

Diocesan News

Carols for Peace: 17th Dec 2023 3pm Glasgow City Chambers, George Sq. Prayers for world peace & especially in Bethlehem, Glasgow's twin city. Refreshments afterwards, all welcome.

Abba's Vineyard: "Advent Evening of Adoration. Sat 9th Dec, 5-9pm, for ages 18-35. Confession, Mass & fellowship. Bl John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, email: abbasvineyard@gmail.com."

RCAG Youth ~ Advent Holy Hour with Archbishop Nolan Prepare spiritually for Christmas. Mince pies & mulled wine after. 7 til 8, Mon 11th Dec @Cathedral www.rcagyouth.co.uk



Hoping Against Hope: Fri 8 Dec. St Aloysius', Garnethill. After 5.30 p.m. Mass of the Immaculate Conception Fr Mathew Bomki of Jesuit Community will lead Advent Reflection & Prayer on Isaiah 11. *"The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together; with a little boy to lead them."* Fr Bomki will look at the ways that connect the hopes & fears of the people of Isaiah's & Jesus' time with those of people today particularly in his home country of Cameroon.

Peace in the Holy Land. Call UK government to keep working for adherence to international law, for humanitarian access to Gaza for medical supplies, food, fuel & to work with all parties for lasting peace. Let's do what we can: www.sciaf.org.

COP28. Join 8000 people who've petitioned the president of COP28 to accelerate progress towards clean energy and a transition with all agreements transparent & binding. www.laudatosimovement.org/cop28/.



Christmas cards for asylum detainees. Help Jesuit Refugee Service send a Christmas card and message of support to those incarcerated in removal centres; needs to be done by December 8th. Details - www.jrsuk.net/news/write-a-christmas-card-for-people-held-in-immigration-detention/.

Bring buses back into public control. Since 2007 4 in 10 bus routes in Scotland have been axed but public transport needs to provide essential, affordable services communities need; join the campaign: www.foe.scot/lets-bring-strathclydes-buses-back-into-public-control/,

A more sustainable Christmas. Great ideas on giving sustainable gifts, saving money on decorations, maximising use & storage of left-over food and recycling when it's all over. Keep up to date by signing up at: www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/resources/sustainable-christmas.

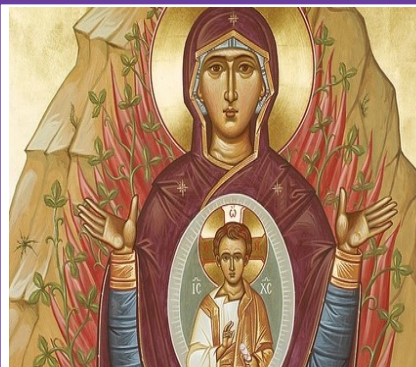
TOGETHER
WE MAKE
MARYHILL



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MARYHILL.



Stay awake!



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Dec 8th

This Friday is our parish feast-day. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception (1858) teaches that Mary, the mother of Christ, was conceived without sin and her conception was thus immaculate and the reason why we refer to Mary as "full of grace". Mary received God's grace from the first moment of her existence and was totally and completely redeemed by this grace. Because she was redeemed, Mary spent her whole existence in a perfect relationship with God. This privilege for her was so that Mary would be worthy to be the mother of God. **Come join us for 10am Mass on Friday.**



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Postal address 2049, Maryhill Road, Glasgow G20 0AA **Tel** 0141 946 2071 **Sunday Mass** 5.30 (Vigil) 9.00a.m, 11.00am & 5.30pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturday 4.30 - 5.00; on request **Weekday Mass** Mon—Fri (only) 10am **Email** immaculateconception@rcag.org.uk

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**First Sunday of Advent
Year (B)**

*Happy New
Church Year!
A TIME FOR RENEWAL*

LITURGY OF THE WORD First Sunday of Advent Year B

Stay Awake

Reading I: Prophet Isaiah 63:16ff

Tear open the heavens and come down to us

Responsorial Psalm 79

God of hosts bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be safe.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:3 - 9

We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

Gospel: Mark 13: 33 -37.

Stay awake when He comes!



This year we hear Mark's gospel. He tells of the ministry of Jesus from his baptism in the Jordan y John the Baptist (There's no 'Christmas story') to his death, burial & discovery of his tomb. (no 'Easter story'!) Mark's Jesus is a teacher, healer, miracle worker, and he calls him "Son of Man". This gospel is the oldest written (before 70 AD), probably in Rome for the gentiles. Mark was an *evangelist evangelising* - reaching people who'd never heard of Jesus. We need the courage to do the very same



Advent pop up. TWMM Together we make Maryhill! We'll be at the Ada shops on Dec 16th with our pop-up café and our Christmas outreach, inviting everyone to think about the real Christmas message. We need help in (1) preparing packs, candles etc. Comde to the Warm Welcome, give us an hour, get fed and help us reach out. Also (2) come and help on the stall on December 16th, 10.30 - 1pm, even for little - its actually good fun! . Can you speak to Catherine, Iona or Fr Jim?

