



# St Patrick's Catholic Church

27<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - First Sunday of Advent

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## First Sunday of Advent

6pm - Vigil Mass  
8.20-9.20am - Exposition  
9:30am - Holy Mass  
11.30am - Holy Mass

## Monday - feria

8.30-9.30am - Exposition  
9:30am - Holy Mass

## Tuesday - feria

8.30-9.30am - Exposition  
9:30am - Holy Mass

## Wednesday - St Andrew

6-6.50pm - Exposition & Confession  
7.00pm - Candlelit *Rorate* Mass

## Thursday - feria

8.30-9.30am - Exposition  
9:30am - Holy Mass

## Friday - First Friday - Sacred Heart

8.30-9.30am - Exposition  
9:30am - Holy Mass

## Saturday - St. Francis Xavier

8.30-9.30am - Exposition  
9.30am - Holy Mass  
10-10.30am - Confessions  
5.15-5.45pm - Confessions  
6pm - Vigil Mass

## Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun

**Thank you** for your gift to God and His Church. Offertory collection: **£1,491**, which includes standing orders, and Fabric **£468**.

**Prayers** are requested for all our sick, elderly, and housebound. **Remember that the church is open every day for visits to the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Advent begins today** We move into year 'A' for Sunday Readings & year 'I' for weekday Readings.

**Sunday Teas** no tea and toast next Sunday due to Pantomime playing in the hall.

**Charles Trower RIP** of your charity, pray for the happy repose of the soul of Charles Trower RIP who has died aged 98 years. His remains will be received into the church on **Thursday at 5pm and his Requiem Mass will be on Friday, at 9.30am. +Requiescat in pace+**

## Wednesday is the Solemnity of St

**Andrew** We will have the first of our four candlelit *Rorate* Masses during Advent. The *Rorate* Mass is a very ancient tradition when we reflect on how we are a people that waits in the darkness for the Light of the World to come at the end of time and at Christmas.

**Father Deeley** is supplying the Masses and confessions in Bo'ness this weekend because Father Forrest is not well.

**Minibus Sunday 11.30am Mass** We have 2 volunteers to pick up those who struggle to get to Mass on a Sunday. This starts today through until Christmas Day and will then be reviewed. We are looking for at least one more driver so that we can spread the load and continue this service into next year. Contact the chapel house if you require to be picked up.

## Parish Events this Week

**Sun** 10.30am - Tea / coffee in hall  
**Mon** 10am - Tea / coffee in hall  
10.30am - Men's Group  
2pm - Women's Guild  
6.30pm - Choir Practice  
**Tue** 10am - Visitation Group  
2pm - Soup & Sandwiches  
6.30pm - First Confession Meeting  
7.15pm - First Communion Meeting  
**Wed** 12pm - Welcome Group  
**Thu** 6.30pm - Youth Group  
**Fri** 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches  
**Sat** 10am - Altars Service Practice  
7pm - Pantomime in hall

**Soup and Sandwiches** available in the hall every **Tuesday and Friday** at a slightly earlier time of **2pm to 4pm**. This is to help people have a warm place to meet and eat over the winter days. North Lanarkshire Council partly fund this.

**First Confession** we now have 10 children who have registered to prepare for their first confession next year. There will be a meeting in the hall at **6.30pm on Tuesday**. We keep them and their families in our prayers.

**Readers** thank you to the readers who attended the meeting, copies of minutes are in mortuary chapel. **Next meeting 11th February at 10.15am in the hall.**

**First Holy Communion** There will be a meeting in the hall on **Tuesday at 7.15pm** for the parents of the children who are due to make their First Holy Communion. The children themselves do not attend this meeting.

**Confirmation** if your child would be due to receive the sacrament of confirmation next year, you should come to the mortuary chapel after the Vigil or Sunday Masses next weekend.

**Choir Practices** many thanks to those who attended the meeting of the choir last Tuesday. There will be practices for the choir at **6.30pm in the church on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. and 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

**Altar Servers' Practices** there will be two practices for our altar servers in the coming weeks. **Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December after the 9.30am Mass; Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December after the 9.30am Mass.**

**Brasso Time** that time again to polish the brass. If you would like to join us on **Friday at 1pm** in the sacristy, then you would be more than welcome!

