



# St Patrick's Catholic Church

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 21 DECEMBER 2025**

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## **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9.30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy Mass

## **Monday - Advent Feria by Date**

9.30am - Requiem Mass

## **Tuesday - Advent Feria by Date**

9.30am - Holy Mass

## **CHRISTMAS EVE TIMES**

5-5.45PM - CONFESSIONS

6PM - CHRISTMAS VIGIL

11-11.50PM - CONFESSIONS

11.20-11.50PM - CAROLS

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

MIDNIGHT - HOLY MASS

11AM - HOLY MASS

## **ST STEPHEN'S DAY**

12 NOON - HOLY MASS

## **Saturday - St John the Apostle**

9.30am - Holy Mass

Confessions after Mass

5-15-5.45pm - Confessions

6pm - Vigil Mass

Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun & Wed

**A Warm Welcome** to the Reverend Jacob Derry & Mr Nicholas Chapman are two seminarians of the Diocese of Lansing, Michigan and will be staying with us for a week.

**Poinsettia Sunday:** Poinsettia Sunday: Thank you for all the poinsettias. We do need many more. There's still a wee bit of time to donate one if you didn't get the chance as the church will be getting decorated on Tuesday.

**Santa Comes to St Patrick's** today in the hall, fun begins at 12.30pm and Santa arrives at 2pm.

**Sunday Teas** no teas and toast this week owing to Santa and his elves using the hall. There will be square sausages available the next Sunday for only £2. All welcome.

**A Big Thank You:** to all those who helped decorate the hall for all the functions over the festive period; to those who organised and helped at the Panto and the Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch; those who have volunteered to help this afternoon when Santa comes to town; to those who gifted donations for the raffle and; to Gerry Shevlin for organising it, raising a total of £1082.

**...Another Thank You** to the Social Committee for organising a great Abba night last month. An amazing £1175 was raised which will go towards the upkeep of the hall.

**Faith & Reason Series** for those who have signed up, starts again on Friday, 9 January at 6.30pm in the hall. This session is entitled 'The Eucharist.'

**Readers:** please sign up for reading at one of the Christmas Masses. The sheet is in the Mortuary chapel.

**Your Gift to God and His Church** which includes standing orders: £1824.

**Christmas Tree Appeal** we raised £765.60 to provide help for Gaza. Thank you for your donation and support.

**Newsletter:** there will be no newsletter next week, but normal services will resume on 4 January.

**Solar Panels:** With the Rising Cost of electricity running the parish estate has become very expensive. To make long-term running costs smaller, a large array of solar panels (90 metres square) will be installed on the church roof. The renewable energy generated will power the parish hall and will, it is hoped, offset the cost of energy by up to 60%. Local Energy Scotland, CARES and Scottish Government have given St Patrick's a £32k grant for this £40k project which is being run jointly by the Fabric Group and the Finance Group. The Parish Hall will soon be powered by our own low-cost renewable power - a first for the Archdiocese and if successful may be copied in future years with other projects to power the church building itself and also the chapel house. **The parish owes the Fabric and Finance Committees a huge debt of gratitude for their determination over months in pursuing the grant and getting the project off the ground.** In time the project will hopefully pay for itself but any contribution towards the shortfall (£8,000) would be greatly appreciated.

## **Congrats to Parish Draw Winners**

Week 17		Week 18	
£300	A Mulholland 1504	E McGrenra	1935
£100	S Graham 1069	F Thacker	1894
£50	D Harkins 2037	K Graham	2231
Week 19		Week 20	
£300	M Lang 2130	E Crainie	1539
£100	J Kerr 1003	C Whyte	1033
£50	A Mulholland 1917	J Hughes	1416

**Crib Offerings** there will be a basket at front of crib for any offerings you may wish to give. The proceeds will be given to the will go to Aid to the Church in Need's projects in the Holy Land, by which they support the dwindling number of Christians in the land where Christ was born.

**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.

**Father Moir:** Last week we learned the sad news that Father Moir is to leave us after two and a half years in Kilsyth. He will take up an appointment as curate in the Cathedral. Father will leave after the morning Mass on Saturday, 3 January. In the new year we will invite him back to thank him for his ministry among us. In the meantime, he goes with our thanks and our prayers for his future apostolate.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** As we have done in previous years, confessions will be available at the usual times and during all the Sunday Masses this weekend. Confession is a normal part of our preparations for Christmas.

