



St Patrick's Catholic Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 22 December 2024

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - FERIA

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday - Christmas Eve

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE TIMES

5 - 5.45PM - CONFESSIONS
6PM - CHRISTMAS VIGIL
11 - 11.50PM - CONFESSIONS
11.20 - 11.50PM - CAROLS

CHRISTMAS DAY

MIDNIGHT - HOLY MASS
11AM - HOLY MASS

ST STEPHEN'S DAY

12 NOON - HOLY MASS

Friday - St John

9.30am - Holy Mass
2.30pm - Mass at Craig en Goyne

Saturday - Holy Innocents

8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
10 - 10.30am - Confessions
5.15 - 5.45pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

The Second Part of Advent in the first part of Advent, the readings concentrate on the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time. From 17 December each year, the readings and the prayers of the Mass change and they concentrate on First Coming of Christ and the Christmas story.

Sacrament of Reconciliation as we have done in previous years, confessions will be available at the usual times and during all the Sunday Masses this weekend. A visiting confessor, Father Nicholas Monaghan, will hear confessions during the Vigil and Father Deeley will hear confessions during the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses. Confession is a normal part of our preparations for Christmas.

Message from His Grace, the Archbishop in a message to Father Deeley, dated 18 December, the Archbishop asked for the following to be passed on to you: *My dear friends, I am writing to thank you sincerely for your warm welcome and for the very encouraging visit that I had with you last weekend. I look forward to the next occasion when I can be with you. Thank you to the sick, housebound and families who welcomed me into their homes and to Mrs Celino, her staff, and the children for their warm Christmas welcome. My special thanks go to Father Deeley and Father Moir and those in the house who looked after me while I was there. Let me send you my warmest Christmas wishes for a holy and peaceful time and a good New Year. +Leo, Archbishop & Metropolitan of St Andrews & Edinburgh.*

Mass at Craig en Goyne on Friday at 2.30pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: £1528 and Fabric £334.

Poinsettia Sunday thank you for all the poinsettias. There's still a wee bit of time to donate one if you didn't get the chance as the church will be getting decorated on Tuesday. Thanks too to the Bereavement Group who donated 4 poinsettias for all the dead of our parish.

Parish Activities

Sunday teas will resume on 5 January.
Monday teas on 6 January.
Men's Group on 6 January.
Wednesday Group on 8 January.
Youth Group on 9 January.
Women's Guild on 13 January.

Crib Offerings there will be a basket at the front of the crib for any offerings you may wish to give. The proceeds will be given to the *Christmas Miracles Project* for child victims of the war in Ukraine. Donations will be used to help bring hope and joy by recreating the magic of Christmas Holidays for children and their families.

Christmas Tree Appeal raised £784 for SCIAF appeal to provide a well for a village. We will be able to buy a water well for 2 villages. Thank you for your generosity.

Newsletter there will be **no newsletter next week**, but normal services will resume on 5 January.

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God on Wednesday 1 January, Mass will be at 12 noon. There will be no evening Mass.

Congrats to Parish Draw Winners

Week 17		Week 18	
£300 A Pollock	1993	S Christie	1237
£100 J Ashmall	1241	A Pople	1891
£50 P Hughes	1187	M Clark	1568
Week 19		Week 20	
£300 A Taylor	1535	D Chalmers	1130
£100 J McDonald	1810	K Murphy	1414
£50 J Livingstone	1772	M Stevenson	2047

St Patrick's Primary School enrolment 2025 the enrolment for our primary school will be on the following dates in January:

13 Mon 9.30-11.30am & 1.30-2.30pm.
14 Tues 9.30-11.30am & 1.30-4pm.
15 Wed 9.30-11.30am & 1.30-4pm.
16 Mon 9.30-11.30am & 1.30-2.30pm.
17 Mon 9.30-11.30am & 1.30-2.30pm.
Children should be baptised before enrolment. **Baptised children are given preferment at Catholic schools when places are in demand.**

Young adults' Catholic Conference 2 - 4 January 2025, held at Stonyhurst College, Lancashire. For Catholics from all over the UK (16 to 25 years). The cost is £195 (£180 for students/unwaged). Transport and subsidies available. Speak to one of the priests if you're interested.

From the Fathers

A merry Christmas to all the parishioners of St Patrick's. We are very grateful for the kind gifts that we have received. We feel very appreciated! A Christmas blessing to all and best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas Day! Holy Mass will be offered for all parishioners. Fr Deeley and Fr Moir.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SACRED SCRIPTURE

[Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass].

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First Reading

Micah 5:2-5

Thus says the LORD:

You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80

R. Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse up your might and come to save us. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore; look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the stock your right hand has planted, the son you have claimed for yourself. **R.**

May your hand be on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have confirmed as your own. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

‘Behold, I have come to do your will.’

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, “Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the

book.”’ When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings’ (these are offered according to the Law), then he added, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will.’ He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

‘Why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?’ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.’

Prayers of the Faithful Response

Lord, hear us

R. Lord Graciously hear us

Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Merry Christmas to All From the Christmas Tree Appeal :

Isabel Kelly & family
Jean Millar
Agnes McCluskey
McMahon family
Melling family

John & Catherine Rae
Tommy & Rose Kerr
Catherine McGrath
Mary Lang
Portelli family
Sandra Murphy
Anne Kelly & family
Tommy & Margaret-Anne
McBride & family
June & Billy Paton
Anna & John Egan
Helen & James Quinn
Margaret Hughes
Alex & Jim Coughlan
May & Anthony McAteer
Gerry & Maureen Dailly
Michael & Catherine Duffy
Jane & Bill Conway
Patsy Meechan
Tricia Campbell
Pauline Murphy & family
Marie & Philip Quinn
Marianne & Sean Savage
Elsie & Joe Currie
Mary & Joe Ashmall & family
Ann Crainie
Beth & Marty Boyle
Mary & Jim Shindler
Anne Russell
Margaret Sandison
Shevlin family
Jan & Nancy Storrie &
Tommy Crainey
Joan Kenny from John & Ann
Wife Pat; Peace in World
Memory of Max Davidson;
Sharon Ritchie; Stuart Richie;
Mark Hull; Brian Perry; Linda
Blair

