

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

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2nd Sunday of Advent, C

8th December 2024

**Prepare ye
the Way of
the Lord**

Luke 3:4

All Saints

Monday 7.30 p.m. Mass
Wednesday **9.30 a.m. Mass**
Friday 9.30 a.m. Mass (funeral)

Saturday 4.30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday 9.00 a.m. Ukrainian Mass
Sunday 10.30 a.m. Mass
Sunday 5.30 p.m. Mass

St. Stephen's

Tuesday 10.00 a.m. Mass
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Thursday 10.00 a.m. Mass

Saturday 5.30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday 12.15 p.m. Mass

FEAST DAYS:

**Monday 9th: The Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Tuesday 10th: Our Lady of Loreto

Friday 13th: St. Lucy

Saturday 14th: St. John of the Cross

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION : The dogma of the Immaculate Conception asserts that "from the first moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of Mankind, kept free from all stain of original sin." The observance of this feast began with a Papal Encyclical by Pope Pius IX when he formally defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, *INEFFABILIS DEUS*, on December 8 1854. Several years later, in 1858, the Blessed Mother gave her name to St. Bernadette at Lourdes stating "I am the Immaculate Conception".

Season of Advent

Advent has a twofold character: for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered; and likewise when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period for devout and expectant delight

The Sundays of Advent

Each gospel reading has a distinctive theme: the Lord's coming at the end of time (First Sunday of Advent), John the Baptist (Second and Third Sunday), and the events that prepared immediately for the Lord's birth (Fourth Sunday).

The Old Testament readings are prophecies about the Messiah and the Messianic age, especially from the Isaiah.

The liturgical colour of the Advent season is purple and for the duration of the Advent season the Gloria is committed from the Mass.

COME AND SEE" We extend to all parishioners a very warm welcome to come explore the treasure of their Catholic faith, to encounter the Lord in a new way and grow in the joy and beauty of their faith on **Tuesday evenings at 7 o'clock in All Saints' Hall.**

Challenging winter fuel poverty; the winter brings special challenges, especially in Scotland with low temperatures and short days. Heating and lighting our homes can be difficult and costly. If you are struggling and need some help and advice, please don't hesitate to contact our **WELLSPRING SUPPORT GROUP.** **Just leave your name and contact details with us** and we will be in touch, please be assured that your privacy will be respected and we will safeguard any personal information. **There is a leaflet the back of the church to record your details. Please fill it in and put in the box.**

ADVENT RETREATS can be found online from

1st December at the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow [Advent Retreat 2024 – Online Prayer](#), and on Sacred Space, [Sacred Space - Retreats - Sacred Space](#).

VOCATIONS EVENING A meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 7.00pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral for those in our diocese who feel called to the priesthood. This informal evening will begin with a short time of prayer and provide an opportunity for anyone considering a vocation to the priesthood to ask questions, come together and learn a bit more about priesthood and the discernment process. If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood but can't make it along to the meeting on 17th December, please email Fr Sean Wyllie, Diocesan Vocations Promoter: frwyllie@rcdom.org.uk

.BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

14th December 2024, If you intend to come please sign up at the back of the church.



THANK YOU for the most generous response to our recent Christmas foodbank collection. The foodbank were overwhelmed by your generosity and said it was the largest single donation they had received with over 100 bags of food.

HAMPER RAFFLE: Tickets £1 each on sale at the back of the church.



SVDP CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

Many thanks for your response to the toy appeal for families in need. If you have picked up a tab please ensure you bring the gift before 8th December. Please do not wrap the present but fix the tab to the gift and the SVDP will have them delivered to the families. The child's age is on the back of the tab. Thank you.

BANK DETAILS FOR DONATIONS

If you wish you can contribute directly to the parish using these bank details below.

Details of our new Bank Account are as follows:

Sort Code: 80-12-97; **Account No:** 10245365

Account Name: Holy Trinity & All Saints

If you are already paying by Direct Debit **you don't need to do anything**, this is only for people who wish to do online banking.

KEEP TELLING OF GAZA, an event sponsored by a number of Catholic groups, takes place on Wednesday 11th December from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm in which you can participate on a video basis.

The link for registering for this event is provided below.

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/duCgqTkjEteuYcmxSQh3TxmurKR6FGmChhttps://>

WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS now on sale.

HOGMANAY PARTY, All Saints' Hall

7.30-8.00 p.m. 31st December 2024, 2 Course Meal,

Adults £25; Children 12 and under; £10.

Tickets now on sale.



"Catholic Families for Life" Newsletter from the National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life - latest version can be found at www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk