



# St Lucy's Parish



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## Fourth 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

9.00am Morning Prayer  
9.20am Reception of remains followed at  
9.30am by the Requiem Mass for the peaceful repose of the soul of Mary Scott RIP

#### Christmas Eve

5.50pm Blessing of Christmas trees  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

#### Christmas Midnight

11.30pm Carols  
11.50pm Christmas Proclamation  
12.00pm Mass, followed by the blessing of the crib.

#### Tuesday

**Christmas Day**  
11.00am Mass

#### Wednesday

10.40am Morning Prayer  
11.00am Mass

#### Thursday

9.10am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass

#### Friday

9.10am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass  
6.00pm Holy Hour

#### 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

**Free Christmas dinner** The Salvation Army in Cumbernauld (Clouden road) will be open again this year on Christmas Day. If you will be on their own on Christmas day please join them for lunch at

12noon, followed by carol singing from our local children and a hamper to take home for tea. Transport is also available. Anyone interested in joining us needs to ring 01236 723195 to book a space. (if we're out and about just leave a message indicating if transport is required etc.) or contact [Stephen.moir@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:Stephen.moir@salvationarmy.org.uk)

#### MANY THANKS

##### First Collection

Non-GAD £262.36

GAD £ 319.50

##### St. Nicholas Care Fund

Non-GAD

£ 180.58

GAD £ 180.54

#### Thinking about 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](http://www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk)

#### Please Pray For

##### RIP

Mary Scott, Pauline Henderson, Anne Mc Carthy, Anne Baxter and William Johnston

##### Anniversaries

Fr. Andrew Hart, Fr. Allan Dellamere, Daniel & Gertrude Hart and James Corbett

##### Sick

Robert Crokken, Clare Adams, Ellen Mc Ara, Henry McDonald,

### The Message of Christmas

In the Catholic paper CathCom Reach, I read the following article which left a deep impression on me:

*"When I worked as a volunteer at a Hospital I got to know a little girl, she was suffering from a rare and serious disease.*

*Her only chance of recovery was a blood transfusion from, her 5 year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness.*

*The parents explained the need for a transfusion to their son, and the doctor explained the situation and the procedure to the little brother, and asked the boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister.*

*I saw him hesitate for a split second before taking a deep breath and saying that he would do it if it could save his sisters' life.*

*As the transfusion progressed, he lay in a bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the colour returning to her cheeks.*

*Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?"*

*Being young the little boy had misunderstood the doctor and thought that he was giving all his blood to his little sister."*

In spite of the fact that he thought he would die, the little fellow had gone ahead and done it. Clearly he loved his little sister more than he loved his own life.

The concept of a God who not only allows his Beloved Son to suffer and die but who actually asks him to do it is bizarre to many and they refuse to believe. It seems to me that this little boy proves that if you love someone enough you will willingly die for them. Jesus

poured out his life blood on Calvary because he loves each and every one of us. He came to prove to us that the Father loves us as much as he loves him. if he allows us to suffer it so that our love can grow and that we can pour out our lives in love of our neighbour.

If my little sins do not bother me it is a sign that my love also is little. All the sins we commit fall under the heading of selfishness. I sin because of what it offers me, because of the pleasure or satisfaction I get out of sinning. It feeds my ego and satisfies my pride. I convince myself my sins are little ones and do not matter. In truth, they are only little because of the littleness of my love. Because they are so little so also is my loving so little.

The greater my love, the greater my sensitivity will be not only for the sins of the world but also for my own sins. Jesus was born in poverty and died poor and naked upon the altar of the cross. He poured out his life for little sinners and for great, for you and for me. Sadly, the Christ-child continues to live and die in poverty, to suffer hunger and cold, nakedness and destitution. Sadly the world is too full of greed to open its doors to the poor. The world is too afraid of poverty to share its wealth, afraid it might become poor. It counts the pennies.

As I grow in my love for Jesus, I will grow in my sensitivity to my sin. As I confess and am cleansed, so will my love for my neighbour grow until, like the little boy, all I will want to do is to pour out my life for the poor, to give life to the world.