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Third Sunday of Advent Cycle C

This Week in the Parish

Vigil Mass of Sunday
6.00pm (Saturday)

Sunday

11.00am Mass
5.00pm Mass
6.00pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

Monday

9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
10.30am Meeting re Funeral
11.15-1pm Confessions OLH
7.00pm Penitential Service - the Pro-life Rosary will be prayed during Confessions

Tuesday

9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass

Wednesday

9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
Fr. Joe's Day Off

Thursday

9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
3.00pm Daldowie Crematorium - Funeral Service for William Johnston

Friday

9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
11.00am Carol Service in Church
6.00pm Holy Hour followed by Confessions

Saturday

9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass
6.00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays
10.30-11.00am: 5.15 - 5.45pm
Sunday
10.30-10.45am: 4.30-4.45pm

Parish Christmas Card Why not sign up on the 'notice-board' in the porch? Share your Christmas message with everyone. I hope you have now all received a card from me, but, if not, please pick one up at the back. Masses at Christmas are 6pm (Christmas Eve), 12pm

Midnight Mass and 11 am on Christmas Day.

Leave well alone Whoever interfered with the Church central heating thermostat at 11am Mass last Sunday cost the parish £72 for an engineer to come out and fix the problem, not to mention the parishioners who laboured to uplift the sanctuary carpet and flooring and the two days we spent without any heating in the Church.

Penitential Service At the Synod of Bishops in Rome to discuss the New Evangelisation and the mission of the Church in this Year of Faith, great emphasis was laid on the importance of the Sacrament of Penance/Confession or Reconciliation to use its different titles. Each of these titles reflects a different aspect of the sacrament. The Second Vatican Council taught that the call to holiness, that is to become a saint, is a universal call. On the road to sainthood, un-repentent venial sin is just as big an obstacle as a un-repentent mortal sin. The wholesale abandonment of this sacrament by ordinary Catholics has helped to create a culture of faith in which only 'big' sins matter. The result has been that slowly but surely we have lost all sense of the enormity of sin both venial and mortal and, as a result, we see all sin as being the same. Today many people have no problem in engaging in sexual relations outside of marriage, in taking drugs, deliberately getting drunk, pornography and heavy gambling and yet see no reason why they should not receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood. As far as I can judge they are totally ignorant of the Church's laws and teaching and have never heard of mortal sin. If we can be saved without a true conversion of heart and true repentance, then why did Christ go through the humiliation of the Incarnation and suffering and death on a cross? There will be extra priests available for confessions on Monday with the option of 'face to face' confession for those who chose. There are also ample

opportunities before the Masses over the week-end and on Saturday morning.

Christmas Blessings from all at the Cardinal Winning Pro-Life Initiative, and many thanks to all of you who have come faithfully to the monthly pro-life Masses over the year. This month's is on Wednesday, 19th December in Our Lady of Consolation, Inglefield St, Govanhill, G42 7PZ. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6pm followed by Rosary at 7pm, then Mass at 7.30pm. Tea and biscuits afterwards. All welcome. The celebrant will be Fr Joe Lappin.

MANY THANKS

First Collection

Non-GAD £208.82
GAD £ 272.00

Second Collection

Non-GAD £ 159.52
GAD £ 164.50

St. Nicholas Care Fund

This Sunday we will devote our 2nd collection to this diocesan fund which helps good and worthy causes in and around the Archdioceses. Please put your spare coins into the box during Advent and bring them to Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany as our offering to the Infant King.

St. Mungo's FP's Carol Service with Readings at St Simon's Church, Partick on December 20 at 7.30pm

Please Pray For RIP

Winifred Irvine, William Johnston and Eileen Mc Caig
Anniversaries
Jim Kiernan, Paul Mc Donald, Robert Russell, and Patrick Mc Andrew
Months Mind
Edward Devine
Sick
Robert Crokken, Clare Adams, Ellen Mc Ara, Henry McDonald,

Immaculate Conception, as if to relive with Mary those days full of trepidation that preceded the birth of Jesus. Putting up the crib at home can be a simple but effective way of presenting faith, to pass it on to one's children. The crib helps us contemplate the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem Grotto. Saint Francis of Assisi was so taken by the mystery of the Incarnation that he wanted to present it anew at Greccio in the living nativity scene, thus beginning an old, popular tradition that still retains its value for evangelisation today. Indeed, the crib can help us understand the secret of the true Christmas because it speaks of the humility and merciful goodness of Christ, who "though he was rich he made himself poor" for us (2 Co 8:9). His poverty enriches those who embrace it and Christmas brings joy and peace to those who, like the shepherds in Bethlehem, accept the Angel's words: "Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes" (Lk 2:12). This is still the sign for us too, men and women of the third millennium. There is no other Christmas."

Pope Benedict XVI

Thinking about Adoption?

Have you ever considered adoption? You may be a couple with no children, you may be a parent already, but if you think you can offer a loving family home to a child or even siblings, then we would like to hear from you. Adoption can be a rewarding experience for you as parents, and it will make the world of a difference to children's lives. Please contact us for a confidential chat and some and some further information at 01413328371 or visit our website at www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk

The Tradition of the Christmas Crib "Following a beautiful and firmly-rooted tradition, many families set up their crib immediately after the feast of the

Children's Video Tapes which may be of interest to those who have young children. They are in the 'Crying room'. Help yourself.