

CHRISTMAS Worship

Saturday 17th December

4pm Wedding of Lucy Weir & Simon Craig
Glasgow University Memorial Chapel
(4.30. *note; no confessions. On request)
5.30 Vigil Mass including the Wedding of Rosa
Armida Mejia & William Hernandez

Sunday 18th December. 4th Sunday Advent (A)
9 & 11am & 5.30 Mass

Monday 19th December 10.00 am Mass
10 - 11.30 Breakfast Club

12 noon Funeral of Baby Jack Archer RIP
3pm Funeral appointments

Tuesday 20th December

10.00am Mass with St Marys Primary School
1.00pm Visit to Craigdhu PS Milngavie
7.00pm Penitential Service for Christmas

Wednesday 21st December 10am Mass
11am St Blanes Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 22nd December

10.00 am Funeral Mass for Marjorie McIntosh RIP
10.30 - 2.30 Warm welcome in the hall 7pm
Church Tree Decoration/Crib etc

Friday 23rd December No 10am Mass

12 noon funeral for Mary Anne McKenna
Saturday 24th December; Christmas Eve
6.00pm Christmas Vigil

(This Mass is crowded - ONLY young children)

9.00pm Christmas Eve Mass

(followed by drinks in the hall)

Sunday December 25th; Christmas Day

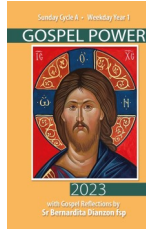
9.00 am Mass & 11.00am 'family' Mass

NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Monday Dec 26th; St Stephens Day 11am Mass

12 noon Baptism of Adriana Antonia Janeczko

GOSPEL POWER very popular especially pre covid! Offering a limited number available for sale this year. The book starts on Jan 1st. Get yours asap £6 (Nice stocking filler?)



WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2023.

Year book of Catholic Church in West of Scotland - Province of the Archdiocese of Glasgow. On sale this week - £3.20. Put payment in the stall box



RCIA this new Church Year we are preparing with 10 people journeying towards the sacraments next Easter. We're blessed in so many and so young! Pray for them.



PARISH HALL £30 per hour. Evening function/Baptism £120. Children's party £75. Wedding (Full day) £200. Check our hall page on the website for terms & conditions and you can download a booking form. Dedicated phone No. on back of bulletin



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PARISH CALENDAR 2023

Available TODAY! Please help us get these out to every home in the parish - 1500 of them! £2 each; 3 for a fiver or 6 for a tenner! If you can't pay - then just take them anyway! Spread our message

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

From Fr Jim to everyone locally but also detailing our Christmas service times and information. Take a bundle and spread far and wide. Let's get back to having a normal Christmas this year

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS (1)

There will be a penitential service on Dec 20th at 7pm and a cuppa in the hall to catch up after-make it a date. Further events to follow (2) Why not come to weekday Mass if you

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All are welcome, none are judged FOURTH SUNDAY ADVENT YEAR A

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LITURGY OF THE WORD ADVENT SUNDAY 4 (A)



First Reading: Isaiah 7; 10 - 14
The maiden is with child

Responsorial Psalm 23
Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory

Second Reading: Romans 1;1 - 7
Our Mission is the preach the faith to all

Gospel: Matthew 1;18 - 23
Joseph took Mary to his home

Finance team

Fabric & Finance team met last week. **FAB-RIC** Assessment of fire safety, burglar and smoke alarms now done. We expect to spend £7,000 to comply with legislation. Legally required interconnected alarms now fitted in chapel house. (£300) Thaw caused a burst pipe in church porch - thanks to Akwaplumb for saving situation! Toilets out of order (use hall this weekend) **FINANCE** Aware of how generous people are these hard days. Archdiocese will recalculate our levy and, while still up, it won't be £12k up! We paid National Contingency Fund - £10,000 this week. We got £2000 tax back for non-gift aid income

Weekly NEWS

WEDDINGS Congratulations to Lucy Weir & Simon Craig married at Glasgow University Memorial Chapel on Saturday 17th. And to one of our El Salvadorean couples, Rosa Amida Mejia & William Hernandez married at the Vigil on the same day! Every blessing.
FOODBANK HAMPER donations of groceries/toiletries for foodbank. Last chance to get a Christmas gift in this week

FOODBANK APPEAL (1) The recent collection came to £2,500. Thanks for your Christmas treats in the hamper; lovely & generous!



