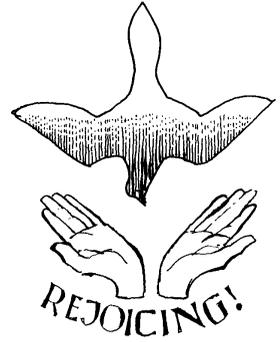




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## 11th December 2016 Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

An imprisoned John seeks the reassurance that he correctly identified Jesus as the one who was to come. Jesus' reply to John's delegates is enigmatic. Jesus invites them (and John!) to evaluate him, not just by his word, but by his deeds: by his giving sight to the blind, mobility to the lame, rehabilitation to lepers. John challenged the Pharisees to display signs that they embraced the kingdom; now Jesus challenges John to see the Kingdom present in his works.

### How does my life show that I embrace the Kingdom?

Mass Times this week		
Monday	10am	Advent Week 3, Year A
Tuesday	10am	Memorial: St Lucy
Wednesday	10am	Memorial: St John of the Cross
Thursday	10am	Advent Week 3, Year A
Friday	10am	Advent Week 3, Year A
Saturday	10am	Advent Feria 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Saturday	6pm Vigil	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A
Sunday	10am	

**Rosary (9.30am) and Morning Prayer (9.45am) daily** in the church  
**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP Thursdays 7pm**

### 200 CLUB WINNERS Congratulations to:

£100 Samantha Byrne                      £50 Marlene McDonald  
£25 Kieran Byrnes                         £25 Ignatius Lunny

**FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

**TODAY IS CARING SUNDAY** when we collect for our Archdiocesan charity, the St Nicholas Care Fund. The charity provides small grants to groups in and around the Glasgow area which offer life-changing assistance to those most in need.

**SCIAF COLLECTION** for the refugees of Syria, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**TODAY IS Gaudete Sunday** which takes its name from the Latin 'gaudete' which means "rejoice". The entrance antiphon of the Mass today begins with "Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete". This can be translated as "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice". Pope Benedict XVI highlighted that these words of St Paul urge Christians to rejoice because the Lord is coming, his glorious return is certain and will not be delayed. We wait with hope, certain of Christ's second coming because we have experienced his first. Our Advent Candle for today is pink in honour of this Sunday.

**POPE FRANCIS ON THE NATIVITY SCENE in St Peter Square...**

The Nativity scenes found "in churches, in homes and in many public places are an invitation to make room in our lives and society for God, hidden in the face of so many people who are in conditions of hardship, poverty and tribulation," the Pope said "How many people will visit this Nativity scene," he said, "will be invited to rediscover the symbolic value, which is a message of fraternity, of sharing, of welcome and solidarity."

"The Nativity scene and the tree thus form a message of hope and love, and help to create a favourable Christmas spirit to live with faith the mystery of the birth of the Redeemer," the Pope said.

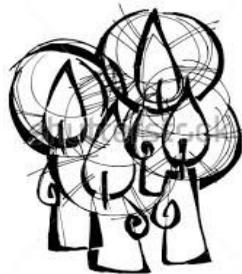
God "came to earth in simplicity and meekness. Let us be drawn, with the intention of children, in front of the manger, because that is where we understand the goodness of God and contemplate his mercy, which was made human flesh in order to soften our gaze."



## ADVENT DIARY

### ST NICHOLAS CARE BOXES

As usual we will have the St Nicholas Care Fund boxes available for collection of your loose change during Advent to help the poor of our city. Please take a box away with you and bring it back before Christmas.



**PARISH ADVENT SERVICE** will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm. Please put this date in your diary and make an effort to come along and spend some time in spiritual preparation for Christmas.

### PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

An Advent service of Reconciliation will take place in the church ON THURSDAY THIS WEEK, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

**DAY OF CONFESSIONS** St Andrew's Cathedral 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Priests will be available all day in the Cathedral from 7.30am to 5.30pm.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT** in aid of the Mungo Foundation at St Andrew's Cathedral 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7pm. Tickets £7 or £5 concession.

**THE BIG CLEAN** will take place on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm**. Please join in with the cleaning and preparation of our church for Christmas. Please sign up at the back of the Church. **Men needed.**



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** a basket will be available for donations today.

The **SANTA RUN** is on this Sunday Morning and access to the church will be affected as the route will pass along St Vincent Street, Finneston Street and the Broomielaw.

## PARISH FUNDRAISING

Funds raised are split 50/50 between the Parish and the Mission Project in Nigeria.

To date we have raised around £3600 for the Mission Project and £2100 for the Parish (we had some specific donations to the Mission Project). We have already sent £1000 to the Project so Fr Francis will be able to take another £2600 away with him after Christmas. **MANY THANKS** to all who have helped and supported this fundraising.



The **PARISH RAFFLE** will be drawn on 18<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets still available at £1 per strip.



Our **cake and candy** stall is on next Sunday instead of this Sunday due to the Santa Dash race.

## THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT WORKING GROUP - SCES

The Parent Involvement Working Group of the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) are organising an event for all interested Catholic parents with children currently at school. This Gathering for Catholic Parents is on Saturday, 21 January, 10.00 am - 12 noon in St Francis Xavier Church Hall, Taylor Avenue, Carfin. Parents will have the chance to talk about the matters which are important to them regarding Catholic education and to discuss ways in which they can contribute to the Mission of their child's Catholic school. Places for this event are free, but booking is essential. For further information and to book a place, email: [mail@sces.uk.com](mailto:mail@sces.uk.com) or phone: 0141 556 4727 or complete the online form at [sces.org.uk](http://sces.org.uk)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Recently Dead:** Josephine McBride

**Anniversaries:** Jean Moffat, Isabella Maguire, Rosemary Whitehead, Frederick Whitehead Snr, William Bradley