



# The Catholic Parish of St. Patrick's

## First Sunday of Advent 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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First Sunday of Advent	
6pm	Vigil Mass
8:30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
11.30am	Holy Mass
Monday	
8.30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
Tuesday - St. Andrew	
8.30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
Wednesday	
6pm	Confession
7pm	Holy Mass by Candle Lt
Thursday	
8.30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
Friday - St. Francis Xavier	
8.30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
Saturday - Our Lady	
8.30am	Exposition
9.30am	Holy Mass
10-10.30am	Confessions
5.30-5.50pm	Confessions
6pm	Vigil Mass
Rosary 20 minutes before weekday and Vigil Masses.	

**Advent 2021** during Advent there will be many demands on our time, so we are asked to set aside/sacrifice time to prepare spiritually for Christmas. This year we will only have three Candlelit Masses (1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>) with a service of Carols & Readings on 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. This Wednesday the Candlelit Mass will be led by the children who are taking part in the Pope Francis Awards. There will also be extra time available for the Sacrament of Penance during Advent, enabling us all to be spiritually cleansed & prepared for Christmas. Please be extra generous with your time.

**Sacrament of Penance (Confession)** for all of us it is important that we try to get to Confession monthly and especially for Christmas. To assist us, Fr. Daniel has arranged the following priests to hear Confessions as follow:  
 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Sat - 10-10.30am Fr. Sullivan  
 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Wed 6.30-7.30pm Fr. Martin Eckersley  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Wed 6.30-7.30pm Fr. Sullivan  
 There will be many more opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament with Fr. Daniel especially during the Holy Hours on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 6-7pm.

**Presentations on the Eucharist** The three evenings went very well and it was great to see an increase in numbers by the third meeting. Thanks to the Catechists who organized and led the meetings. If you wish to listen to the talks they can be found at: <https://youtu.be/-DYVbNX156c>

**Christmas Gifts etc** available in the Piety Shop. We also have a Belleek Chapel on sale, £50. To order complete sheet at the back of church. Please support your shop.

**Annual Christmas Raffle** We are looking for the following donations as prizes: Red & White Wine; Spirits: Whisky / Vodka / Gin; Please hand in any donations to the parish house or in the Donations Box at the back of the Church. Thanks your generosity and support.

**Baptismal Course** the next one takes place next Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, at 7.30pm in the hall. Please register by emailing the parish office - see top of newsletter.

**Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch (over 65's)** will be held next Sunday at 1pm. And is fully booked.

**Christmas Raffle Tickets** are available at all the Masses this week only £1 a ticket! Please note all proceeds to the fabric fund for the replacement of the internal lights in the church next year.

**Stubs & Monies** Can you return all stubs & monies for raffle tickets to a steward at the back of the church or to the parish house NO LATER than next Saturday 4th Dec.

**Christmas** wish your family & friends a Happy Christmas through the giving tree in the church. Instead of buying and writing loads of cards simply write your message on a tag and leave in the box to be hung on the tree later. Drop your donation into the sealed box. Donations will be sent to St Vincent do Paul Society in Glasgow to provide hot meals and drinks over the holy season of Christmas for those who have fallen on difficult and challenging times. So make life easier for yourself and at the same time help others embracing the true spirit of Christmas. Tags available at the back of Church.

**This year the Christmas presents donations will go to CHAS**, the Children's Hospices Across Scotland. CHAS supports families throughout Scotland who have a child/children with a life-shortening condition. Many families appreciate the help given to them from the public through CHAS. Some suggestions you might consider donating to this worthy cause. From 0-16-year-old: Fleecy throw / blanket; Toys; Game; Jigsaws; Hat and scarf set; Sensory toys; Sweets; Soft cuddly toys; Books; Pencils; Amazon or Supermarket vouchers. If you wish you could also donate a gift for an older sibling or parents. (CHAS has said that they don't get enough gifts for young males/adults). Normally we would ask you to indicate what the gift is and the age of the person to whom you wish to give it, but could you please put the gift in a festive bag without wrapping paper so that staff can allocate gifts to the appropriate children/families. Donations to be handed in by Sunday 12th Dec so that families can receive them before Christmas. Many thanks for your generosity in these difficult times.

**Flyer** explaining the meaning of Advent is available in the display unit at the back of the church.

**Prayers** are requested for all our sick, elderly, and housebound.

**Your Cash Gift to God and His Church** Last weekend's cash offertory donations £760 and Catholic Education £203 Once again, many thanks for your ongoing generosity.

**Please note** the church will be open every day from 8.30am until close at the earlier time of 4pm during the winter months.

### Parish Diary

Sun 10.30am - Tea / coffee in hall  
 Mon 11am - Men's Group  
 2pm - Women's Guild  
 7pm - Choir  
 7pm - Fabric Committee  
 Tues 6.30pm - Flower Arranging  
 Wed 12pm - Welcome Group  
 Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group

**Parish Hall** to make a booking please contact Anne Kerr on **07538260848**.

**Used Stamps for the Missions** please leave them in the box provided which you will find at the back of the church.

#### **40 Hours Adoration of the Blessed**

**Sacrament** Archbishop Cushley is relaunching the 40 Hours' Devotion "in order to foster a rediscovery of the great gift of Christ's abiding presence in the Eucharist", especially following the negative impact of the Covid pandemic. Ours will begin from Friday 10 until Sunday 12 and will carry on throughout Friday night.

#### **The programme for Adoration will be:**

Friday 10th Dec	10am-6pm	Adoration
	6pm	Holy Hour
	7pm-8.30am	Adoration
Saturday	8am	Mass
	8.30-6pm	Adoration
	6pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.30-9.30am	Adoration
	9.30am	Mass
	10.30-11.30	Adoration
	11.30am	Mass
	12.30-6pm	Adoration
	6pm	concluding Holy Hour

It is appreciated that this is a very big ask for people to sign up for 40 Hours, especially through the night - but as always you will respond, be generous and sacrificial with your valuable time, spending it in prayer and adoration before the Lord. And the Lord will be very generous to us, in showering the parish with His grace and blessing. Please give this some thought and sign up on the list at your earliest convenience. Please also note that during the night the entry and exit will be from the sacristy door. Finally, as in previous years if you would like to have a candle for your loved one alive or dead please complete the sheet at the back of the church.

**Thank you** to all those who came along to the Bereavement Mass on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, special thanks to the Bereavement Group.

**Readers.** Thank you to those who came to the meeting last Saturday. We are still looking for more readers, if you would more details, please contact Fr Daniel. The Rota for December and January is in the Mortuary Chapel if you would like to sign up.

#### **May the angels lead her into**

**Paradise...** Please remember in your prayers Jane O Donnell who died recently and whose Reception will be on Thursday at 5pm and Requiem Mass on Friday at 9:30am thereafter to Kilsyth cemetery.

**Flower Arranging** Starting this Tuesday our resident florist, Alice Anne McCann, will demonstrate and help us make some beautiful arrangements for our housebound. So, if you are free at 6.30pm, will you come and help? We will meet downstairs in chapel. Please bring scissors and if you have any foliage in your garden that you can cut would be great.

#### **Calling any old or wannabe 'Brasso-ers'!!**

we hope to meet this Friday at 1pm in the sacristy to give all our brasses a good clean before we begin our 40 Hours Adoration next Friday and then for Christmas. Hope to see you on Friday - all will be made very welcome!!

**This Saturday** Fr Sullivan will say the 9:30am Mass and hear confessions from 10 to 10:30am. Fr Daniel will do likewise in Holy Cross, Croy.

**During Advent** Fr Daniel hopes to visit all the sick and housebound. If you are not already on our list, please contact the parish office. During Fr's visits, he is happy to hear your confession.

**New Liturgical Year** please note for Sunday Readings we move to Year 'C' and Year 2 for weekday Readings.

#### **Parish Pilgrimage / Trip September 2022**

The trip is fully booked. Names and those on the reserve list are at the back of the church.

#### **The Archdiocese is recruiting**

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is looking to recruit a full-time Religious Education Adviser (Primary Schools). Details at [bit.ly/vacancy\\_2021](https://bit.ly/vacancy_2021)

**Catholic Teachers** Following on from last Sunday's messages for Catholic Education Sunday, can Fr Daniel ask anyone who is or may be looking for Catholic approval to teach in a Catholic school in the future to make themselves known to him well in advance in submitting any forms to him or the Archdiocese.

**Advent talks: Faith, Hope & Love** Find out more about the season of Advent and the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love in a series of online talks held each Monday in Advent. Hosted by the Archdiocese, the first takes place on Monday 29 November 7:30pm-8:00pm, led by Canon Hugh White. No registration required, simply use this link each week to join: [bit.ly/AdventTalk](https://bit.ly/AdventTalk) (or webinar ID: 891 8951 4801)

**Advent: Rosary for Life** Join parishioners and clergy from across the Archdiocese each Tuesday throughout Advent to pray for unborn children, their mothers, and all Pro-Life intentions. Begins this Tuesday (30 November) at 7:45pm and includes a reflection from Fr Kevin Douglas. Event on Zoom, register at [bit.ly/30NovRosary](https://bit.ly/30NovRosary)

#### **First Sunday of Advent Sacred Scripture**

**First Reading** Jeremiah 33:14-16 See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practice honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

**Second reading** 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

**Gospel** Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'