

## St. Patrick's Parish





## 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Fourth Sunday in Advent, Year B

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## **PARISH DIARY**

	10.00am	Mass: 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
Sunday	8.40pm	Carol Service
	9.00pm	Midnight Mass for Christmas
Monday	10.00am	Christmas Day Mass
Tuesday	9.30am	Mass: Feast of St Stephen
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass: Feast of St John the Evangelist
Thursday	9.30am	Mass: Feast of the Holy Innocents
Friday	9.30am	Mass: Octave of Christmas
Saturday	9.30am	Mass: Octave of Christmas
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday	10.00am	Mass: Feast of the Holy Family
	6.00pm	Exposition & Benediction in
		Thanksgiving for our 125 <sup>th</sup>
		Anniversary Year
Monday	10.00am	Mass: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of
		God (New Year's Day)

Collection: £648.40

**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.

**Welcome Home:** if you have returned to the Parish for Christmas to see loved ones, and a warm welcome to any visitors who are here for the Christmas Season. We are delighted to welcome you to our Parish celebrations during the Christmas Season.

**Caring Sunday:** thank you for your donations of £300.10 in support of the St Nicholas Care Fund last week.

**Twelve Days of Christmas:** Tamara has prepared some ideas for families to do any activity each day over the school holidays. She has given these out in school or you can follow them on Facebook. There are also some packs available after Mass.

**Weekdays:** apart from Christmas Day, all the Masses this week are at the usual times. The church will only be open for Mass this week.



**New Year's Eve**: New Year marks the end of our 125th Anniversary year, and to conclude the celebration we will have an hour of Exposition next Sunday from 6pm to 7pm, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Crib:** Please do take the chance to pray at the Crib, especially for peace in the Holy Land and for family life here at home. There will be a collection basket next to the crib to raise money for St Margaret's Adoption Society. Please be generous in supporting them.



**New Bishop of Galloway:** please pray for Father Frank Dougan, currently parish priest in East Kilbride, who was this week announced as the new Bishop of Galloway in succession to our own Archbishop Nolan. The Bishop-elect was a seminarian at the same time as Canon Gargaro and works with him in the Tribunal.

Parish Raffle Prizes- the raffle was drawn last Saturday after the morning Mass. Most prizes have been collected but there are still a few to be claimed. A list of Prizewinners is on the notice board. Please check to see if you have been a winner and then collect your prize. Many thanks for all who donated prizes and all who bought tickets. A special thanks is due to Irene and Rosaleen for all their hard work. £410 was raised in total.

**Christmas Confessions:** if you still need to get to Confession for Christmas there are the usual Confessions before 6pm Mass and 10am Mass this weekend.

**Advent Big Clean:** thank you to all those who came along and helped clean the church in preparation for Christmas. Also to those who set up the tree and who are preparing the nativity scene.

**Parishes Youth Group:** we had a great evening at the first of our parish youth groups and hopefully the future meetings will be just as good. More details of next meeting shortly.

**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.



**Young Adult St. Mungo City Pilgrimage Walk**: Join RCAG Youth and other young adults on Sat 13th Jan 2024 to celebrate the City's Patron Saint whilst walking off some of those pigs n blankets! 18 – 35 year olds welcome. 1000 – 1500. Pilgrimage Walk – Mass – Pub. www.tinyurl.com/stmungowalk

**St Mungo Festival 2024**: The upcoming St Mungo Festival, celebrating Glasgow's patron saint in a series of free events, talks and concerts throughout the city, takes place from 8 to 14 January 2024. Among the events are Professor Elaine Moohan talking about the music heard in Glasgow Cathedral up to and beyond the Reformation; the 'Opening of the Vita Kentigerni': readings and song in praise of St Mungo at the Mitchell Library and a concert in honour of Saints Mungo, Ninian and Brigid performed by Alan Tavener with the Strathclyde University Chamber Choir. Full details and booking on our website: stmungofestival.co.uk.



**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** John Casey, Grace Crawley, Pascal Azie, John

Barron

**Anniversary** Tommy O'Hagan, John Lee,

Anthony Roper, Jan McMail, Patrick Roper, Catherine Quinn, Mary Ann Flanagan, Steven

Cairney, Helen Hamill

Christmas Remembrances: Eddie Hart, Margaret & Harry Sloan, O'Brien

Family, McFadden Family

**Funeral:** the Funeral Mass for John Casey takes place on Tuesday 9th January at 9.30am, with the Reception of his Remains immediately before Mass. Please pray for him and his family.