Parish Diary

Saturday December 2nd

4.30 Confessions; 5.30 Vigil Mass

Sunday December 3rd

First Sunday Advent year (B)

9am & 11am Mass (Children's Liturgy)

5.30 Evening Mass

Monday December 4th

10am Funeral Mass of Charlie Reid RIP

10-11.30 Breakfast Club

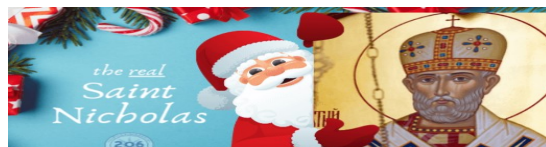
Tuesday December 5th

10am Parish Mass with St Blanes Primary
Celebrating Catholic Education Week

12 noon -3pm Tuesday Club

Wednesday December 6th

Feast of St Nicholas (Santa 'Klaus!)



10.00am Eucharistic Service

Thursday December 7th; St Ambrose of Milan

10am Parish Mass

11am Estates office meeting

Warm Welcome (hall) 10.30 - 2.30

7pm Joint Parish Team meeting at Maryhill

Ruchill Parish on Seasons for Growth

7.30pm Newman Association Lecture (See over)

Friday December 8th Solemnity of

The Immaculate Conception

10am Parish Feast Day Mass with children of

St Marys & St Blanes Primary

Saturday December 9th

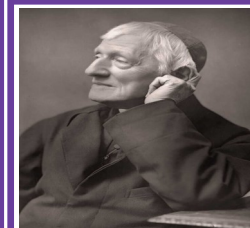
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Our next shared initiative with Maryhill Ruchill. 2 people have trained to run this programme for the bereaved. Our 2 parish teams meet this week to work out a launch in 2024



Advent and Christmas hampers raffle & 6 runners up. Tickets £2 a strip/3 strips £5. Ruffled after 11am Mass Dec10th at a **Christmas Tea** - few festive craft goods on sale. **Stocking filler books (1)** Parish-ioner Gillian Sherriffs will be signing & selling her novel, *Bro-die*. (£10.99) All proceeds donated to the Beatson who cared for Gillian. Have Gillian sign your copy & support the Beatson **Stocking filler books (2)** Copies of Gospel Power (£7) available but limited number - get yours asap. (Pay in box at card rack)



Newman Association: *Reflections on Catholicism & culture in Scottish National identity.* by Prof Gerard Carruthers 7.30pm Thursday 7th Dec 2023. All welcome.

Confirmation celebrated (in St Gregory's) last Thursday. 29 of our young people did us proud. Thanks to schools, parish catechists - Pauline & Laura; to Frances for admin and to all families and sponsors for their support.

Funerals

Funeral of Charlie Reid RIP Dec 4th.



Please keep in mind June McBrearty RIP who has died suddenly and also Giuseppina Inglis RIP (Both funerals still TBA) **Calvary Memorial** A plaque by the Calvary records those whose ashes are scattered there. This STILL needs updated. Are there names you need to add?

RCIA for younger adults 4 adult men preparing to join us at Easter. We've had enquiries from teenagers - looking to make

First Communion & be Confirmed. Speak to us soon so we can support & welcome you in New year.

Weekly timetable disrupted this week & next, Fr Jim has appointments at morning clinics. Please

follow schedule

November Lists Fr Jim missed

Masses in November, so the lists will continue a week into Advent.

Keeping safe We've a new grit spreader and there's salt in bin by the chapel house. If you're here early enough feel free to spread some salt and keep each other safe!

Christmas sing-a-long! St Blanes are bringing a choir to the warm welcome to help us get in the festive spirit—watch this space and make it a date!



Penitential service Will be on Tuesday 19th December at 7pm followed by teas & coffees. It's a lovely prayerful eve so please mark your calendar **Parish Calendar** running late but we'll have it with you asap Hope you'll get it on the streets! **Parish Christmas Card** a vital way to reach out to folk who no longer come, inviting them to be here for Christmas.

Christmas Masses - 3 celebrations on Christmas Eve/Day.

Stewards for Mass Minimum 6 needed for each Mass to welcome people, take up collection and ALSO clear up after, distribute brochures & calendars. Sign up in porch

Preparing Church - harder this year as Christmas Eve is Sunday. Team in w/c 11th Dec ?

