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2nd^d Sunday of Advent - A 4th 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 11:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: *In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails*

Second Reading: Rom 15: 4-9

Gospel: Mt 3: 1-12

Weekly Collection

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

Last Week's Collection - £839.94

Catholic Education - £477.13

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

Thank you for your generosity

500 Club Winners

1st Prize No. 555 S Kennedy

2nd Prize No. 196 A M Duffy

3rd Prize No. 330 E McAdams

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

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, Elizabeth McKenna, Alex Cooper, Sr Kathleen Owens, Linda Webb, Ann Smith, Helen Smith

RIP: Michael Johnston, Mary Henry, Catherine Swann (Funeral Monday 12th December at 10am)

Month's Mind: James, Elizabeth & Sadie Prunty, Cathie & Thomas Finnigan, Cathie Seggie, Kristopher Toye, Baby Victoria McCann, William, Patrick, Agnes & Helen Docherty, Elizabeth, Joseph, James & Peter Silvestro, Alex & David Thain, Anna & Joseph Pearson, Jenny Wright, Margaret & Andrew McKinlay, Anna, Brian & Joseph Tierney, Agnes & William McAuley, Rab Bannan, Mary Broadley, Michael Broadley Jnr, John, Betty & Eric Hughes, Frank & Agnes Wilson, John Diamond, Helen Diamond, Marion Henderson, John Wallace

Anniversaries: John Finnigan, Kathleen McCormack, Margaret Diamond, Margaret Docherty, Michael Broadley Snr, James Innes,

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!

Thank you!

Thank you to Matt Drummond & John McKeegans for coming along and helping me to tidy up the Church grounds. Your help is very much appreciated.

2nd Sunday Advent A.

The prophets had a vision of a new world. One of the images Isaiah uses to describe the messianic age is that of a lamb lying down with a wolf and having nothing to fear. It is a picture of a time of universal peace. The strong would no longer prey on the weak, or the cunning on the innocent. Yet, when we read the daily newspaper, at times we are ashamed to be human. Christ has come, yet little seems to have changed! What history: wars, wars and more wars. So many dead; so many tears; so many fears. The world is drenched in blood. As for wolf and lamb living together, often two neighbours or even two members of the same family, have a falling out and refuse to talk to one another.

The marvellous vision of the peaceable kingdom, in which all violence has been overcome and all people live in loving unity calls for its realisation in our daily lives.

Every time we forgive a neighbour, every time we make a child smile, every time we show compassion to a suffering person, and work for peace and justice among peoples and nations we are making the vision come true.

Baptism

We welcome Keir, Lennox & Arlo Clements who are to be Baptised this weekend

We implore God's blessing upon them and their family as we welcome them into our parish community



The Parish Christmas Fayre takes place today **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 look forward to seeing you there.

Parish Giving Tree

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

Saints of the Week

Wednesday 7th December - St Ambrose - Memorial.

St Ambrose was born in Trier, Germany, where his father was an official of the Roman Empire. He entered the same profession and became governor of Liguria-Emilia by 372. There was tension between Arian, and orthodox parties among the Christians of Milan when they gathered to elect a new bishop in 374 and he counselled them to observe public order. He was an impressive speaker, and they acclaimed him as their bishop though he was a catechumen, and he had to be baptised and ordained in the space of a few days. He was strong and popular pastoral leader, opposing Arianism, and once excommunicating the emperor after an atrocity. St Ninian would likely have encountered him returning to Scotland from Rome in 394. He is a patron of the Scots College, Spain

Thursday 8th December - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is mystery of our Faith. It is one of several points where Our Lady was treated in a privileged way by God, emphasising her unique place in His Plan. As a doctrine of the Church, it was only promulgated in 1854, but had been a strong popular belief for centuries. Our own Blessed John Duns Scotus (1266-1308) was one of the greatest champions of this dogma.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Torchlight Rosary

On Thursday 8th December at 8pm there will be a torchlight rosary in Carfin Lourdes Grotto to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Carols for Peace 2022

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