

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Places at our Christmas Masses will be available to reserve later this week. Mass times will be as follows:

Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve at 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm

Masses on Christmas Day at 9.00 am, 10.30 am and 12 noon

With the size of the usual congregations at Saint Helen's it is clear that the demand for places will greatly exceed the places available which is a great sadness, but something we have to put up with for the time being.

To provide some alternative, we will also be offering places in the Hall for each Mass with a live video link to the Church and the possibility of being able to receive Holy Communion. While we realise that this would not be the first option, you may wish to consider it if you are unsuccessful in booking a place in the Church.

There will be two booking links provided so that you can be very clear whether you are booking for the Church or the hall.

It is hoped that bookings will open on Wednesday morning after the Parish Pastoral Council has finalised all the arrangements at its meeting on Tuesday evening.

All the Christmas Masses will be live-streamed on the usual channels. Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVENT

The second part of Advent begins on Thursday 17th December – the time when we shift our reflections from the second coming of Christ at the end of time to the more immediate preparation for the commemoration of his first coming as a baby born in a manger. In the Divine Office, this shift is reflected in the introduction of the 'O Antiphons' at

Evening Prayer – you will know some of these from the Advent hymn: *O come, O come, Emmanuel!* To help us on our Advent journey, beginning on Thursday (17th), we will have nightly reflections on the 'O Antiphons' live streamed from the Church with the Angelus at 6.00 pm each evening.

Looking ahead, we realise that opportunities for Confession are more limited than usual so on Tuesday 22nd December at 7.00 pm we will live-stream an Advent Carol Service incorporating an Examination of Conscience and Penitential Service. We hope these two initiatives will help in your preparations for 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) 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

ADVENT CHARITABLE GIVING

Many charities are struggling to provide the support they would usually give to the most vulnerable in our society since their fundraising and collections of

material help has been affected by the current restrictions. Please see below three of the charities our parish is trying to help this Advent. In the electronic version of the bulletin, please click on the links to find out more and to get information about how to make a donation. (You can also make a donation by placing a clearly marked envelope in one of the white tubs in the Church)

1. **ST NICHOLAS CARE FUND**

Today is Caring Sunday when we support the work of our own Archdiocesan Charity, the Saint Nicholas Care Fund. Please follow this link to read about the projects in Glasgow they have supported and for information on how to donate.

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

2. **POSITIVE ACTION**

This is our parish charity for Advent helping the most vulnerable local Refugees and Asylum Seekers like Fajr from Iran - who was still wearing surgical stockings following major surgery the day before- when he was moved by Mears (which has the Home Office contract to house asylum seekers in Glasgow) from a hotel into a dirty, bare flat without money or food. The charity volunteers brought Fajr nutritious food, cleaning products and voucher donations. Follow this link to find out more and to donate:

<https://www.paih.org>

3. **MARY'S MEALS**

Helping our brothers and sisters further afield, please follow this link to find out about this year's *Double the Love* Campaign:

www.marysmeals.org.uk/doubletheove.

SAINT HELEN'S SSVV

Our SSVV continue to be grateful to parishioners for recent donations. You can contribute by placing an envelope (clearly marked SSVV) 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

Cassie Heraghty, Frank Crilley, Edward O'Hara, James Prentice,

Anniversaries

John O'Neill, Eugene Brown, Mary Ballantynbe, Anne McGill

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

Responsorial Psalm

Luke 1:46-50,53-54

My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her
nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me
blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray
constantly; and for all things give
thanks to God, because this is what
God expects you to do in Christ
Jesus. Never try to suppress the
Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy
with contempt; think before you do
anything – hold on to what is good
and avoid every form of evil. May the
God of peace make you perfect and
holy; and may you all be kept safe
and blameless, spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ. God has called you and he
will not fail you.

