

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



**3rd Sunday of Advent, YEAR C.  
GAUDETE SUNDAY  
12th December 2021**

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## SERVICES IN ALL SAINTS

<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,

### CONFESSIONS

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

**Penitential Service: Monday 20th**

**7.00—7.25 p.m. with general absolution.**

Confessions will also be heard in the Sacristy after Mass.

### FEAST DAYS:

**Tuesday 14th: Dedication of  
Motherwell Cathedral**

**Wednesday 15th: St. John of the Cross (transferred)**

### 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 C Stepping Beyond Box.

**PARISH HALL:** As the hall is now up and running it is being used on a **Monday** for an ASN Disco;  
The recent initiative for this Disco has been a tremendous success and we thank all those involved in giving their time and efforts for such a worthy cause.

**Tuesday** for Pilates, and

**Wednesday** for the Guides.

It is also **available to hire** for social functions

**GENTLE REMINDER:** We have been reminded By the Bishops' Conference of the need for ventilation in the church, so when coming to Church, **please wrap up in warm clothes.** Although the heating is on the heat dissipates quickly as we have to leave the doors open.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER TICKETS ON SALE

**£1. Be in it to win it".**

**PRO-LIFE MONTHLY MASS:** Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Avenue, Glasgow,  
15th December at 7.30 p.m. Adoration begins at 6.15 p.m. and Confession will be available.  
Celebrant: Fr. Bernard Mourmian.

### ADVENT

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

#### December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,  
guiding creation with power and love:  
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

#### December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,  
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

#### December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,  
sign of God's love for all his people:  
come to save us without delay!

### GAUDETE SUNDAY

The third Sunday of Advent is known as "Gaudete Sunday." Gaudete means joy.

In the readings, we hear about miracles associated with the Messianic age, its coming, and what we need to do to prepare.

We also learn about the doubts of John the Baptist, how he dealt with them, and the blessing that makes us even more fortunate than John was.

Advent is the season of preparing for the arrival of the Lord Jesus (both his first coming and his second coming), and by the third Sunday of Advent, we are most of the way through the season.

Thus it is appropriate to rejoice as we see the goal of the season approaching: "The Lord is near."