**Pantomime Next Weekend** - Goldilocks **Saturday at 7pm and Sunday at 2pm. Tickets only £3**, tuck shop will be available. List at back of church to sign up and pay on the day at the door.

**Fabric Committee Meeting** at **7.30pm on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December** in the house. Please note the change to the time.

**Light from Light** the Cathedral choir will come to St Patrick's at **8.00pm on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December** to sing some of the Church's most beautiful Advent music by candlelight for just one hour. **Single ticket, £5, Family Ticket, £10**. There will be mulled wine and mince pies in the hall afterwards. Tickets on the door or see the QR codes on the posters in the narthex. This will be a lovely occasion.

**Six Volunteers Required** to help at the Senior Citizens' lunch on **11<sup>th</sup> December**. Please think about adding your name on the list at the back of the church to make this a special day for all.

**Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch (over 65's) Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm**. Last year we received a generous donation to subsidise this which meant that there was a requested donation of only £5. This year we are again asking for a minimum contribution of £5 to help offset the costs. If any other parishioners would like to contribute too, that would also be most welcome. Please add names to list at back of church and make your selection of food, kindly paying at the same time. Tea and coffee will be available but feel free to bring other refreshments!

**Christmas Raffle - Stubs & Monies** kindly 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, 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Donations of Food** for those who are struggling. The following items would be appreciated: tea; coffee; sugar; cereal; long life milk; salt; pasta; tinned meats/veg/tomatoes/potatoes; soap, shampoo, toothbrush/paste; deodorant; toilet paper; nappies; washing up liquid.

**Christmas Dinner Dance 17<sup>th</sup> December** organized by the Men's Group and open to all. **Tickets £15** will be available next weekend at the back of the church.

**Parish Pilgrimage / Trip 2023** The most popular request, according to the feedback sheets from York, was a trip to Llandudno, Wales: From **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023, 4 nights/5 days and staying at the Chatsworth Hotel**, it is a 4 ½ hour drive in the coach. Cost £330pp sharing, includes dinner, bed and breakfast and daily outings. The single room supplement is £35. Booking forms and a list will be at the back of the church. There are ten spaces left, five twins available.

**Safeguarding Update** thank you to all those who attended and to the organisers.

**Enter Advent with Isaiah** Mark the beginning of Advent with this online talk from Fr Jamie McMorrin, of St Margaret's, Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh. It takes place on Zoom, **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm - 8.30pm**. Register now at [bit.ly/enteradvent](http://bit.ly/enteradvent)

**Advent Talks - Let us Pray** Join Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM for a series of 30 min online **Advent talks beginning 7.30pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> December**. No registration required, just use the following link on the night to join any of the talks: [bit.ly/adventtalks22](http://bit.ly/adventtalks22)

**Advent Rosary for Life** join in each Wednesday in Advent to pray the Rosary for unborn children, their mothers, and all Pro-Life intentions. Includes a reflection from a member of clergy.

**Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley** Join His Grace, the Archbishop for Eucharistic Adoration at St Margaret's Chapel, Gillis Centre, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. **It takes place at 6pm on the following 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Feb and 12<sup>th</sup> March. Just turn up and pray.**

**Explore** the richness and depth of the Catholic faith with the Diploma in Catechetics course from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. Join an online session each Thursday with a range of guest speakers, guided reading, one-to-one support, retreats and supplementary courses on Zoom and YouTube. The Diploma in Catechetics lasts one year, begins on **12<sup>th</sup> January 2023** and costs £200 (concessions available). Registration and info at [bit.ly/archdiploma2023](http://bit.ly/archdiploma2023) Questions? Email [sranna.marie@staned.org.uk](mailto:sranna.marie@staned.org.uk)

#### First Sunday of Advent Sacred Scripture

**First Reading** **Isaiah 2:1-5**  
The vision of Isaiah's son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'  
He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples. these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** **Psalm 121**  
**R. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'**

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'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**R. I rejoiced when...**  
It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David.

**R. I rejoiced when...**  
For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
'Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!'

**R. I rejoiced when...**  
For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: 'Peace upon you!'  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good.

**R. I rejoiced when...**

**Second Reading** **Romans 13: 11-14**  
You know 'the time' has come you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.  
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** **Matthew 24:37-44**  
Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So, stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'