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

John 1:6-8,19-28

A man came, sent by God. His name
was John. He came as a witness, as
a witness to speak for the light, so
that everyone might believe through
him. He was not the light, only a
witness to speak for the light. This is
how John appeared as a witness.
When the Jews sent priests and
Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
'Who are you?' he not only declared,
but he declared quite openly, 'I am
not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they
asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he
said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He
answered, 'No.' So they said to him,
'Who are you? We must take back
an answer to those who sent us.
What have you to say about
yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as
Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries
in the wilderness: Make a straight
way for the Lord.' Now these men
had been sent by the Pharisees, and
they put this further question to him,
'Why are you baptising if you are not
the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the
prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with
water; but there stands among you –
unknown to you – the one who is
coming after me; and I am not fit to
undo his sandal-strap.' This
happened at Bethany, on the far side
of the Jordan, where John was
baptising.



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

Contact Information:

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PERMANENT DEACON
Rev. Kevin Kelly

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LINK FOR LIVE-STREAMS:

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www.youtube.com/c/SaintHelensLangside

and Facebook:

www.facebook.com/sthelenslangside

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SAINT HELEN'S, LANGSIDE

Bulletin

13TH DECEMBER 2020
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



First reading

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to
me, for the Lord has anointed me. He
has sent me to bring good news to the
poor, to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom
to those in prison; to proclaim a year of
favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in
the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments
of salvation, he has wrapped me in the
cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom
wearing his wreath, like a bride
adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth
makes fresh things grow, as a garden
makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord
make both integrity and praise spring
up in the sight of the nations.'

Children's Worship Bulletin

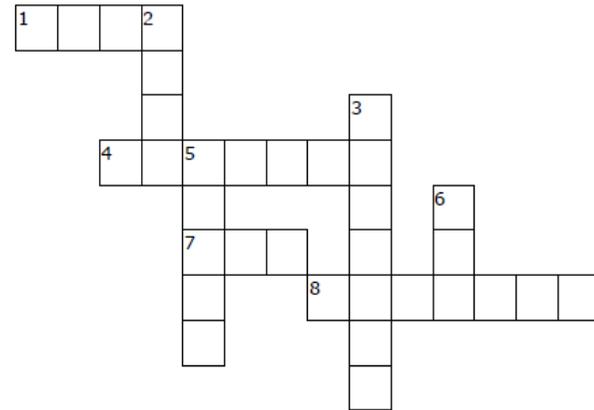
Christ is the Light of Christmas

John 1:1-18

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 W E W D K A A S R A F L Z P J
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 P A S L T X Q H K G R M A N G
 V E N I D M G C N L I G H T H
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GOD	TRUE	PROPHET	WORLD	SENT
MEN	VOICE	JOHN	WITNESS	MAN
LIGHT	BELIEVE	MESSIAH	TESTIFY	NAME

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- The man sent from God to tell about Jesus (John 1:6)
- To have confidence that something is true (John 1:7)
- The creator of heaven and earth (John 1:6)
- A person who has personal knowledge of something (John 1:8)

