

**PARISH OF THE  
MOST BLESSED TRINITY  
CHURCHES OF  
ST. STEPHEN AND  
ALL SAINTS**



**1st Sunday of Advent, YEAR C  
28th November 2021**

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## SERVICES IN ALL SAINTS

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| <b>Monday,</b>    | 7.30 p.m, Mass with Novena; | <b>Tuesday</b>  | 9.30 a.m, Eucharistic Service,     |
| <b>Wednesday,</b> | 9.30 a.m, Mass,             | <b>Thursday</b> | 9.30 a.m, Eucharistic Service,     |
| <b>Friday,</b>    | 9.30 a.m, Mass,             | <b>Saturday</b> | 4.30 p.m, Vigil Mass,              |
|                   | <b>Sunday,</b>              |                 | 10.30 a.m Mass and 5.30 p.m, Mass, |

**EDUCATION SUNDAY: Many thanks to the pupils from St. Margaret's High School who spoke at the evening Mass last weekend in All Saints. They were excellent!**

Education Sunday marks the start of a week when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in faith. During this Catholic Education Week we are asked to reflect upon the Catholic school as a community of celebration and worship, with Jesus Christ at its centre.

**There will be a Special collection at all Masses this weekend for the Scottish Catholic Education Service.**

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DISCO

**Thursday 2nd December**

**Primary 1—3 6.00—7.00 p.m.,**

**Primary 4—7 7.15—8.15 p.m.**

**Tickets £3.**

**Each child must be accompanied by an adult.**



### HAMPER RAFFLE:

**Buy your ticket now!  
Only £1 "Be in it to win it!"**

### CONFESSIONS

**Confession boxes are still out of use. Confessions are available on request. Please go to the Sacristy before Mass.**

**Bishop Toal has given permission for a Penitential Service with General Absolution during Advent—date to be advised.**

**PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS of SCOTLAND** on the re-instating of the obligation to attend Mass is available on our website and our Facebook and Twitter pages.

### FEAST DAYS:

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| <b>Tuesday 30th November</b> | <b>St. Andrew</b>         |
| <b>Friday 3rd December</b>   | <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> |
| <b>Saturday 4th December</b> | <b>St. John Damascene</b> |

**PARISH HALL:** My sincere thanks to all those who so generously and wonderfully gave their time and expertise for the refurbishment and redecoration of the Hall. It has been a great job and I am sure anyone who has seen the hall can attest to that. As the Hall is now up and running it is being used on a **Monday** for a Special Needs Disco; **Tuesday** for Pilates, and

**Wednesday** for the Guides.

It is also **available to hire** for social functions. The recent initiative for the Special Needs Disco has been a tremendous success and we thank all those involved in giving their time and efforts for such a worthy cause.

## ADVENT

The liturgical year begins with the first Sunday of Advent. This liturgical year began on the 28th November, 2021. In this liturgical year, which is cycle C, the Church reflects on the Gospel of Luke. In this liturgical year, most Sunday readings are drawn from Luke's Gospel. St Luke's Gospel speaks to us of the gentle care of Christ, who reaches out to the sick, downtrodden and forgotten. It is a Gospel where prayer, healing and mercy are central. The parables of the Good Samaritan, Prodigal Son and Jesus on the cross forgiving his enemies and reaching out to the good thief to bring him into God's kingdom.

**Advent Wreath: The candles on the Advent Wreath** demonstrate the contrast between darkness and light, which is an important biblical image. Jesus referred to himself as the "Light of the World" that dispels the darkness of sin: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Human history spanned long ages shrouded in the darkness of sin before our prophesied Saviour would finally make his appearance to free us from its dominion. As the Messiah's "Advent" (or "coming") draws nearer another candle is lit, with each candle dispelling the darkness a little more. Thus, the Advent wreath helps us to spiritually contemplate the great drama of salvation history that surrounds the birth of God Incarnate, who comes to redeem the human race and make all things new (Rev. 21:5). It also reminds us that, as Christians, we're meant to shine the light of Christ in this world. As Jesus tells us,

**"You are the light of the world ... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."**  
(Matthew 5:14-16)

### ADVENT RETREAT

Why not prepare for Christmas by doing an online Advent Retreat at <https://pray-as-you-go.org>. There are 3 lines at the top of the page on the right. Click on that, then on the Menu press Retreats and Series, after that click the box for Advent and Christmas and choose the Advent 2021 Stepping Beyond Box.