



# St. Patrick's Parish



**Canon Paul Gargaro**

**10<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Second Sunday in Advent, Year B**

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## PARISH DIARY

<b>Sunday</b>	10.00am	Mass: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Advent
<b>Monday</b>	9.30am	Mass: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Advent
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	Mass: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Advent
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Mass: Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
	6.30pm	Advent Confessions and Exposition
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30am	Mass: Memorial of John of the Cross
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Mass: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Advent
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Mass: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Advent
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent
<b>Sunday</b>	10.00am	Mass: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

**Collection:**

**£478.40**

**200 Club:** Congratulations to our winners in the Christmas Grand Draw

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £100: Mary McGill

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £50: Gabriel Byrne

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £25: Ian Agnew

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Prizes - £10: Josephine Casey and Andrew Bell

**Parishes Youth Group:** we are excited to announce that we are starting a new Youth Group in cooperation with St Peter's for 11-16 year olds. The monthly meetings begin on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm till 7.30pm, with faith, fun, and food. Interested parents can ask Canon Gargaro for a consent form. This develops our deepening links with St Peter's as part of our pastoral area (alongside our joint RCIA programme) and these links allow both parishes to do things that neither could arrange on their own.

**Caring Sunday:** takes place next Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, supporting the St Nicholas Care Fund. There will be a special collection to support their work and there are packs available at the back of the church this week with newsletters and gift-aid envelopes for you to bring back next weekend.

**Advent Confessions:** we will have our parish extra Confessions for Advent on Wednesday at 6.30pm, and we will be joined by Canon Anthony Gallagher to hear the Confessions. During the time of Confession we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, so please come along to pray even if you don't want to go to Confession here.

As well as the usual times here, there are also daily Confessions in the Cathedral (12.30pm-1pm), in St Aloysius (11.45am-12.15pm), and in St Mungo's (10.30am-11am). St Peter's have Confessions every Tuesday and Thursday from 6.15pm to 6.45pm. The Cathedral will hold a day of Confessions on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – take the chance to go along and prepare for Christmas.



**Advent Big Clean:** will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm, so please come along and help get the church ready for Christmas. We've been promised pizzas for the helpers, so don't miss out!



**Christmas Raffle:** tickets for the raffle will be on sale from this weekend - £1 a strip.

**Christmas Masses:** will be at the usual times of 9pm on Christmas Eve (preceded by carols) and 10am on Christmas Day. Remember that Christmas is a Monday this year, so we all need to attend Mass on Saturday/Sunday and again on Sunday/Monday.

**Hymn Books at Vigil:** We're still looking for a volunteer to hand out the hymn books at the Vigil Mass. All you need to do is come along about 5.30pm and be welcoming to parishioners and visitors alike.

**Flourish:** The new Advent/Christmas edition of Flourish is out now. As ever it's FREE, so take one and pass one on - a great (and easy) act of evangelisation! In this special edition you will find updates on future parish provision, you can have your say on Glasgow's new Catholic Museum, pick up tips on how to evangelise, read a letter from our twin city of Bethlehem and reflect with Pope Francis' on the 800th anniversary of the first crib scene. Online edition at <http://flourishnewspaper.co.uk>

**Wayside Club:** we've been very generous all year in supporting the Wayside Club, but let's make a special effort to end the year with some extra help for the homeless. Please keep donating the usual toiletries and foodstuffs, but hats, scarves, gloves etc., are also needed in this cold weather.



**Christmas Cracker Concert:** If you're looking for a bit of Christmas cheer, our cantor, Jacquelyn, will be singing in the City of Glasgow Chorus on 17 December in the Royal Concert Hall with the orchestra of Scottish Opera. Come for a jubilant and grand Christmas spectacle and enjoy some timeless classics of holiday music! Tickets are available at: <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/event/2/the-city-of-glasgow-chorus-christmas-cracker>.

**St Aloysius College Carol Service:** takes place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm followed by refreshments in the College. All welcome.

**ADVENTure:** Advent Prayer Evening: Tuesday 12th December. FireCloud is holding an Advent evening of Eucharistic adoration, reconciliation and music. Tuesday 12th December, 7-8pm, St. Margaret's Church, Clydebank. All welcome.

**FireCloud Nativity 2023 - 'For those who Wait':** Make the most of Advent by coming to see the Christmas story brought to life in music and drama. Sunday 17th December, 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm) St. Margaret's Church, Clydebank, G81 1AE. Tuesday 19th December, 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm) St. Flannan's Church, Kirkintilloch, G66 2HY. Suggested donation at the door £4 (£10 per family group) - or whatever you can afford. Tea and coffee in the hall afterwards.

**Job Vacancy Abortion Recovery Care & Helpline (ARCH)** is employing a full-time Operations Administrator to join our team based in Glasgow. ARCH is dedicated to promoting the emotional and psychological well-being of service users, by the provision of counselling and support to women, men and families after abortion. To find out more about us and the work we do at ARCH please go to: [www.archtrust.org.uk](http://www.archtrust.org.uk) Contact Louise for an application pack: [louise@archtrust.org.uk](mailto:louise@archtrust.org.uk) Closing date: 18th December. Part-time requests will be considered if two promising candidates match shared availability and hold the excellent organisation skills needed to manage a shared role.



**Donations:** We have created a QR code for donations in response to requests from younger members of our parish who don't carry cash! Just scan the code and it will take you to a donation page. Don't forget to Gift Aid your donation if you pay tax.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Deaths**

**Anniversary**

Agnes Reilly, Rosaleen Melough

Frank Glover, Charles Craig, Mary Ann Cassidy

