Catherine Swann - Funeral Monday 12th December at 10am, Denise Dunlop (nee O'Brien) Funeral Tuesday 13th December at 10am

Month's Mind: Eddie Fagan, Jim Duffy, Phil Duffy, Peter Moore, Ellen, Catherine & John Cooney, Rev Cornelius Xavier O'Leary, Helen, Margaret & Agnes Docherty, William & Patrick Docherty, Anna & Joseph Pearson, Mary & Edward Drummond, Alex Thain, Betty O'Hagan

Anniversaries: Mr McCafferty, Betty Duffy, Ellen & Helen Moore, James & Richard Cooney, Cannon Thomas Kelly, Sheila Gallagher, John Grant, Mary Gillick, George McNeil, Charles McNab

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

Help Needed!

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!

Update on our Church Building Works

There will be some electrical works carried out in the Church before Christmas.

The costs of these works are £4438.00

3rd Sunday of Advent A - Not losing faith

All three readings of today's Mass have comforting words. Isaiah says: 'courage, do not be afraid.' St James says: 'Be patient! Do not lose heart.' And Jesus said to his cousin, John: 'Happy the person who does not lose faith in me.'

John's situation was a grim one. He was locked up in a dark dungeon with the threat of death hanging over him. His faith was being severely tested. At times we too can find ourselves in dark situations. We might be going along nicely but then a storm suddenly hits us: unemployment, a serious illness, a suicide in the family, divorce, alcoholism of spouse or children. These kinds of things shatter our faith in the right order of things and even in God. At times like these may we hear the words of Isaiah: 'Courage! Do not be afraid.'

Each of us knows the kind of situations that cause us to be fearful and doubtful. We can't stop ourselves from feeling afraid. But we must not allow our fears to cripple us. Faith is a fragile thing. We mustn't be surprised when doubts arise within us. God will understand our doubts in a world like this, but blessed are we if we do not lose faith in Jesus.

Advent Penitential Service

Tuesday 13th December at 7pm

This is an opportunity provided through Advent for people to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as we seek to be purified from sin and reconciled with God and one another as we prepare to celebrate our Saviour's birth.

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.

Saints of the week

Tuesday 13th December St Lucy - Memorial

St Lucy lived on the island of Sicily. She consecrated herself to Christ as a virgin. When she turned down an arranged marriage with a pagan aristocrat during the persecution instigated by the Emperor Diocletian, he reported her to the authorities as a Christian, and she was put to death.

Wednesday 14th December - St John of the Cross - Memorial

St John of the Cross was born in Fontiveros, near Salamanca. He became a Carmelite friar in 1564 and in 1567 he met St Teresa of Avila who persuaded him to join her in reforming the Carmelites, male and female. He suffered much opposition, including a period of detention in a religious house.

This was when he began to write deeply on spiritual things including using poetry. He is regarded as the foremost poet of the Spanish language. He experienced visions of Christ. After one he did a line drawing of Christ on the cross which inspired Salvador Dali to paint 'Christ of St John of the Cross' which was bought in 1951 by the City of Glasgow for the Kelvingrove Art Gallery.

Parish Giving Tree

Please drop off any gifts for our Parish Giving Tree before Sunday 18th December.



Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Church Christmas Fayre and to everyone who took a stall.

Special thanks to the Grace Notes Choir for providing us with some enjoyable musical entertainment.

Carols for Peace 2022

There will be a Carols for Peace 2022 service in Glasgow City Chambers on 11th December at 3pm. Anyone interested in attending can find further details on the poster in the church porch.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2023

The Motherwell Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2023 will take place from 14th to 21st July. The cost will be approximately £1000. Further details will be provided shortly.