



# St Patrick's Catholic Church

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy Mass

## CHRISTMAS EVE TIMES

**5 - 5.45PM - CONFESSIONS**

**6PM - CHRISTMAS VIGIL**

**11 - 11.50PM - CONFESSIONS**

**11.20 - 11.50PM - CAROLS**

**MIDNIGHT - HOLY MASS**

## CHRISTMAS DAY

**11AM - HOLY MASS**

## ST STEPHEN'S DAY

**12 NOON - HOLY MASS**

## Wednesday - St John

6pm - Vigil of Reception

7pm - Holy Mass

## Thursday - Holy Innocents

9.30am - **Requiem Mass**

## Friday - St Thomas Beckett

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

11am - Mass at Craig en Goyne

## Saturday - Our Lady

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition

9.30am - Holy Mass

10 - 10.30am - Confessions

5.15 - 5.45pm - Confessions

6pm - Vigil Mass

**Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun**

9.30am and for **Mrs. Irene Doyle** RIP, latterly of the Craig en Goyne, who died on Wednesday aged 82 years. Mrs. Doyle's remains will be received into the church on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm and the Requiem Mass will be offered for the happy repose of her soul on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am. Remember all of them and their families. ✠*Requiescant in pace*✠

Mass at Craig en Goyne on Friday at 11am. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Crib Offerings there will be a basket at the front of the crib for any offerings you may wish to give. The proceeds will be given to the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January, Mass will be at 12 noon.

Special Collection for Justice & Peace will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January. If you have a gift aid envelope, kindly use it.

Sincere Thanks to all who contributed to CHAS. All the parcels were delivered to Robin House in Balloch, and the staff were delighted at the number of gifts. On behalf of all who use the hospice, a very grateful thanks.

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1557** and fabric **£397**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

Christmas Tree Appeal raised **£401** for *Let the Children Live!* Charity. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Raffle a very big thank you to all who donated so many prizes and bought raffle tickets. Special thanks to Mr. Gerry Shevlin for all his hard work. The wonderful sum of **£1259** was raised for our parish.

Donations to Mary's Meals until 22<sup>nd</sup> January will be **doubled** by groups of their supporters.

Raffle Prizes to be collected from the sacristy this week.

**2** - M. McKenna      **15** - M. McGlynn

**7** - A. Conway      **17** - M. Fisher

**8** - A. Kerr      **20** - J. Egan

**10** - Chloe Kerr      **24** - E. Gribben

**11** - J. Davidson      **25** - B. Craig

Parish Groups will resume on:

Sunday teas - 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Monday teas - 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Men's Group - 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Wednesday Group - 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Youth Group - 11<sup>th</sup> January.

Women's Guild - 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

Soup and Sandwiches on Tuesdays and Fridays will be offered starting on 9<sup>th</sup> January in the hall from 2-4pm. All age groups are welcome. Hopefully we can continue this until June.

Bulletin/Newsletter there will be **no newsletter/bulletin next week**, but normal services will resume on 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Prayers we remember the sick and housebound who can't make it to Mass. We also remember the many who have now lapsed from the Faith.

St Patrick's Primary School enrolment 2024: The enrolment for our primary school will be 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> January. Children should be baptised before enrolment. Baptised children are given preferment at Catholic schools when places are in demand.

2024 Archdiocesan Directories are on sale in the piety stall. Donation £3.00.

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SACRED SCRIPTURE**

[*Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass*].

## **Entrance Antiphon**

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Advent Confession there are lots of extra confession times between now and Christmas (see above). The Church teaches that we must confess our sins if we are to go to heaven.

Of Your Charity pray, for the happy repose of the soul of **Mr Hugh Corrigan** RIP of Glen Alva Court who has died aged 68 years. His remains will be received into the church on Wednesday at 6pm and the Requiem Mass will be offered on Thursday at 9.30am; for the happy repose of the soul of **Mr Arthur Kenny** RIP of Kingsway who died on Tuesday aged 63 years. His remains will be received into the church on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm and the Requiem Mass will be offered on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> January at

**First Reading**      **2 Samuel 7:1-16**

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

**Responsorial Psalm**      **Luke 1:46**

**R. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

**R. I will sing for ever of your love...**

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn to David my servant:

I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.

**R. I will sing for ever of your love...**

'He will say to me: "You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me."

I will keep my love for him always; with him my covenant shall last.'

**R. I will sing for ever of your love...**

**Second Reading**      **Romans 16:25-27**

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**      **Luke 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

**Prayers of the Faithful Response**

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

**Communion Antiphon**

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

**Merry Christmas to All  
From the Christmas Tree Appeal**

*John & Catherine Rae*

*Sandra Murphy*

*Jean Millar*

*Catherine McGrath*

*Franny & Jacqui Millar*

*The Carlin Family*

*Alice Conway*

*Bernie Waters & Family*

*The Ladies Guild*

*Michael & Catherine Duffy*

*Jim Abercrombie*

*Pauline Murphy*

*Tommy & Margaret Anne McBride*

*Anne Kelly & Family*

*Isabelle McAtee*

*Jane & Bill Conway*

*Barbara Currie*

*Elsie & Joe Currie*

*Tricia Campbell*

*Agnes McCluskey*

*May & Tony McAteer*

*Maureen Callaghan*

*Bridie Smith & Family*

*Teresa Donachie*

*Gerry & Maureen Dailly*

*Rose & Tommy Kerr*

*Mary & Joe Ashmall*

*Mary Lang*

*Anne Russell*

*Eleanor & Charlie McGrenra*

*Marianne & Sean Savage*

*Michael & Agnes Water & Family*

*Isobel & Jim Hughes*

*Mary & Jim Shindler*

*To Mum & Nanna.*

**From the Fathers**

A Merry Christmas to all the parishioners of St Patrick's. We are very grateful for the kind gifts that we have received. We feel very appreciated! A Christmas blessing to all and best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas Day! Holy Mass will be offered for all parishioners. Fr Deeley and Fr Moir.