

CHRISTMAS MASSES

All our Christmas Masses will be live-streamed on the usual platforms. The times are 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

We are very sorry that many of you will not have been able to book a place at Mass over Christmas. Please check back in case there are any cancellations. If your plans change and you are no longer able to use a place you have booked, please cancel it online or e-mail the parish to ensure that the space can be made available for someone else.

If you have a booking for Mass, please try to arrive no later than 10 minutes beforehand and please follow the guidance of the volunteers who will allocate seats according to the size of your group. Please be understanding if this means you can't have the seat you would prefer.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVENT

Each evening at 6.00 pm we have the Angelus followed by an Advent Reflection streamed from the Church. (This will conclude on Wednesday 23rd). Also this week there will be a Carol Service incorporating a short Penitential Service live-streamed from the Church at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 22nd December. Mgr Paul will be available for Confessions in the Church Hall on Wednesday 23rd December from 10.30 am until 12 noon.

SCHEDULE AFTER CHRISTMAS

- There will be no 10.00 am Mass on Boxing Day (Saturday 26th) but the Vigil Mass at 5.30 pm will begin the Sunday programme as normal.

- On 1st January, Feast of Mary, Mother of God, Mass will be at 12 noon.
- There will be no 10.00 am Mass on Saturday 2nd January but the Vigil Mass at 5.30 pm will begin the Sunday programme as normal.

It is likely that there will be a change of Tier in the New Year will affect the numbers permitted to attend Mass. Moving forward we will therefore only release bookings one week at a time every Tuesday after we have received information from the daily briefing about the following week's tier level.

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

Please see below details of 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. **POSITIVE ACTION**

This is our parish charity for Advent helping the most vulnerable local Refugees and Asylum Seekers like Asma from Pakistan, a lawyer seeking asylum in Glasgow, who is suffering isolation and stress because she has been placed in a shared Home Office flat with someone who suffers severe mental health problems. She has been seeking asylum for 4 years, yet still awaiting a decision. The charity's team will be safely distributing essential crisis support over the Christmas period. Follow this link to find out more and to donate: <https://www.paih.org>

2. **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 SSVF

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

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

A very Blessed Christmas to everyone at Saint Helen's and praying for a better year for us all in 2021



Sick

We remember all the sick of the parish

Recently Deceased

Robin McFeeley, Andy Moran, Augustus Cairns, Jean Balmer, Ian McLeod, Eddie McKenzie, Alexander McNeill, John and Kay Lock

Anniversaries

Bunty McGrath, John McGinn, Andy Hannah, Becky O'Neill, John Mullen, George McCormade, Bruno Sermani, McGowan family, Tommy Barton, Jack Riach, Nancy Keating, Lucia McWhirter, Ellen Cairns, Robert MacTaggart, Enzo Morelli, Prima Ridolfi, Michael MacTaggart, James Friel, John Lenehan, Gavin Lanigan, Salvador Tendero, Maeve Christie, Maureen Harkins,

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

The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.”

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 88(89):2-5,27,29

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.

‘He will say to me: “You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.”

I will keep my love for him always;
with him my covenant shall last.’

Second reading

Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what

scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.



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:

Angelus and Advent Reflection daily at 6.00 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet on Fridays at 7.00 pm

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PERMANENT DEACON

Rev. Kevin Kelly

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LINK FOR LIVE-STREAMS:

YouTube:

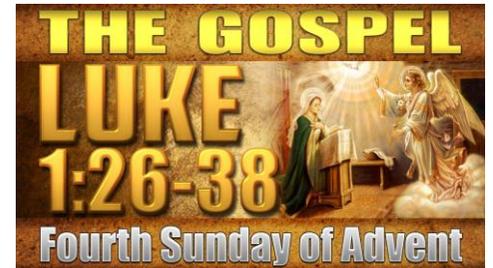
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SAINT HELEN'S, LANGSIDE Bulletin

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First reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies.'

Children's Worship Bulletin

Call His Name Jesus

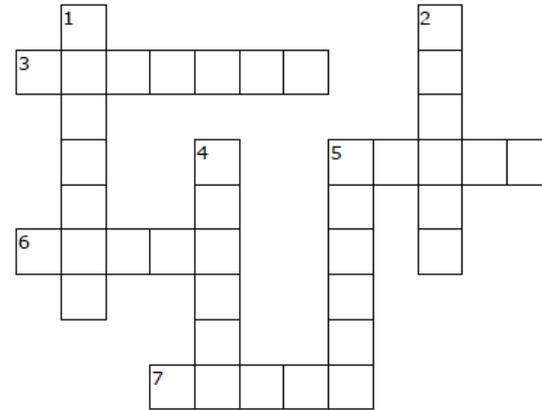
Luke 1:26-38

Word Search

K V G J E U J H T U Z G T J N
 X I Y K V V V Z S H N U B K J
 P D N W U E J N F O R M O O B
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ELIZABETH	JESUS	JOSEPH	BORN	AFRAID
SON	KINGDOM	DAVID	GABRIEL	BIRTH
MARY	TOWN	ANGEL	THRONE	VIRGIN

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3. To be joined together as husband and wife
- 5. A heavenly being; a messenger for God
- 6. The son who was born to Mary
- 7. A very young person especially between infancy and youth

DOWN

- 1. The name of the angel who appeared to Mary
- 2. A young unmarried woman; a maiden
- 4. The man to whom Mary was engaged to marry
- 5. To be filled with fear

JOSEPH	MARRIED	AFRAID	VIRGIN
GABRIEL	CHILD	ANGEL	JESUS



Colouring Page



Decoder Puzzle

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

E	O	U	N	X	B	F	R	Z	T	L	H	Q	V	D	J	S	A	K	I	C	Y	P	W	G	M
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

- 18-4-25-1-11 _____
- 25-18-6-8-20-1-11 _____
- 14-20-8-25-20-4 _____
- 16-2-17-1-23-12 _____
- 26-18-8-22 _____
- 18-7-8-18-20-15 _____
- 6-20-8-10-12 _____
- 17-2-4 _____
- 16-1-17-3-17 _____
- 6-2-8-4 _____

GABRIEL	SON	MARY	BORN	VIRGIN
AFRAID	JOSEPH	ANGEL	BIRTH	JESUS

The Angel Gabriel Appears to Mary
Luke 1:26-38



Speak, Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 23
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN
Year A — 4th Sunday of Advent



JOSEPH AND MARY

AN ANGEL APPEARED TO JOSEPH IN HIS SLEEP.

JOSEPH,
DO NOT BE
A _____ D

SHE IS GOING
TO HAVE A
S ____.

TAKE
M ____ Y
AS YOUR
W ____ E

NAME THE
SON
J ____ S

Draw the Angel and fill in the missing letters.