

ADVENT IN THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

During Advent we will sing Acclamation 2 on the sheet.

This week in the parish – Canon Gargaro is away to Rome for a few days this week on Tribunal business and so on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday there will be morning prayers instead of Mass. On Friday Mass will be at 7pm rather than 9.30am.

“Catholicism” by Bishop Robert Barron – continues in the church house this Sunday evenings. Those who came along last week thought it was very good, and even if you missed the first episode you can still come along and enjoy the others.

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.

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.

Reverse Advent Calendar – thanks for your generous response last week, but the box is empty again and needs filled! We are looking for tins of food, sleeping bags, boxer shorts, t-shirts, socks or toiletries for the homeless at the Wayside Club. 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. Please **do not wrap** the gifts (this helps the Wayside Club make sure that things go to those that need them most). Please **No Second-Hand items** – we are not collecting second-hand clothing, etc., just new food, clothes, or toiletries as listed above.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARISH

Monday 24th December

Carol service 8.30pm
First Mass of Christmas 9.00pm,

Tuesday 25th December

Christmas Day 10.00am.

200 Club Winners– congratulations to our winners!

£100	Alessio McNay	£50	William Byrne
£25	George McGill	£25	Arthur McCartan

Bishop Nasser Gemayel – had a wonderful time visiting St Patrick’s and thought we had a beautiful and historic church. There are pictures of his visit on our Facebook page. He was keen to express his appreciation of the welcome that we have offered to the Maronite community by allowing them to have regular gatherings here in St Pat’s.

The Big Clean will take place Monday 17th December at 6.30pm. We need volunteers to help get the church ready to welcome Our Lord. There are plenty of jobs for everyone: brasses to rub, floors to Hoover, sanctuary to sweep and wash, benches to wipe down, etc. Please come along to help as this will lessen the burden for everyone. Men are most welcome to help with the lifting of benches!



Publications – there are a number of free religious magazines and 2019 calendars on the table behind the back pews. Please take these away with you.

Parish Raffle – tickets for our Christmas raffle on sale now. The raffle will be held next weekend

Rotas are available at the back of the church for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion to take away. There is also a sheet to indicate availability for Christmas Masses- from this we will advise readers etc next Sunday.

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.

Carols for Peace: Come and join us 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.

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

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

- Tues 11th Dec - St Gregory's, Wyndford 7.30pm
- Wed 12th Dec - St Columba's, Woodside 7.30pm

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently dead: Phil Heaney

Anniversaries: Katie & John Gourlay, Robert Dalziel, Carrie McDowall

