

## **RESERVATIONS FOR MASS**

Mass reservations are available up until 14<sup>th</sup> December. At the moment the number is still capped at 20 persons but it is hoped that this will be reviewed next week with any change taking effect on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, so if you have not been able to get a place for Mass next weekend, please check back on Friday and, if the restrictions have been eased another 20 places will become available for each Mass next weekend. The Parish Council will consider the Christmas schedule at its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December in the light of the situation at that time. The programme will be released shortly afterwards but please, rest assured that we will be doing everything possible to ensure as many as possible can get to Mass safely over Christmas.

## **PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS**

I can't repeat often enough my thanks to the parishioners of Saint Helen's for their tremendous generosity which is keeping the parish afloat during these difficult times. I know that money is tight, but please continue to do what you can to support your parish, especially as it looks as if the present circumstances will go on for a while. I have included our bank details below. In addition, we have an on-line giving facility which allows you to make an offering quickly and safely – either as a one-off or as a regular payment. Just go to our website (you can also gift aid!) ([www.sthelenslangside.org.uk](http://www.sthelenslangside.org.uk)) and click on the "on-line giving" button. We are very grateful for a steady number of people who have used this online facility.

### **"ARCHDIOCESE OF GLASGOW ST HELEN'S, LANGSIDE NO 1 ACCOUNT"**

**Sort Code: 83-07-06**  
**Account No: 16851275**



## **St Nicholas Care Fund**

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

### **ADVENT APPEAL**

**As you know, the Saint Nicholas Care Fund is our own local Charity in the Archdiocese of Glasgow. In the last year they have supported a wide range of community projects here in Glasgow. You can read all about it by going to:**

**<http://www.rcag.org.uk/index.php/the-archdiocese/st-nicholas-care-fund>**

**They have relied on our support every year during their Advent Appeal – through the collection boxes which have been distributed and especially through the special collection taken up on the Third Sunday of Advent (next Sunday). Despite the restrictions this year we would still like to help our own local charity supporting our local communities. If you are able, please follow the link above, which also gives an option to donate electronically. Alternatively you could also make a donation by placing it in a clearly marked envelope in one of the white tubs in the Church.**

### **MARY'S MEALS**

Throughout this year of many challenges we have continued to say yes, with the help of our generous supporters, to feeding children their daily meal in a place of education. Now we are delighted to share with you a new opportunity to say yes and provide hope to 43,000 children in Bong County, Liberia. From 2nd November until 31st January 2021, any donations

made to the *Double the Love* campaign will be matched by UK government. You can get involved by setting a place at our Big Family Christmas dinner table (<https://bigfamilychristmas.marysmeals.org.uk/big-family-christmas-table>) You can also buy our Christmas gift cards on our website. More information on how to support us can be found at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove). Thank you.



Thanks to all those who have already contributed to our Advent Appeal this year to help the most vulnerable in our local area by supporting a local organisation working with Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Positive Action in Housing is a small refugee and migrant homelessness and human rights charity. (Click their logo above to find out more) They support people who have fled war and persecution in their own countries, risking their lives on dangerous journeys, to find sanctuary here, leaving loved ones, friends and all that they know. People like Saira and her two children, Aliyah 11 and Ali aged 9. Saira has not seen her husband, since he crossed the Mediterranean three years ago in order to flee the War. She is waiting for her asylum claim to be resolved. Her children need warm winter-wear and Saira would appreciate a crisis grant. The charity's team will be distributing essential crisis support, to asylum seeking families and individuals in Glasgow Any donation you can give, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated, with every penny spent on providing direct emergency relief. Click [HERE](#) to find out how you can offer support.

