



St Patrick's Catholic Church

11th December 2022 - Gaudete Sunday of Advent

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Gaudete Sunday of Advent

6pm - Vigil Mass
8.20 - 9.20am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8.30 - 9.30am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday - St Lucy

8.30 - 9.30am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - St John of the Cross

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

Thursday - feria

8.30 - 9.30am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - feria

8.30 - 9.30am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
11am - Mass at Craig-en-Goyne

Saturday - Our Lady

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

Light from Light the *Schola Cantorum* from the Cathedral Choir will put on a lovely concert of the Church's Advent and Christmas music by candlelight in the Church this **Saturday, 10th December, at 8.00pm**. It will last one hour and there will be mulled wine and mince pies in the hall afterwards. Tickets on the door and proceed go to fund the work of the Cathedral Choir.

Gaudete Sunday today is *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete!* is the Latin command to 'rejoice.' We are now more than halfway through Advent. For this Sunday, the colour on the Advent candle and the priest's vestments change from sombre purple to the lighter rose to mark the day.

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church. Offertory collection: **£1,654**, which includes standing orders, and Fabric **£445**.

Christmas Mass Times

Vigil 6.00pm; Midnight; 11.00am.

Please note only one morning Mass on **Christmas Day at 11am**. Minibus will pick up from 10.30am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation as we have done in previous years, confessions will be available at the usual times and during all the Sunday Masses next weekend. Confession is a part of our spiritual preparations to help us celebrate Christmas properly.

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

Catherine McCann RIP of your charity, pray for the happy repose of the soul of Catherine McCann RIP of Weavers' Court who has died aged 85 years. Her remains will be received into the church on **Friday, 16th December at 6.00pm**. The Requiem Mass will be offered for the happy repose of her soul on **Saturday, 17th December at 9.30am**. +*Requiescat in pace*

Minibus Sunday 11.30am Mass We have 2 volunteers to pick up those who struggle to get to Mass on a Sunday and are looking for just one more driver to drive every third week so that we can continue to provide this service into 2023. If you think you could manage this, please speak to Father Deeley after Mass.

Craig-en-Goyne Mass will be on **Friday at 11am**. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Parish Events this Week

Sun 10.30am - Tea / coffee in hall
1pm - Senior Christmas Lunch
Mon 10am - Tea / coffee in hall
10.30am - Men's Group
Tue 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches
Wed 12pm - Welcome Group
Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group
Fri 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches
Sat 7pm - Christmas Dinner Dance

First Confession the Rite of Illumination will take place this weekend at all the Masses for the children. At the end of Mass, Father Bartholomew will call the children forward with their parents.

Confirmation Father Deeley will meet with the parents of the children who registered for Confirmation on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday of this week. Parents have been given time slots on these days.

Enrolment Ceremony for *Confirmandi* children will take place next weekend at all the Masses.

Christmas Dinner Dance next Saturday organized by the Men's Group and open to all. **Tickets £15** will be available this weekend at the back of the church. This promises to be a lovely evening and tickets are going fast!

Christmas Tree Cards why not write a message to friends and family and hang it on the Christmas tree at the back of the church? Tags are available in the alcove at the back. Put a donation into the box and we will hang the cards on the tree. All money raised will go to Aid to the Church in Need and their work in Ukraine.

Posies for Christmas If you would like to help make some beautiful posies for our housebound and enjoy some Christmas cheer then we will meet you downstairs under the sacristy this **Tuesday, at 6pm**. Please bring scissors and any foliage from your garden, if possible, but not essential.

Poinsettias as we have been doing for a number of years now and always with a marvelous response, we will do this again this year. If you would like to donate a poinsettia for Christmas in memory of loved ones then please leave in the Mortuary chapel as close to Christmas as possible - from **Wednesday, 21st December**.

Parish Draw will take place this week. Please God you may be the winner!

Pantomime Thank you to all those who organized and helped at this fun family day. Because pantomimes in the town are now so expensive, this is certainly a good thing to do.

Food in the Community for those who are struggling. If you can contribute for the less fortunate in our community, please consider donating this week.

Parish Trip 2023 trip to **Llandudno, Wales:** Only **eight** spaces available. 18 - 22 Sept. £330 pp. See back of church for more details and booking forms.

The Archdiocese of St. Andrews & Edinburgh Directory is available at the back of the church. £3 per copy.

Faith Magazine copies available at the back of the church. This will be their last edition of the magazine.

Parish Fundraising - Christmas Drive
Do you shop online? If **YES**, then you can help to raise funds for our parish. It's **FREE**, you shop online as normal and the Parish gets a donation every time you spend, so far **94** people have helped us raise over **£496.69** we thank you for your support. All you need to join is an email address. Spread the word and visit to join
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

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 12th and 19th December.** No registration required, just use the following link on the night to join any of the talks: [bit.ly/adventtalks22](https://www.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 18th**

Dec 8th Jan 12th Feb and 12th 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 **12th January 2023 and costs £200** (concessions available). Registration and information [bit.ly/archdiploma2023](https://www.bit.ly/archdiploma2023). Questions?
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GAUDETE SUNDAY SACRED SCRIPTURE

First Reading **Isaiah 35:1-10**

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon. they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces. joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 145**

R. Come, Lord, and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free,
R. Come, Lord, and save us.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.
R. Come, Lord, and save us.

It is the Lord who loves the just

but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

R. Come, Lord, and save us

Second Reading **James 5:7-10**

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'