

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ADVENT

In Advent the Church prepares to celebrate Christmas, when we recall Christ's first Coming. As we remember, so also we look forward in faith to his Second Coming at the end of time. It is a period of joyful hope. Violet (purple) is the colour of the season, we do not say the Gloria at Mass on Sunday and the use of flowers and musical instruments is restrained until Christmas.

DECEMBER:

The Immaculate Conception.

MONDAY:

**ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE,
PRINCIPAL PATRON OF SCOTLAND**
(transferred from Sunday).

**Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier (1506-52),
Priest & Religious.**

Saturday: St. Nicholas (270-343), Bishop.

NEXT SUNDAY:

2nd. Sunday of Advent.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict

That Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

PARISH PRAYERS

**We pray for all who are ill or
housebound, especially:**

Joan Birt, Jim Docherty,
Annabelle Melville, Tommy Gallacher,
Margaret McGarry, Chris Jones,
Sandi Bray, George Bennett,
Michael Fitzharris, Gina Robb,
Isobel Diorio, Anne Faller,
Nan Scullion, Lexi Kerr (baby),
Linda Scott, Maureen Hanvey,
Emma Sinclair, Maureen Houston,
Anne Kane, Jessica Glover,
Caroline McNeil, Joanne King.

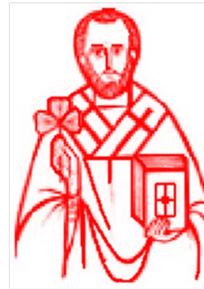
**We pray for all who have died
recently, R.I.P., especially:**

Eileen Morgan,
Robert (Bobby) Davidson,
Jean Grey, Molly McBride,
John Power, Hugh McCrorey,
Thomas Hughes

**We remember those whose
anniversaries are at this time, R.I.P.,**

especially:

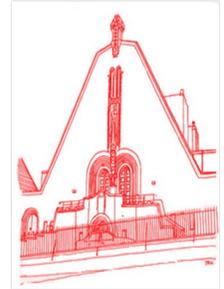
**Rt. Rev. John Cunningham,
Bishop of Galloway,
Parish Priest here, 1992-2004,**
Molly McBride, Susan Cuffe,
Bridget & Thomas Lyons,
Danny Wallace, James O'Kane,
Mary Hughes, Theresa Cameron,
Thomas Cullen, Thomas Cleary,
May Anderson, Hugh Begley.



ST. PATRICK'S BULLETIN

St. Patrick's Presbytery,
5 Orangefield Place,
Greenock, PA15 1YX.

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard Gallagher



30th. November 2025

1st. SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY MASS: Saturday Vigil; 5.30pm Sunday: 11.00am

Sunday Readings: 1st. Sunday of Advent, Year A

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday-Saturday: 10.00am

Weekday Readings: 1st. Week of Advent

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday-Friday: 9.30-9.50am

PENANCE & RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 10.30am & 4.45-5.15pm

Divine Office: 1st. Week of Advent Psalms: Week 1

Baptism: Sunday after 11.00am Mass by prior arrangement

Marriage: Please give at least 6 month's notice of Marriage.

TODAY'S LITURGY

1st. Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5

*The Lord gathers all nations together
into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God.*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 122 (121)

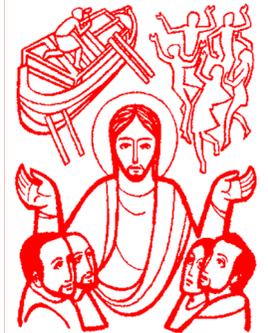
R./ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

2nd. Reading: Romans 13.11-14a

'Salvation is nearer to us now.'

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 24.37-44

Stay awake so that you may be ready.



The season of Advent begins a new year in the liturgical life of the church and the first proclamation we hear from our Lectionary (=Book of Readings) is from the prophet Isaiah, "The vision of Isaiah, son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem." This vision calls for people to turn swords into ploughshares, spears into pruning hooks—destructive implements into creative tools. Advent is a season of hope, of positive expectation. Our challenge is to bring about this hope, this peace.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Parish Hall to help:

Sunday 12.00pm—12.30pm.

Parish helpline, please call:

07746009763



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X(Twitter): @stpatricksrcdop

ADVENT 2025

The music for the **Response to the Psalm** and the text for the **Blessing of the Advent Wreath**, of the **Creed and of the Solemn Blessing** are on the back of the sheet with the Readings.

