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PARISH DIARY

Monday: Memorial St Francis Xavier	9.30am 10.00am	Mass Divine Mercy Devotions
Tuesday	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday:	9.30am	Mass
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday: Memorial St Ambrose	9.30am	Requiem Mass for Josephine Mulvey
Saturday: Solemnity Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	Mass
Sunday	5.30-5.50pm 6pm 9.30-9.50am 10am	Confessions Vigil Mass Confessions Mass

COLLECTIONS

25th November

£423.95

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS: St Patrick statue
St Nicholas Care Fund

Today
16th December

200 Club— monies due this weekend. See Helen at the back of the Church

HAPPY NEW YEAR! THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Today is the start of a new Liturgical year and starts with the Season of Advent. In Advent the Church prepares to celebrate the Nativity, when we recall Christ's first coming AND it also looks forward to his second coming at the end of time. It is a period of **joyful hope**. The first part of Advent focusses on the Second Coming of Christ. From 17th December onwards we focus on the Incarnation, when Christ is seen as the fulfilment of the hope of Israel. Our celebration looks and sounds different: vestments are purple; the Gloria is not used; the use of flowers is restrained and music is also restrained. We may also want to exercise some restraint in our own lives so that we do not burn out before Christmas!



St Nicholas Care fund / Pastoral Care Trust Boxes – for Advent are available at the back of the church. Please take one away with you and collect your loose change over Advent for this good cause. There is also a special collection on the Third Sunday of Advent in support of the Fund.

“Catholicism” by Bishop Robert Barron – come along to the church house on Sunday evenings during Advent. Each Advent Sunday, at 6pm, we will be viewing an episode of “Catholicism” followed by some tea and discussion. This should be an entertaining way to learn more about our faith as we journey towards Christmas and help us focus on the real meaning of this season.

Reverse Advent Calendar – at this time of year we are looking forwards to giving and receiving Christmas presents, but we know that there are those in our society who have nothing to look forwards to. One small thing that we can do to help them is to support our “reverse Advent calendar” gathering items for the Wayside Club to help the homeless. This year they are looking for tins of food, sleeping bags, boxer shorts, t-shirts, socks or toiletries. It would be good if everyone at Mass could give even one item from this list and put it in the box at the back of the church.

The Santa Run is on next Sunday morning and this will result in road closures in and around the parish so your route to Mass may be affected.

The Big Clean will take place Monday 17th December at 6.30pm.

St Patrick's statue in the primary school – this weekend we will have the special collection to restore the statue of St Patrick in the primary school as a way to mark the 100th Anniversary of state-funded Catholic Education in Scotland, remembering all those staff and pupils of our school who have been inspired by the example of St Patrick over those hundred years. We have already started to receive donations, including one from Canada, so please be generous in supporting this renovation.

Deanery Reconciliation service – takes place in St Aloysius on Saturday 22nd December from 11am to 12 noon. There should be 10 priests hearing Confessions so please come along and help prepare for Christmas.

Day of Confessions in the Cathedral – in preparation for Christmas takes place on Thursday 20th December from 7.45am to 5.45pm. Please make sure that you get to Confession during Advent to get ready to properly celebrate the Nativity.

Visiting Maronite Bishop! – Bishop Nasser Gemayel, Eparch of Our Lady of Lebanon of Paris of the Maronites and Apostolic Visitor for Maronites in Western Europe, will celebrate Mass in Scotland for the first time on Wednesday 5th December here in St Patrick's, Anderston, at 7.30pm. Mass will be in Arabic in the Maronite Rite. All welcome. **We are very honoured to welcome such an important visitor to our parish!**

PARISH RAFFLE – tickets for our Christmas raffle on sale now

Flourish – December edition is on sale at the back of the church.

Carols for Peace: Come and join us at this annual event, which is held in the Banqueting Hall of Glasgow City Chambers, where we will pray for peace in our world, but particularly Bethlehem, our Twin City. Enjoy refreshments afterwards in the Satinwood Suite overlooking George Square in all its Christmas Splendour, where the Crib still has a place of prominence. Everyone is welcome to attend this very important event in the calendar of Glasgow Churches Together and Glasgow City Council. Sunday 16th December 2018 at 3.00pm.

Blessing of the Crib: The blessing of the crib with Alba Brass and local primary schools will take place at George Square, Glasgow, on Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 6.30pm. Music from 6pm. All welcome.

AGAP Reel Kids Parents & Tots Cinema Club. Meets on 2nd Friday of every month at 11am in St Mungo's Retreat, 52 Parson St, Glasgow, G4 0RX. Next screening: Friday 14th Dec and the film is "**The Polar Express**". For parents with young children to enjoy a film with their little ones and chat afterwards. Please register to attend: 0141-552-5527 or info@agap.org.uk or through Eventbrite www.agapglasgow.eventbrite.com.

AGAP Theatre Presents - Sign of Contradiction: The Christmas Story

Written & Directed by Stephen Callaghan.

The traditional Christmas story given a modern-day twist. Lasting approx. 1 hour followed by live music with Christmas songs and carols.

Performances commencing at 7.30pm:

- Tues 11th Dec - St Gregory's, Wyndford
- Wed 12th Dec - St Columba's, Woodside

Tickets £5. To book: 0141-552-5527 email info@agap.org.uk or online through www.agapglasgow.eventbrite.com

Vocations Discernment Evenings: *Archdiocese of Glasgow Vocations* are holding discernment evenings of catechesis, adoration and fellowship at Turnbull Hall, Southpark Terrace G12 8LG. These evenings will take place on 11th January; 8th February; 8th March; 12th April and 10th May at 7pm. For further details contact ross.campbell.2@glasgow.ac.uk or telephone Father Campbell on 0141 339 4315.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently dead: Josephine Mulvey, James Smith

Anniversaries: Jean Moffat, Isabella Maguire, Hugh Lunny, Frank Glover, Betty McGowan, Rosemary Whitehead, Frederick Whitehead Snr, James Farrell, Joe Gillan

Funeral – Josephine Mulvey, Friday 7th December 9.30am Mass, reception of remains before Mass.