FOODBANK APPEAL (2) Big thanks to all who helped appeal for food at ASDA Bishopbriggs. MASSIVE response - thanks to all & Joe McLaughlin for co-ordinating his van
FUNERALS Please pray for Catriona & Stevie on the loss of baby, Jack Archer. (Funeral Monday) Marjorie McIntosh RIP (Funeral Dec 22nd) Mary Anne McKenna RIP (Funeral Dec 23rd - 12 noon; note time) Another 3 deaths in the parish; Margaret Rodgers, Anne-Marie Flannigan & Agnes Barnett; may they rest in peace) Funeral arrangements pending
HALL CURTAINS Back up. No swigging!!
FIRE CLOUD NATIVITY 2022: 'To Bind up the Broken Hearts': Christmas story in music, drama & light. Sun 18th Dec, 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm) St. Margaret's Church, Clydebank. Donations welcome at door. Mulled wine, mince pies in hall afterwards.

Christmas Craft mini fete & Tombola. Beautiful craft gifts, baking, tombola. Thanks for your support and to "5 Catherine's" - Low, Skeith, Rea, McGhie, Nicholson & helpers - raised £1450 HUGE thanks!
Bumper Christmas Raffle Betty Flannigan; **Signed Celtic Top** wee Joseph McConville! **Prosecco** Allan Gibson, Anne Smith & Anne Graham, **Luxury Chocolate**



selection Mags Shields
Christmas Foodbank Times; Although Dec 26 & 27 and Jan 1st & 2nd are public holidays, need a n d h u n - g e r don't go on holiday! Foodbank open usual times (10 - 12), although donations from High St stores stop over the holiday period.
Warm Welcome. Last this week December 22nd. - swing by for some festive



cheer and Christmas respite! HUGE thanks to Catherine McGhie and all the helpers who hosted, baked, made soup etc. What a fantastic team - back in January **Tuesday Club** have the best social life ever! Pan-to & Pub; Christmas lunch party; Lord Provost's Lunch in City Chambers; big 90th bash!! Taking a break til Jan 10th
Second collection schedule Dec 17th no collection Dec 25th 2nd retiral collection at the door January 1st 2nd Collection for Justice & Peace

Rosebank stalled. UK government asking questions of Equinor who want to develop Rosebank oil & gas field - gives an opportunity to repeat the success of Stop Cambo campaign last year. Email your MP; stop this disaster www.stopcambo.org.
Christmas recycling. Most of us end up with mountains of card, paper & packaging on Christmas Day; check out tips for tackling waste - paper, metals, batteries, fairy lights, gadgets, food.info @ web; www.zerowastescotland.org.
Keep the Freeze. Living Rent, Scotland's tenants' union last October won a rent freeze & eviction ban across Scotland, yet landlords now threatening to overturn the reforms; share your testimony to show how much we need the freeze to continue. J & P Scotland Campaign of the Month.



Advent changes today. This last week focuses on Jesus' birth at Christmas. From the 6th century, monks chant their prayers beginning each day with an antiphon in Latin, the so-called "O antiphons". We sing them in the hymn - *O come, O come Emmanuel!* Each antiphon is a title of Christ, one of his attributes mentioned in Scripture. They are:

17 Dec: **O Sapientia** (O Wisdom)
18 Dec: **O Adonai** (O Lord)
19 Dec: **O Radix Jesse** (O Root of Jesse)
20 Dec: **O Clavis David** (O Key of David)
21 Dec: **O Oriens** (O Dayspring)
22 Dec: **O Rex Gentium** (King of Nation)
23 Dec: **O Emmanuel** (O God With Us)

Is your child registered for the Sacraments?

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