1st. Sunday of Advent

The beginning of Advent signals a new year in the life of the Church. Advent is a season of **joyful hope**. In this first part of Advent (until the 17th. December), we focus on preparing for the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time.

From the **17th. December** we focus on preparing to celebrate his first Coming at Christmas, when Christ is seen as the fulfilment of the hope of Israel.

Today we also begin a new year in the three year cycle of readings at Sunday Mass. This year we are in **"Year A"**, when we read St. Matthew's Gospel.

TODAY at **11.00am Mass**, the last Mass of November, we will remember all our parishioners who have died in the last year.

MASS THIS WEEK

Monday—Saturday: 10.00am.

Monday is the **Solemnity of St. Andrew**, the Patron of our country, transferred from Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY at **11.00am Mass** we will celebrate the **Rite of Commitment** of our **P4 boys and girls** who are beginning their preparation for the celebration of Baptism, Penance & Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

ADVENT REFLECTION in **St. Patrick's P.S.** led by the children on the **Friday mornings of Advent, 8.40-8.50am.** Please enter the school through the gate at the canteen side and walk to the Gym Hall.

All parishioners welcome.

PARISH HALL EVENTS

TEA & COFFEE in the Parish Hall today after 11.00am Mass.

QUIZ NIGHT Our next joint quiz with St. Joseph's will be held next **Sunday** in **our Parish Hall** starting at **7.30pm** prompt.

Entry: Adults £2, Kids free.

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Donations for raffle most welcome.

SSVP PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our parish Christmas Dinner will be held on **Saturday 13th. December** at **1.00pm.**

ARDGOWAN HOSPICE CHOIR in our **Parish Hall** on **Wednesday 10th. December** at **7.00pm.**

SSVP FOODBANK

The SSVP foodbank is open on **Sunday, 12.00pm—12.30pm** in the **Parish Hall**. Anyone requiring **urgent assistance** at any other time, please call: **07746009763.**

FINANCE

THANK YOU for last week's **Offertory Collection** which came to **£1,137.81.**

NEXT WEEKEND **Second Collection** for the **Building Fund.**

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL The **Comboni Sisters** (who are based in Holy Family) were to have made the Appeal on behalf of their Congregation but it has proved very difficult to get a suitable date, so we will have door collection for the sisters on **Sunday 21st. December.**

PARISH STALL A variety of Christmas cards and gifts, along with 2026 Calendars & Advent Calendars, are now available from the Parish Stall in the Hall after 11.00am Mass.

200 CLUB The latest winners are:
September: No.16, Jean Gillen
October: No. 91, Carmel Blythe
Congratulations to our winners and thanks to all who support the 200 Club.

ADVENT RETREAT in **St. Bernadette's, Park Drive, Erskine**, on **Saturday, 10.00am** until 12.00 noon. This retreat offers a chance to reflect on our service, deepen our faith, and connect in the

mission of our church. Guided reflections with prayer and worship music, with an opportunity for Confession.

YOUNG PEOPLE

ADVENT RETREAT DAY on the theme, **Our Friends, the Saints of Scotland** for **P4 – P7 Pupils TODAY (Sunday)** from **1.45–5.00pm** at St. James' Church, Greenock Road, Paisley. The event will include an opportunity for the young people to learn more about the Saints, to have dinner together, and to celebrate Mass. Registration is necessary at <https://tinyurl.com/DPY-Primary-Advent25>, or by scanning the QR code.

YOUNG ADULTS The series of talks about Mass, "Heaven Meets Earth" continues on **Wednesday at 7.00pm** in the **Diocesan Office, Paisley**, with 'Old Testament Roots' by Fr. Paul Denney. All young people 18-35 are welcome. For more information contact Fr. Joe McGill at joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk or Fr. Paul Laverty Paul.laverty@rcdop.org.uk

ST. NICHOLAS IS COMING TO TOWN

On **Saturday** in **St. John's Hall, Barrhead, 3.00-4.30pm**, families are invited to celebrate the feast day of St. Nicholas. Crafts & activities for children; talk for parents; teas, coffees and cakes for everyone, and... a special guest! No fees but donations appreciated. **Please register by 1st. December** at: rcdop.org.uk/st-nicholas-celebration

IRH CHAPLAINCY We have a catholic chaplaincy team who are happy to visit patients in the hospital for non-emergency visits. Please let Fr. Gerry know that you or your relative would like a visit from a catholic chaplain.