

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. In the first part of Advent (until the 17th), we concentrate on the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time, while the first Coming at Christmas is recalled particularly from the 17th. December when Christ is seen as the fulfilment of the hope of Israel.

Violet (purple) is the colour of the season and the use of flowers and musical instruments is restrained until Christmas.

NOVEMBER: The Holy Souls.

WEDNESDAY:

ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE,

PRINCIPAL PATRON OF SCOTLAND.

NEXT SUNDAY: 2nd. Sunday of Advent.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER

For children who suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

PARISH PRAYERS

We pray for all who are ill or housebound. In particular, we pray for:

Maureen Hanvey, Billy Paul,
Gerard Gillan, Sebastian Kesson,
Ross Moran, Emma Sinclair,
Maureen Houston, John O'Donnell,
Anne Kane, Nancy Mew,
Jessica Glover, Caroline McNeil,
Joanne King, Teddy O'Neil.

All those who are suffering from the consequences of the current pandemic.

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

**Brian Collins,
Margaret Friel,**

Jean Nolan, John McLaughlin (Jnr.)
Ian Hamilton, Anna Mazzoni,
Karen Gallagher, Hugh Collins.

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,

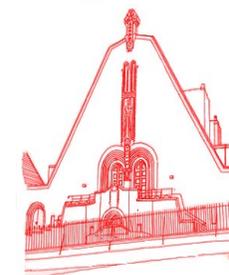
Molly McBride, Susan Cuffe,
Thomas & Bridget Lyons.



ST. PATRICK'S BULLETIN

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

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard Gallagher



27th. November 2022

1st. SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY MASS: Saturday Vigil; 5.30pm Sunday: 9.30am & 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: 9.00-9.30am

PENANCE & RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 10.30am (in the Cry Chapel) & on request.

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

Baptism: Sunday after 11.00am Mass

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 God's kingdom.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 121

R./ I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house'.

2nd. Reading: Romans 13.11-14

Our salvation is near.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 24.37-44

Stay awake so that you may be ready.



A new season begins today: Advent. So does a new liturgical year, and so does the three year cycle of readings at Sunday Mass since this is "Year A", the year of Matthew's Gospel. 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 & Tuesday: 7.00pm

Parish helpline, please call:

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THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

As the Church's year draws to a close in November and then into the first part of Advent (which lasts until 17th December), the Church invites us to reflect on our membership of the **Communion of Saints** and on **"The Last Things"**.

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Each day at Mass during November we remember those whose names are on our parish **November Lists**.

11.00AM MASS TODAY, the last Sunday in November, will be offered for all our parishioners who have died in the last year, R.I.P.

WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK

Tuesday-Saturday: 10.00am.

On Wednesday, the Solemnity of St. Andrew, **St. Patrick's P.S.** will join us for Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

at 11.00am Mass. We invite boys and girls of Primary School age to join us on Sunday for their own celebration of God's Word.

THANK YOU for last week's **Offertory Collection** which came to £916.34. **Thank you** also for the **£598.16** given in the collection for Catholic Education.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT weekend for the Building Fund.

200 CLUB A gentle reminder that if you haven't yet renewed your membership of the 200 Club, please do so by the **end of November**.

STALL Boxes of Christmas cards and calendars are now available, together with various seasonal gifts. The Stall is open on Sunday after 11.00am Mass.

"WARM HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP" is an initiative of Inverclyde Council to allocate funding to community groups who will provide a warm environment and some sustenance for people who are really struggling with the cost of living crisis. Our parish Conference of the SVdP has been successful in applying for this funding.

Our proposal is to **open up the Parish Hall on Sundays from January till the end of March from 12.00noon till 2.00pm** where parishioners and anyone from our local community will be able to get something to eat and drink with an opportunity to socialise. As you know we already have the foodbank from 12.00noon on Sundays, but **we really need some more volunteers to make this work**. The more volunteers, the less everyone has to do, so if you could help, please pass your name to Father Gerry or to one of our SVdP Conference to allow us to plan for this.

RE-OPENING OUR CHURCHES 2022

- We remind you NOT to attend Mass or Liturgies if you are carrying an infection or have the symptoms of Covid.
- We encourage you to continue to be aware of those around about you, especially those who may be more vulnerable.

CRY CHAPEL: Please do not sit in the cry chapel for Mass as it is a restricted space. If a baby is crying at Mass, you might take the baby to the cry chapel to settle down, but otherwise, please sit in the main church.

YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) The final talk of the series will be on **'Blessed be God in His Angels and Saints'** by Fr. Ryan Black, on **Wednesday 30th. November at 7.00pm** in St. Mirin's Cathedral, followed by Benediction and an opportunity to socialise over drinks.

DIVINE MERCY MONTHLY DEVOTIONS

The Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland invite you to a Divine Mercy Mass at 7.00pm on **Wednesday 30th. November 2022** at St Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley PA1 2UN. The celebrant will be Fr Douglas Green who was ordained earlier this year for the Archdiocese of Glasgow. All are welcome. Please note there will be no Divine Mercy Devotions in December.



CHRISTMAS FETE AT THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, GREENOCK

on **Sunday 11th. December, 2.00pm-4.30pm**. There is plenty on offer for all the family including – bottle stall, baking stall, book stall, bric a brac, plants, tombola. There will be a chance for the children to meet Santa at our Sant's Grotto and kiddie's corner. Tea and toast will be served in the tea room and there will be an ice cream van on the grounds with treats on sale for the children. All welcome.

CAROLS AT CAPIELOW Come and join us at Greenock Morton's Cappielow Football Ground next **Sunday (4th. December) from 4.00-5.00pm**. Come along to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Admission FREE. Tea and Coffee .

