



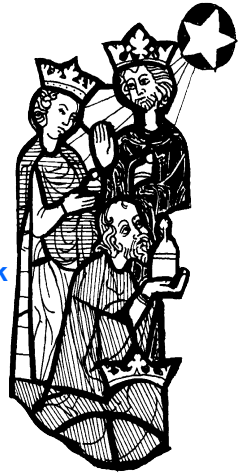
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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The Gospel and the text of Isaiah together shape our traditional crib scene of camels and lavish gifts. But the feast celebrates revelation itself. The Wise Men's search, guided by the light of reason, takes them only so far. Only an encounter with Scripture- divine revelation- can perfect it, and lead them to find and worship the divine child. Our human capacities need to be enlightened by divine revelation to lead us to God and to Christ, the light which enlightens all of life.

Mass Times

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| Monday | No Mass | Feast: Baptism of the Lord |
| Tuesday | No Mass | Week 1 |
| Wednesday | No Mass | Week 1 |
| Thursday | No Mass | Week 1 |
| Friday | No Mass | Feast: St Kentigern |
| Saturday | No Mass | Week 1 |
| Saturday | 6pm | Week 2, Year A |
| Sunday | 10am | |

Rosary (9.45am) and Morning Prayer (10am) weekdays daily in the church house when there is no morning Mass

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP Thursdays 7pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

There will be no morning Mass throughout January. Mass is available at the Cathedral at 8.15am, 1pm and 5.15pm and at St Aloysius at 8am, 12.30pm and 5.45pm

200 CLUB DUE THIS SUNDAY: see Helen at the back of the church

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| COLLECTIONS | 25th December: | £760.05 |
| | 1st January | £254.50 |
| | Pro-Life | £191.60 |

Many thanks

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Today, 8TH JANUARY, the second collection after communion is for **JUSTICE AND PEACE**

NATIVITY SCENE

Please take some time to pray before our nativity scene at the Lady Altar where the wise men have now appeared. Crib Offerings are, as usual, for the St Margaret of Scotland Children and Family Care Society.



PRIMARY ONE ENROLMENT FOR AUGUST 2017

If your child will be 5 years of age before 28 February 2018 they should be registered to start school. If you have not already enrolled your child please call at the school on the following days:

Monday 9th January

Wednesday 11th January

Friday 13th January

9.30-11.00am or 1.30pm-3.00pm

Please bring the following documents:

Child's birth certificate, Baptismal certificate (if appropriate), proof of address (e.g. utility bill). If your child is not a British Citizen we also need to see Passports for Parent and Child.

A GALA CONCERT AT ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL: The Glasgow Phoenix Choir - Saturday 28 January 2017, 7:30pm

To celebrate the 200th Anniversary of St Andrew's Cathedral with proceeds to the Organ Fund. With songs from the Classics to Scots Songs to Music from the Shows. Saturday, 28 January 2017.

Tickets £8 from the Cathedral shop or the Cathedral office on 0141 204 2409 or email your ticket request to Cathedral Secretary Dinah Mair at info@cathedralg1.org or the online at www.wegotickets.com

THE SOLEMNITY OF ST MUNGO, PATRON SAINT of our City and Diocese, will be celebrated on **Friday 13th January** at 7pm at St Mungo's, Townhead with Mass celebrated by the Archbishop

JUSTICE AND PEACE LETTER FOR WORLD DAY OF PEACE 2017

We live in a world where there is an endless cycle of violence. No sooner is a conflict over in one part of the world than another begins elsewhere. No sooner is one war ended than another flairs up. And some wars seem to go on and on, and we despair that they will ever end.

Every year the Church begins the New Year by praying for peace in a troubled world. Our world is as troubled by war and violence this year no less than last year. What will bring the cycle of violence to an end? One thing is certain, responding to violence with violence is no answer. For violence begets violence. We can see that in our own personal lives, in our relationship with family, neighbours and colleagues. If a harsh word is spoken and you respond with another harsh word, things don't get better, they get worse. Verbal violence is no more effective than physical violence in bringing about peace.

With the Year of Mercy last year, many of us have been trying to put into practice the challenging teaching of Jesus when he says "Blessed are the merciful". Or again when he says, "Blessed are the meek". But when it comes to the world scene, it seems that nation states are not interested in that teaching of Jesus.

Nations can see mercy as weakness. And no nation wants to be meek and mild. Nations want to be powerful and strong. They put their faith in military might. So even poor countries, who find it difficult to feed their people, see themselves justified in spending money on armaments and weapons of war.

So much money is spent on the accumulation of arms; so much human talent and effort spent in developing weapons of destruction.

Our country, Britain, is now the second largest exporter of arms in the world. The abundance of weapons of war and ammunition helps keep the flames of war alive in many a conflict throughout the world.

The constant wars and armed conflicts shows that humanity is all too ready to use violence and force as a solution to disputes and discord, to seek peace through the barrel of a gun.

Jesus says, "turn the other cheek". In other words, do not respond to violence with violence. As individuals we find that difficult to do. Nation states seem to find it impossible.

On this day of prayer for peace, we pray that, inspired by the teachings of Jesus, we may recognise that peace in the world begins with peace in our own hearts and that we are challenged by Jesus to respond to any bitterness and aggression we face from others with words and gestures of love and reconciliation. We in turn need to influence our politicians and those who govern us to seek peaceful solutions to conflict, to use weapons of diplomacy not of war, and to do all they can to bring the constant cycle of violence to an end.

With my prayers for peace in your lives, peace among nations, peace on earth.

Yours sincerely,

+William Nolan

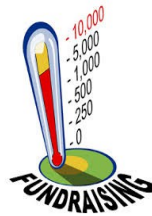
Bishop of Galloway

President of the Justice and Peace Commission

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** was drawn on 18th December. We raised £449.80. Many thanks to the Raffle team for all their work on this.

NO CAKE AND CANDY stall this month as we know many of you are cutting down after the excesses of Christmas!

SAINT MUNGO FESTIVAL events take place between Wednesday 11th and Sunday 15th January 2017.

Thursday 12 January 2017: First Vespers for the Feast of Glasgow's Patron, St Kentigern, on at Glasgow Cathedral at 5.30pm

Friday 13 January 2017 is the feast day itself and, as in previous years, the Cathedral is open to the public for all who want to find the story for themselves. Elsewhere in the city, Mungo's Bairns will play havoc with the legends in song and dance at Wellington Church in University Avenue, Hillhead.

Sunday, 15 January 2017: Glasgow Churches Together celebrate the 820th anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral built by Bishop Jocelyn in 1197.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Sheila McDonald, Rev Peter Smith

Recently dead: Rev Bernard Connell

Anniversaries: Nan Smyth, Catherine Batchelor, Rev Gerry Nugent