

SAINT NICHOLAS CARE FUND

This Sunday is Caring Sunday when we remember especially the work of our own local Archdiocesan Charity – the Saint Nicholas Care Fund (Pastoral Care Trust). There are packs available at the back of the Church which will give information about how your donations were spent last year. Please take a pack home and, if you can, be generous in the second collection which will be taken up at all the Masses this weekend.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Please collect a flyer from the back of the Church with the times of all the services over the Christmas and New Year period. The information is also available on the parish website and social media platforms.



Advent
The time to
settle down,
take a deep breath
and concentrate on
what's important.

Our annual service of prayer and reflection in preparation for Christmas will be at 7.00 pm on Thursday 20th December. Everyone is welcome to this short opportunity to focus our minds on the coming of the Lord at Christmas – please consider gifting yourself these few moments to escape from all your hectic Christmas preparations. (Mince pies in the hall afterwards!)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

There will be a choir practice in the meeting room after the 11.00 am Mass

POPE SAINT PAUL VI AND EVANGELISATION

Monsignor Paul concludes his series of talks on the document *Evangelii Nuntiandi* in the hall on Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm. Thanks to so many people who have turned up in such great numbers and given such positive feedback.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS:

We really need some new volunteers to help lead the children's liturgy. Although you certainly don't need to be a teacher to be a children's liturgy leader, we appeal especially to all those young teachers or probationers in our parish. Please give a little of your time for this really valuable ministry. Think how many great things Mgr. Paul could write on your next approval application if you were involved in the children's liturgy!!

A SIGN OF CONTRADICTION:

Thanks to AGAP once again for coming to Saint Helen's with their new play. Even if you missed the performance at Saint Helen's there are other opportunities to see the play elsewhere in the Archdiocese. Check out dates and times at www.agap.org.uk

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS:

Priests will be available to hear Confessions in Saint Andrew's Cathedral this Thursday (20th December) from 7.45am until 5.45pm. If you are heading in to town why not make a note of this and pop in to the Cathedral for this essential aspect of your Christmas preparations

CAROLS FOR PEACE:

in the Banqueting Hall of Glasgow City Chambers, Sunday 16th December 2018 at 3.00pm.

SALE IN AID OF MARY'S MEALS:

There will be a sale of home-made items in the hall today after the 11.00 am Mass with all proceeds going to Mary's Meals.

Over the last few years £500 has been raised through this initiative. Thanks for your generosity and support.

MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS

This month's pro-life Mass will be on Wednesday 19th December in Blessed John Duns Scotus Parish in the Gorbals. Adoration at 6.00 pm, Rosary at 7.00 pm and Mass at 7.30 pm. All welcome

LETTER FOR VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers with PVGs will receive a copy of the code of conduct which all volunteers and employees are expected to abide by. If our Safeguarding coordinator does not manage to catch you personally, there are additional copies in the meeting room.

GLASGOW FAITH FORUM: EXPLORING CATHOLIC DOCTRINE

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Keen to learn more about the Church's magisterial teachings? Come along to the Glasgow Faith Forum's fortnightly series of talks in 2019 10 January – *The Most Holy Trinity* (Archbishop Tartaglia); 24 January - *Creation* Fr Jamie McMorris; 7 February - *The Incarnation* (Canon Luiz Ruscillo); 21 February - *Ecclesiology: Models of the Church* (Fr Nick Welsh); 7 March - *The Life of Grace* (Fr David Barrett); 21 March - *The Four Last Things* (Fr Michael John Galbraith). These sessions will take place at 7.30pm at Turnbull Hall, University of Glasgow Catholic Chaplaincy, 13-15 Southpark Terrace, G12 8LG. All young people welcome.



SICK

We remember all the sick of the parish

RECENTLY DECEASED

David Steele, Alice Sullivan, Ricky Strong, Margaret Lafferty, Jile Mulaney, Anna Sangster, Andy Flynn, James Ruddy, Philomena Doherty

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Carberry, Enzo Morelli, Mary Ballantyne, Anne McGill, Hugh Friel, Helen Friel, Jimmy McGarvey, Dylis Corrigan, Kenny McCabe, Richard Doak, James and Jean Doak, Michael Donnelly, John Mullen, Patricia Mitchell, John O'Neill, Cathy Douglas, Shirley Simonini, Tommy Barton, Lucia Mignano, Patrick and Anne Connolly, Archie and Kate Downes, Bruno Sermani, McGowan Family, Ricky Strong,

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

**Sing and shout for joy for great in
your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his
name!

Make his mighty deeds known to the
peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name.

**Sing and shout for joy for great in
your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord

for he has done glorious deeds;
make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,

for great in your midst is the Holy One
of Israel.

**Sing and shout for joy for great in
your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Second reading

Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in
the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your
happiness. Let your tolerance be evident
to everyone: the Lord is very near. There
is no need to worry; but if there is
anything you need, pray for it, asking
God for it with prayer and thanksgiving,
and that peace of God, which is so much
greater than we can understand, will
guard your hearts and your thoughts, in
Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Is61:1(Lk4:18)

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

Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What
must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone
has two tunics he must share with the
man who has none, and the one with
something to eat must do the same.'
There were tax collectors too who came
for baptism, and these said to him,
'Master, what must we do?' He said to
them, 'Exact no more than your rate.'
Some soldiers asked him in their turn,
'What about us? What must we do?' He
said to them, 'No intimidation! No
extortion! Be content with your pay!' A
feeling of expectancy had grown among
the people, who were beginning to think
that John might be the Christ, so John
declared before them all, 'I baptise you
with water, but someone is coming,
someone who is more powerful than I
am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of
his sandals; he will baptise you with the
Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is
in his hand to clear his threshing-floor
and to gather the wheat into his barn; but
the chaff he will burn in a fire that will
never go out.' As well as this, there were
many other things he said to exhort the
people and to announce the Good News
to them.



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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MASSES:

Vigil (Saturday) 5.30 pm; 9.00 am,
11.00 am and 5.00 pm

MONDAY TO SATURDAY

Mass at 10.00 am preceded by Morning Prayer
at 9.50 am. The Rosary is prayed every day
after Mass.

CONFESSON:

Saturday 10.30 – 11.00 am
Saturday 6.15 – 6.45 pm
Thursday 7.00 – 7.30 pm

ADORATION:

Tuesdays-Thursday from after 10.00 am Mass
until 1.00 pm

ROSARY FOLLOWED BY NOVENA:

Thursday at 7.00 pm

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

Masses on holy days of obligation are at 7.30
am, 12.30 pm and 7.30 pm

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Third Sunday of Advent

First reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel,
shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your
heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has
repealed your sentence; he has driven your
enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel,
is in your midst; you have no more evil to
fear. When that day comes, word will come
to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let
your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is
in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will
exult with joy over you, he will renew you by
his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for
you as on a day of festival.

Canticle

Isaiah 12

**Sing and shout for joy for great in your
midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Truly, God is my salvation,

I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.