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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 29th November 1st Sunday of Advent Year B

1st Reading: IS 63: 16-17

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved*

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1: 3-9

Gospel: Mk 13: 33-37

Last Sunday's Collection – £376.84

Thank you for your generosity and support.



1st Prize: 81. Zoe Roberts

2nd Prize: 134. M Hannigan

3rd Prize: 65. M McCann

ADVENT: STAY AWAKE:

Three times in today's Gospel Jesus urges us to stay awake. The call to 'Stay awake' is a very appropriate call for the beginning of the new liturgical year.

Habit plays a big part in our lives. All of us, except the very young, are to a great degree creatures of habit. It is said that we live the second half of our lives according to the habits acquired during the first half.

Advent gives us a jolt. It issues a wake-up call to us. It provides us with a chance to start again. We can easily become Christians of habit only. We may be just going through the motions, taking part in rituals that have lost all freshness and meaning. We don't hear the Gospel anymore. It goes in one ear and out the other. The face of Christ has vanished from our sight.

So, what is the solution? We need to be disturbed from time to time. This is where advent comes in. Advent calls us to wake up. To shake off the dust of routine and habit, and to let Christ come alive in our lives once more. The Lord is coming. He will come to each of us at death and to the world at the end of time. We don't know the day or the hour of his coming. Anytime is the wrong time for the unfaithful servant. But any time is right time for the faithful servant. The faithful servant doesn't fear the Lord's coming; he welcomes it. We have to be ready. How? By being alive, alert, responsible servants of the Lord and of one another.



Monday	8am 10am 6pm	Mass - St Andrew Solemnity Adoration
Tuesday	8am 10am	Mass
Wednesday	8am 10am	Mass
Thursday	8am 10am	Mass - St Francis Xavier - Memorial
Friday	10am	Mass
Saturday	10am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Vigil Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	10am 12noon 5pm	2 nd Sunday of Advent Mass Mass Mass



Parish Gift Tree

Be a Secret Santa and donate a gift today

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 20 December.

SPRED Christmas Reflection Mass

SPRED's Christmas Reflection Service will be live streamed from the SPRED Centre to the SPRED Motherwell Facebook page on 1st December at 7pm. It will also be on Motherwell Diocese website.

Special Collection – December

You are invited to make donations through December to St Andrew's Hospice, Airdrie, and other hospices in our area. The opportunity to donate via the Payacharity online donations facility on the diocesan website can be used for this purpose.

Please remember in your prayers:

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

Recently Dead: Michaela Walker, Thomas Docherty

Months Mind: Sadie Slowey, Patsy Robertson, May & Jimmy McLaughlin Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Mattie, Tommy & Thomas Collins, Tilly and Marie Clarke, John Diamond, Helen Diamond, Julie Wallace, Tony Ambrose, Marion Henderson, Anne Weston, Patricia Taylor, Lawrence, William & Mary Brankin, William, Ellen & Annie Brankin, Joseph, Agnes, Eddie & Joe Mina, Patricia & Brian Sharkey Jnr, John & Kevin McGrath, Kathleen Smith, David Hayton, Sarah Innes, Frank & Agnes Wilson, John Trower, William, Patrick & Helen Docherty, Joseph, Elizabeth & James Silvestro, Alex & David Thain, Anna & Joseph Pearson, Jenny Wright, Margaret & Andrew McKinlay, Anna & Brian Tierney, Agnes & William McAuley, Rab Bannen

Anniversaries: Margaret Diamond, James Innes, Margaret Docherty

Advent Quiet Time via Zoom

The Diocesan Adult Formation Team is hosting 4 online meetings during Advent: meditations on the Sunday Gospel with music, reflection and prayer.

These will take place each Sunday of Advent, 29th November, 6th, 13th and 20th December from 7-7.30pm. Anyone interested should contact Fr Magill at missions@rcdom.org.uk.

University of Glasgow Research

Researchers at the University of Glasgow are interested in varying levels of religiousness and mental wellbeing. Clergy and parishioners are invited to take part in a 10-minute anonymous study in which they will answer questions about their faith, their mental wellbeing, and complete a short experiment in which they will identify emotion in voices. The anonymous experiment can be accessed online with the following link

https://exp.psy.gla.ac.uk/project?religion_wellbeingstudy&auto

Church Stall - Open after all masses

If you need cards or any religious gifts for friends or family, please visit our stall in the rear of the church.



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