

## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who made last Saturday's Parish Workers' Social evening another resounding success. Once again the food this year by Anyas Catering was spectacular, but the most important thing was how much everyone enjoyed sharing each other's company and having a chance to chat – often to people they had not known before. Once again this year, Mgr. Paul received many emails from people who wanted to express how grateful they were to be a part of this amazing parish family. Thanks again to everyone involved in a wonderful evening which truly brought us all together. Have a look at our Facebook Page for some great photos.

## SEASON OF ADVENT

This Sunday is the beginning of the Season of Advent. To help you on your journey to Christmas, why not pick up a copy of **Walk with me** from the stall. It is priced at only £1 and will help you reflect each day of Advent. There is also a free kid's calendar for advent which will be distributed at the children's liturgy today and also available at the back of the Church

## ANOTHER ADVENT FAITH OPPORTUNITY!!!

In October, Mgr. Paul gave the beginning of the year retreat for the students of the Pontifical Scots College in Rome. His topic was the writing of Pope Saint Paul VI – rightly described as a prophet of our times due to his insights into so many areas of human life. In particular Mgr. Paul spoke about his Apostolic Exhortation – *Evangelii Nuntiandi* – On Evangelisation in the Modern World – a document that Pope Francis recently described as “the greatest pastoral document that has ever been written”. Mgr. Paul has adapted the retreat to be presented as a parish retreat during Advent. It will take place in our parish hall on Tuesdays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 7.30 pm – each session will

last approximately one hour and will finish with a cup of tea. All welcome!

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT FOR SCIAF:

The Third World Group has organized a Christmas Quiz night for SCIAF in the hall on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm – wear your Christmas jumper! £5 (BYOB)

## 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 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:

This is the title of a new play about the Christmas story by Stephen Callaghan and presented by AGAP. The play will be performed at various venues (see poster for details) but it will be presented in our own hall on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm – tickets are available from the sacristy price £5 and also through eventbrite.

## ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS:

Priests will be available to hear Confessions in Saint Andrew's Cathedral on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 7.45am until 5.45pm.

## CENTENARY EXHIBITION:

An exhibition to mark the Centenary of the 1918 Education (Scotland) Act in the City Chambers from the 26<sup>th</sup> until 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018. (9am – 5pm each day). Everyone is welcome to attend.

## CAROLS FOR PEACE:

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

## BLESSING OF THE CRIB:

The blessing of the crib with Alba Brass and local primary schools will take place at George Square, Glasgow, on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 6.30pm. Music from 6pm. All welcome.

## SALE IN AID OF MARY'S MEALS:

There will be a sale of home-made items in the hall on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 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.

## MARONITE MASS IN ARABIC

Bishop Nasser Gemayel, the Apostolic visitor for Maronites in Western Europe will celebrate Mass in Scotland for the first time on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December in Saint Patrick's Anderson at 7.30 pm. The Mass will be celebrated in Arabic. Of particular interest to anyone of the Maronite Rite, but everyone is welcome.

## COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN AND JEWS,

A Celebration of Hanukkah and Advent: Come along and enjoy a celebration of food and festivity as we mark the time of Hanukkah and Advent. There will be doughnuts and cakes, as well as a presentation about the significance of both events from a representative of each community. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm at Giffnock Synagogue, 222 Fenwick Road, Giffnock G46 6UE. 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.



## SICK

We remember all the sick of the parish

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Catherine Hughes, Anne McCollum, Thomas Travers, Pat McBrearty, Karen Jaffray

## ANNIVERSARIES

John Connelly (jun), Bruna McArthur, Philip Clark, Kathy Murray, May and John McMenamin, Alice Gilgannon, John Fagan, Josephine Mone,

The Funeral will take place this week of our parishioner, Catherine Hughes. The Vigil is on Monday at 6.30 pm with the Funeral Mass on Tuesday at 10.00 am. Our prayerful condolences to her family.

## 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

teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.  
**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**  
The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,  
He teaches his way to the poor.  
**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**  
His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and law.  
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant.  
**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

## SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the

authority of the Lord Jesus.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Ps84:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*Luke 21:25-28,34-36*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'



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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.

### CONFESSION:

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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## First Sunday of Advent



## FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

## PSALM

*Psalm 24:4-5,8-9,10,14*

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**  
Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and