DOWN

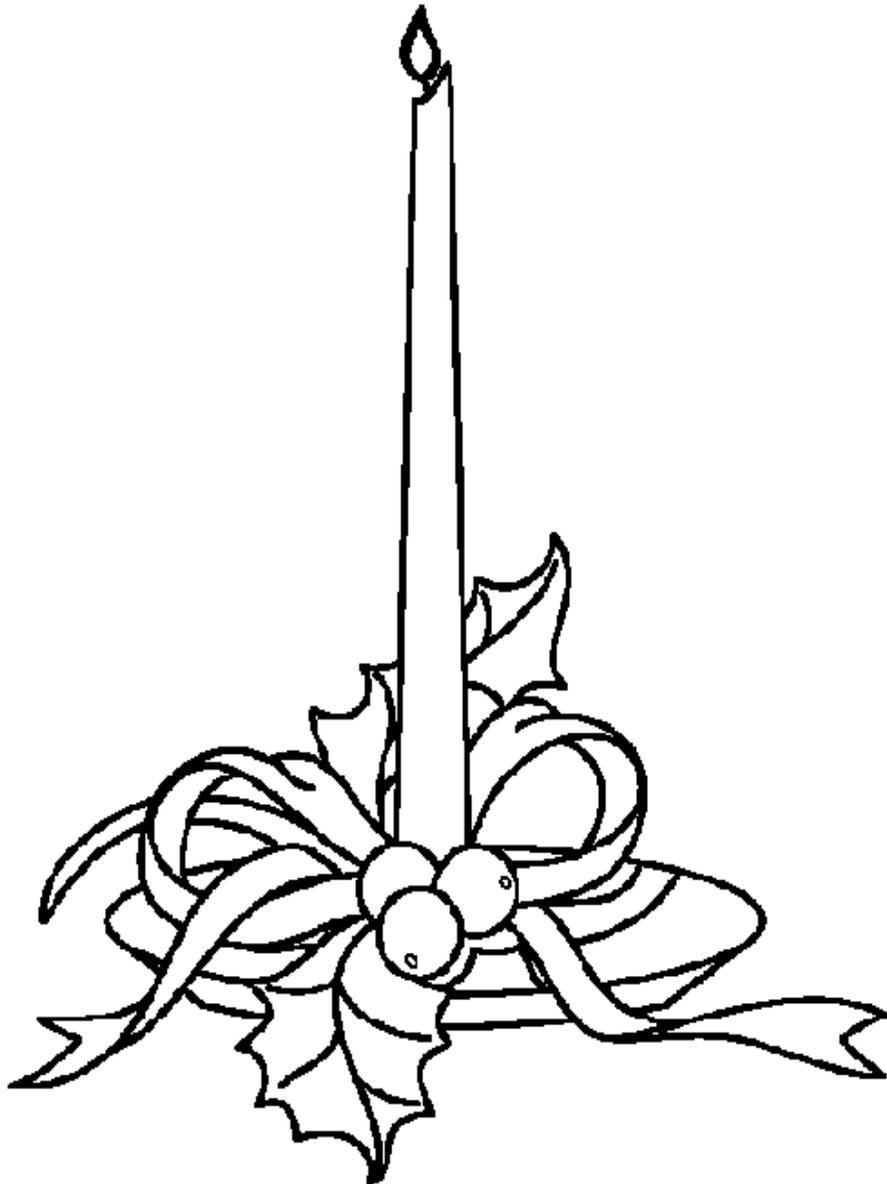
- What a person, place, or thing is called (John 1:6)
- To tell others about what you have seen or heard (John 1:7)
- Something such as the sun, a flashlight, or lamp that allows you to see (John 1:8)
- An adult male person (John 1:6)

BELIEVE	MAN	TESTIFY	LIGHT
JOHN	WITNESS	GOD	NAME



JESUS
Is the Light

Colouring Page



Decoder Puzzle

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

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

- 5-21-22 _____
- 22-21-5-10 _____
- 19-9-20-22 _____
- 1-10-14-1-17-24-18 _____
- 13-17-26-20-1 _____
- 6-17-1-22-10-14-14 _____
- 8-10-13-17-10-15-10 _____
- 1-16-25-10 _____

BELIEVE TRUE	WITNESS NAME	MAN LIGHT	TESTIFY JOHN
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Jesus Is the Light





Speak, Lord

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Isaiah 35:1-6:10
Psalm 145
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN
Year A — 3rd Sunday of Advent



JOHN AND JESUS

From the prison, John sent some friends to Jesus:



Draw John the Baptist behind the prison bars.

ARE YOU THE ONE WHO IS
TO COME ?
THE M _ _ S _ _ I _ _ H ?

Then Jesus said:

JOHN IS A SPECIAL MAN.
HE IS THE GREATEST
P _ _ O _ _ H _ _ T.
HE IS GOD'S
M _ _ S _ _ E _ _ G _ _ R.



They found Jesus making miracles.

Draw Jesus making a miracle.

Today is the
3rd SUNDAY
of **ADVENT**