## **SAINT HELEN'S SSV**

Our SSV continue to be grateful to parishioners for recent donations. You can contribute by placing an envelope (clearly marked SSV) in the white tubs in the Church or direct to their bank account:

Account Name: **SSVP GLOS 058**  
Account Number: 00844298  
Sort Code: 80-07-76



### **Sick**

We remember all the sick of the parish

### **Recently Deceased**

Sister Mary Catherine, Tommy McGuinness,

### **Anniversaries**

Helena Murray, Jean Welsh

### **Other Remembrance**

Angela McAdam (3 months mind)

### **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**

messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 84(85):9-14(Advent)*

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

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

## Second reading

*2 Peter 3:8-14*

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end

like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Lk3:4,6*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight,  
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Mark 1:1-8*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'



*Saint Helen, Pray for us*

### Sunday Mass:

Vigil (Sat) 5.30 pm, 9.00 am, 11.00 am, 5.00 pm  
(By pre-booking only – see inside for details)

### Monday to Saturday Mass

Live-streamed at 10.00 am  
Attendance on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays by pre-booking only

### Personal Prayer & Confessions:

The Church is open for personal prayer without the need for pre-booking on Thursday evenings from 6.00 pm until 7.00 pm. (although you are kindly requested to provide name and contact details) Confessions are also available in the hall at this time

### Devotions:

Divine Mercy Chaplet on Fridays at 7.00 pm

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YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/c/SaintHelensLangside](https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintHelensLangside)

and Facebook:

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# SAINT HELEN'S, LANGSIDE Bulletin

6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020  
2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## First reading

*Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11*

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful

# Children's Worship Bulletin

*A Messenger Sent from God*

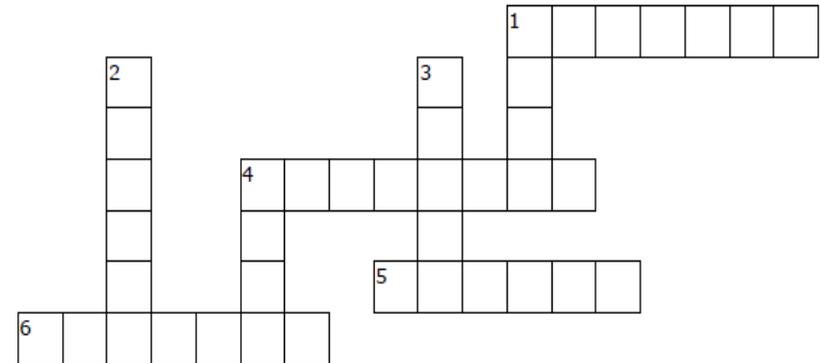
Mark 1:1-8

## Word Search

J Z P T V R I V E R T U W T P  
 T L U S E L K X B A P T I Z E  
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 F P A T H S J E S A N D A L S

HONEY	BAPTIZE	SINS	LOCUSTS	JORDAN
PATHS	RIVER	VOICE	WORTHY	CONFESS
STRAIGHT	WILD	DESERT	PREPARE	SANDALS

## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- To make ready ahead of time
- Not having any curves or bends
- A dry, barren region with only a few plants
- To admit your sins to God

### DOWN

- A trail made for traveling on foot
- The river where John baptized people
- What people use for speaking
- Actions that break God's law

VOICE	PREPARE	SINS	STRAIGHT
JORDAN	DESERT	PATH	CONFESS

*Prepare Ye  
 the Way of  
 the Lord*

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## JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:3, Luke 3:4*

# Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words

G	V	H	U	L	R	N	W	C	E	P	T	Ñ	X	Á	F
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Y	J	S	D	I	Ú	Z	O	A	M	Q	K	Ó	Í	B	É
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32

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- 2-24-21-9-10 \_\_\_\_\_
- 20-10-19-10-6-12 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-12-6-25-21-1-3-12 \_\_\_\_\_
- 11-25-12-3-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9-24-7-16-10-19-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-21-7-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 31-25-11-12-21-23-10 \_\_\_\_\_

BAPTIZE	PREPARE	VOICE	STRAIGHT
SINS	PATHS	DESERT	CONFESS