**Of your charity,** pray for the happy repose of the souls of: Mr James Fisher RIP, formerly of South Barrwood Road, who has died aged 78 years. His remains will be received into the church just prior to his Requiem on Monday at 9.30am. Mr George Smith RIP, of South Dumbreck Road, who has died aged 80. Funeral arrangements still to be confirmed. ✠ *Requiescant in pace* ✠

**Raffle Winners** prizes are in the sacristy.

Prize No	Winner	Number
1	M Fisher	744
3	Duffy	3553
5	J Findlay	15
6	E Cox	199
7	P Kane	706
10	J Conway	3216
11	G Savage	160
12	C Duffy	3550
17	J Malloy	3590
18	M Smith	265
22	M Watkins	1028
23	P Harren	487
24	20 Barr Farm Rd	361

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY 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.

#### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 7:10-14**

In those days: The LORD spoke to Ahaz: 'Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.' And Isaiah said, 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Emmanuel.'

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 24**

***R. Let the LORD enter; he is the king of glory.***

The LORD'S is the earth and its fullness, the world, and those who dwell in it.

It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the rivers he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The clean of hands and pure of heart,  
whose soul is not set on vain things. **R.**

Blessings from the LORD shall he receive, and right reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the people who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

#### **Second Reading**

**Romans 1:1-7**

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an Apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the

flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which means, God with us.

***Alleluia!***

#### **Gospel**

**Matthew 1:18-24**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel' which means, God with us. When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife.

#### **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**

#### **APEAL**

TOMMY & MARGARET ANNE  
MCBRIDE & FAMILY  
JAMES & HELEN QUINN & FAMILY  
ANNE KELLY & FAMILY  
BARBARA CURRIE  
SHEVLIN FAMILY  
JIM CAMPBELL & ANNE  
MCMAHON  
ANNE CRAINEY & FAMILY  
CATHERINE MCGRATH

ISOBEL KELLY  
AGNES MCCLUSKEY  
MARY, JOHN & KALEIGH QUINN  
BILLY & JUNE PATON & FAMILY  
ANNE, FRANCESCA & JOHNNY  
ANNE & FAMILY  
SANDRA MURPHY  
THORA CARR & FAMILY  
JEAN MILLAR & FAMILY  
BETH & MARTY BOYLE  
PATSY MEECHAN & FAMILY  
ANNE CHRISTIE  
MARIE & PHILIP QUINN  
DALE & MARY CHALMERS  
ANNE FITZSIMMONS  
MATTIE & DONALD MCPHEE  
BETTY MOONEY & FAMILY  
ROSE & TOMMY KERR  
MARIE & PAUL BRADY  
HELEN SMITH  
FAMILY OF JOHN LUNDY  
CARR FAMILY  
PETER CANNON  
MARGARET BRADY  
MARGARET SANDISON  
JOE & MARY ASHALL  
MARY LANG  
ANNE STEWART  
MAY & TONY MCATEER  
MICHAEL & CATHERINE DUFFY  
JANE & BILL CONWAY  
CARLIN FAMILY  
MARIANNE & SEAN SAVAGE  
PAULINE MURPHY & FAMILY  
ANNE & FAMILY  
ALICE CONWAY  
MCCAMLEY FAMILY  
MAUREEN CALLAGHAN  
STEPHEN MARVEN NASH  
ELEANOR & CHARLIE MCGRENRA  
JOHN & CATHERINE RAE  
MARY & JIM SHINDLER  
MAUREEN DAILLY  
MAUREEN KAVANAGH  
MARIE MURPHY  
ELAINE BEATON & FAMILY  
AUNTIE VERA  
SIOBHAN  
JAN JOE  
ROSE & TOMMY  
FRANNY & JACQUI MILLAR  
ARMACHELLUM FAMILY  
IN MEMORY OF GINNY, ROSEANN  
& KATHY  
IN MEMORY OF THE COLLINS  
FAMILY