

AN 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 - In particular Mgr. Paul spoke about the Pope's 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 4th, 11th and 18th of December at 7.30 pm – each session will last approximately one hour and will finish with a cup of tea. All welcome!



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. The Service will involve some of our younger parishioners helping us to prepare for Christmas. Readers are also required for this service. If you are interested in reading on the night, please get in touch with Chiara

from the Music Group. Please come along – mince pies in the hall afterwards!

SAINT NICHOLAS CARE FUND

Next 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 next weekend.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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

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:

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 15th December at 7.30 pm – tickets are available from the sacristy price £5 and through eventbrite.

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS:

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

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.

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.

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

Thomas Cuddihy, Jude Caterson, Anna Sangster, Pauline Mc Geady, Catherine Hughes, Julie Leese, Joseph Connolly and Frances McLaughlin

ANNIVERSARIES

Scot Millar, Margaret Mc Eachen, Angus McEachen (Jun), Rose Coll and Eugene Brown.

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 forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

PSALM

Psalm 125:1-6

***What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.***

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,

it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

***What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.***

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels

the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad.

***What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.***

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

***What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.***

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back, full of
song,

carrying their sheaves.

***What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.***

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each

other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.



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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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2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

FIRST READING

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And