



# St. Patrick's Parish

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C**  
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Two expectant mothers embrace. Within them, their children are growing unseen. God's will is coming to fruition. Already the Word is made Flesh, dwelling within his mother, wordlessly declaring: "I am coming to do your will!" John's silent rejoicing leap proclaims "Here he is!" Elizabeth knows it, the first to call him "My Lord" and in doing so honours his mother too: "Blessed is the fruit of your womb."

### Mass Times this week

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	10am	Advent: 21st
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	10am	Advent: 22nd
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	10am	Advent: 23rd
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Advent: 24th
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	8.30pm	Carol Service
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00pm	Midnight Mass
	10am	Christmas: The Nativity of our Lord
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Feast: St Stephen
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm	Feast: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	Vigil	
	10am	

**Confessions:** 5.30-5.50 pm on Saturdays

*The church will be open Sun–Fri:8am–4pm (Wednesday 8am-1pm)*

**CHRISTMAS** is a **HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES** as above. Our Carol Service is at 8.30pm with Mass at 9pm on Christmas Eve and 10am on Christmas Day

**RECENT COLLECTIONS 6<sup>th</sup> December** £379.80

Caring Sunday £820.75

**Many thanks for your generosity.**

**FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS: Today** Ecclesiastical Students

**Next Sunday:** Pro Life

**DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS** will be gratefully accepted in the basket at the back of the church.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP** is off until 7<sup>th</sup> January

**MASS FOR THE SICK TODAY** at the 10am Mass with anointing of the sick and refreshments afterwards. If you wish to be anointed please sit in the front few rows of the church.

Please stay to enjoy our hospitality after Mass.

**WE HAVE A MARY'S MEALS RAFFLE WINNER!**

But they cannot read the name on the ticket. The winning ticket is number 30820. If that's your ticket can you contact Mary's Meals on 0141 336 7094

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Pat Gallagher who received a medal from the Knights of St Columba at Mass last week to commemorate 50 years' membership.

**THE BIG CLEAN** on Tuesday at 7pm is when we get the church cleaned for Christmas. The more hands the better so please join in and help.

**BLESSED MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA** to be canonised!

After months of anticipation, the miracle allowing for the canonisation of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta has, on 18<sup>th</sup> December, officially been approved by the Vatican, though as of now no specific date for the event has been given.

**GLASGOW REMEMBERS** the Queen Street tragedy. Prayer service 12 noon on 22<sup>nd</sup> December at Glasgow Cathedral.

## PARISH FUNDRAISING

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

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Our **cake and candy** stall was last week and raised £45.

**LAST CHANCE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE tickets are now on sale.** The draw will take place today, 20<sup>th</sup> December.



\*a box will be situated at the back of the church on a permanent basis asking for coins or notes left over from holidays-foreign or otherwise!



**\*Ladies Night –this to take place on January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Bowling Club. Put the date in your diary, ladies!**

### AGAP

The AGAP Art Group will have an exhibition in St Patrick's to mark the end of the Year of Consecrated Life from Tuesday 8th December until Monday 21st December.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE** at the stall.

### NIGHT SHELTER WINTER APPEAL 2015

As usual at this time of year Glasgow Night Shelter is very busy with more men staying at the shelter than ever before. With the cold, dark, wet nights, this time of year is always difficult for the men staying at the shelter. Next time you are out shopping please spend a few pounds buying new underwear or gloves or a woolly hat for the guys staying in the shelter. If you hand them into the Parish we will deliver them to the Shelter.

## Magnificat

The Magnificat, taken from Luke's Gospel (1:46-55), is the Blessed Virgin Mary's hymn of praise to the Lord. It is also known as the Canticle of Mary in Evening Prayer. Priests and other religious are required to pray the Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office) each day and so say this prayer each day.

Mary proclaims the Lord's greatness with characteristic humility and grace in this prayer: why not join the Church in prayer by proclaiming the Magnificat each evening.

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength  
and scatters the proud-hearted.  
He casts the mighty from their thrones  
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy,  
the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons for ever.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Fr Neil Donnachie

**Anniversaries:** David Keenan, Anne Walters, Liz Owen, Martin Farrell, McFadden Family, O'Brien Family.