



## SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

### Bulletin for the First Sunday of Advent - Beginning of the New Liturgical year - 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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## THE SEASON OF ADVENT 2025

**T**oday marks the beginning of the Season of Advent and new Liturgical Year. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin phrase *Adventus Domini* and simply means 'the Coming of the Lord'.



### THE TWO 'COMINGS' OF OUR LORD

The Season, which spans the period from today until Christmas Eve, has a twofold character, in which Lord's *two Comings* are remembered: his First Coming as a child at Bethlehem. Likewise, his Second Coming at the end of time, to bring the world to its completion.

### THE COLOUR OF THE SEASON

The liturgical colour of Advent is purple - not the 'royal' purple of Lent, which is rich and vivid in tone, but 'indigo' purple, which is much paler. Historically, the indigo purple of Advent was 'bluer' in tone - a nod to Our Blessed Lady, whose role in the first Advent was so important when she carried in her womb, the Messiah, sent from heaven. This year we will use a new 'indigo' set of Sunday and Weekday chasubles (Mass vestments worn by the priest), a cope or cloak, for use at the evening services and matching tabernacle veil. The purple of Advent underlines the *preparatory* nature of the Season: Advent is *not* a penitential time like Lent, but a period of joyful expectation.

### THE USE OF SILVER RATHER THAN GOLD

Following a long-standing tradition of the Church, we will use silver furnishings (candlesticks, processional Cross and thurible etc.) as well as sacred vessels (chalice, ciboria, lavabo jug etc.) this year. This tradition fell into disuse for a considerable period, but in recent years it is enjoying something of a renaissance across the Catholic world. Silver underlines the restrained mood of the Advent Season; a prelude to the joy and glory of Christmastide.

### THE ADVENT WREATH

One of the symbols of the Season is the Advent Wreath, with its evergreens, red berries and four candles. The evergreens represent the life of God which is everlasting and always new; the red berries represent the blood that Christ shed for our sake on the Cross; and the four candles, representing the four Sundays of Advent, with three purple candles and one rose-coloured candle, used on *Gaudete* (or Rejoice) Sunday - the Third Sunday of Advent - the halfway stage in the Season. The Wreath will be blessed at all Masses this weekend.

## WHAT ARE WE DOING AT SAINT BRIDE'S TO MAKE ADVENT A SPECIAL TIME?

### SIMPLE VESPERS OR EVENING PRAYER - SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS 7pm



This year we will pray simple Vespers, by candlelight, before Our Lady's Altar. It includes an Advent Hymn, two Psalms from the Old Testament and a Cantic from the New Testament. Followed by a short Scripture Reading, a brief reflection, Mary's canticle of praise from Saint Luke's Gospel, known as the *Magnificat*. It concludes with Intercessions, the Lord's Prayer, a Concluding Prayer and Blessing. It will last no longer than thirty minutes and is the perfect way to end the day the day, giving thanks for its blessings and praying for God's continual help in the new day that begins tomorrow. Please join us.

### The *Rorate Caeli* Mass - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7am

The Mass is traditionally celebrated just before dawn, in honour of Our Blessed Lady. The Church is illuminated by candles to highlight Mary's role in bringing the Eternal Light, Jesus Christ, into the darkness of the world. Last year this Mass was very well attended, We hope it will be this year too. A *Rorate Caeli* Mass will be celebrated in our neighbouring parish of Our Lady of Lourdes on the Tuesdays and Thursdays of Advent at 7am.



### DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY - Mondays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December 7pm

Gathered at Our Lady's altar we will offer her our day: our joys and sorrows, and ask her to present them to her Son, while commending ourselves to her protection and guidance.

After reciting the Angelus, we will form a torchlight procession and move off to the main part of the Church, where we will recite the Holy Rosary, the Litany of Loreto and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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## MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OF DECEMBER - SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - MASS FOR THE SICK

**T**he Solemnity recalls how Our Lady, when she was conceived in her mother, Saint Anne's, womb, was preserved from all stain of Original Sin. She was immaculately conceived - because she was destined to be the Mother of God. Our 10am Mass on that day will be a Solemn Mass with organ and incense. During Mass, the Anointing with Oil of the Sacrament of the Sick will be given.

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## SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> AND SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER FEAST OF SAINT LUCY - PATRON OF THE SENSE OF SIGHT

**A**fter Mass on Saturday morning, and at the three weekend Masses for the Third Sunday of Advent, we will offer individual blessings with Relic of Saint Lucy. Her name means 'light' in Latin, and for this reason, the fourth century martyr is invoked as the Patron Saint of good eyesight and for interceding for those with problems with their vision. Please come to receive a blessing today.



## SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER - ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Please use the opportunity to make a good Confession in preparation for Christmas

9.30am - 10am - Father McGachey, 10.30am - 11am- Father Martin, 11am-12noon - Visiting Priest, 12noon - 1pm - Visiting Priest, 1pm-2pm - Visting Priest, 2pm-3.15pm - Father Martin, 3.15pm-4.20pm - Father McGachey, From the end of the Vigil Mass until 6pm - Father McGachey



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from the end of 10am Mass until 4.15pm. The Holy Rosary will be recited at 9.30am, 12noon and 2pm, followed by the Litany of Loreto.



## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND COFFEE MORNING

Tickets for our Annual Christmas Raffle will be on sale today before and after Holy Mass. Prizes this year include: a Fortnum and Mason's Luxury Christmas Hamper, a Cash Prize of £150, Magnums of Moet and Chandon Champagne, a bottle of Johnnie Walker Blue Label whisky, signed Celtic FC ball and other memorabilia, a 55Inch Smart Television, amongst many other items.

We are looking for donations of bottles for the Bottle Stall at the Christmas Coffee Morning which will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses. These can be handed into the sacristy at any point. All the proceeds from the Raffle and Christmas Coffee Morning will go to the Parish, to help us face the winter months with renewed confidence. Thank you.

## 200 CLUB - THIS WEEK'S WINNER IS JOHN HASTINGS

## FROM THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

This is the final week of our programme of Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation in the Parish Hall with an early start time of 9.15am. Our normal Children's Liturgy programme will focus on Advent, the coming of the baby Jesus, for the next few week, and will start at 9.30am in the back room of the Parish Hall.

## CANON RYAN'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Our annual appeal for Christmas gifts and toys for less fortunate children in the East End of Glasgow begins today and will run until the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> December. The items can be left beside the gate to the Choir Loft - since the Church is open each day, the gifts will taken after each Mass to the Library. Please do not wrap any gifts. Thank you for your generosity and support.

## THE STALL

Copies of 'My day by day' for December are now on sale at the Stall - £1.00. New Christmas merchandise is on display too, including Cribs, Christmas ornaments and Christmas Cards.

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## PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL** - Monica McShane, Mary Easton, Mary Connor (Canada), Margaret Rose McMahon, Richard O'Donnell, Owen O'Donnell, Jean Lafferty, Frank Kirk, Mary O'Brien, Margaret Murphy, Brian Ewing, Alan MacDonald, Jan Milligan, Catherine McLean, Nessie McFadyen, Noreen Lockhart, Margaret Hannigan, Patricia Carey, Anne McDowell, Paul McCartney, Kevin McCann, Gayle Cochran, Merisa Todd, James McLean, Elizabeth Kyle, Thomas Quinn, Chris McElroy, Danny McCash, Theresa Tierney, Paul Ellis, Colette Roxburgh, John Paul Quinn, John Saroli, Lizann O'Hare, Susan and Robin Topping, Arthur Connor (Canada), Thomas Finnigan (Prestwick), George Kelman, Linda Simi, Ann Marie Kane. Rosemary Maley, Peter Friel, Molly and Robert Ward, Noreen Lockhart, John Convery, Morag Mitchell.

**RECENTLY DEAD** - Michael Maguire, Margaret Reilly, Deborah Hart, David Fullerton, Marion Greenan, Alan Dunbar, Colin Lindsay, David Blake, Daniel Aird, James Deighan, Alexandra Guinness, Paul Oliphant, Darmuid Falconer.

**ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES** - Thomas Crawford, Eugene and Jean Meehan, Noel Kurdell, Nancy Corrigan, Pasquale Usai, Margaret Miller, Stuart McNabb, Dorothy St Clement, Joseph McDevitt, Elizabeth Burns, Jean O'Neil.

### FUNERALS

**Marion Greenan** - Details to be confirmed.

**Alan Dunbar** - Reception, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6pm. Requiem Mass, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 10am.

**Colin Lindsay** - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Co-op Funeral Parlour at 12.45pm.

**David Blake** - Reception, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Requiem Mass, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.

**Daniel Aird** - Reception Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Requiem Mass, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - £3,000. You the Parish or take out a Standing can be made by Bank Transfer, the Parish 10246966 and 80-12-97 or by take you to a secure web page. If offering - the parish will receive a donation you give.



may wish to make a one-off donation to Order in favour of the Parish. Offerings details of which are as follows: St Brides scanning the adjacent QR code. It will you pay Income Tax, you can Giftaid your further 25 percent on the basis of the