

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### ADVENT

*In Advent the Church prepares to celebrate Christmas, when we recall Christ's first Coming. As we remember so also we look forward in faith to his Second Coming at the end of time. It is a period of joyful hope. In the first part of Advent (until the 17th), we concentrate on the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time, while the first Coming at Christmas is recalled particularly from the 17th. December when Christ is seen as the fulfilment of the hope of Israel.*

*Violet (purple) is the colour of the season and the use of flowers and musical instruments is restrained until Christmas.*

### TODAY:

#### **1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*We also begin a new year in the life of the Church. Our Sunday readings will be from Year C of the Lectionary, the Year of St. Luke.*

### TUESDAY:

**ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE,  
PRINCIPAL PATRON OF SCOTLAND.**

**Friday:** St. Francis Xavier (1506-1552),  
Priest & Religious, Patron of the Missions.

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## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

### NOVEMBER 2021

**People Who Suffer From Depression** We pray that people who suffer from depression or burnout will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

### DECEMBER 2021

**Catechists** Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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### PARISH PRAYERS

**We pray for all who are ill or housebound.  
In particular, we remember:**

Emma Sinclair, Maureen Houston,  
John O'Donnell, Nancy Mew,  
Jessica Glover, Caroline McNeil,  
Joanne King, Teddy O'Neil.

All those who are suffering  
from the consequences  
of the current pandemic.

**We pray for all who have died recently,  
R.I.P., especially,**

**Helen (Ella) Anderson,  
Betty Glancy, Janet Martin.**

**We remember those whose anniversaries  
are at this time, R.I.P.**

Molly McBride, Susan Cuffe,  
Baby Scott Walker, Mattie Gregory,  
Eileen Rudge.

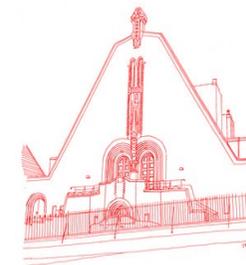
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## ST. PATRICK'S BULLETIN

St. Patrick's Presbytery,  
5 Orangefield Place,  
Greenock, PA15 1YX.

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard Gallagher



### 28th. November 2021

### 1st. SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**SUNDAY MASS: Saturday Vigil; 5.30pm Sunday: 9.30am & 11.00am**

**Sunday Readings: 1st. Sunday of Advent: Year C**

**WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday-Saturday: 10.00am**

**Weekday Readings: 1st. Week of Advent**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday-Friday: 9.00-9.30am**

**PENANCE & RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 10.30am (in the Cry Chapel) & on request.**

**Divine Office: 1st. Week of Advent: Psalms: Week 1**

**Baptism: Sunday after 11.00am Mass**

**Marriage: Please give at least 6 month's notice of Marriage.**

### TODAY'S LITURGY

**1st. Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16**

*I will make a virtuous branch for David.*

**Response to the Psalm: Psalm 24**

**R./ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

**2nd. Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2**

*May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness  
when Christ comes.*

**THE GOSPEL: Luke 21.25-28,34-36**

*Your liberation is near at hand.*

**Today's Liturgy:** The prophets were great interpreters of their own time. When Jeremiah spoke of a virtuous branch for David, he's not predicting the birth of Jesus: he's expressing a hope for a worthy successor of David in his own time, a time of crisis. Likewise, when Jesus speaks about days ahead, he doesn't want people to dream about them: he wants them to prepare for the future by acting NOW, and this is our own Advent programme too.



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

**In the Parish Hall to help:  
Sunday 12.00pm & Tuesday: 7.00pm  
Parish helpline, please call:  
07907876505.**



Telephone: 01475 720223

E-mail: [stpatrick@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:stpatrick@rcdop.org.uk)

Website: [www.stpatricksgreenock.info](http://www.stpatricksgreenock.info)

Twitter: [@stpatricksrcdop](https://twitter.com/stpatricksrcdop)

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We begin the Children's Liturgy again **this Sunday**, the **First Sunday of Advent**, Thank you to all who have volunteered and re-volunteered to help. If you think you could help, please speak to Fr. Gerry or one of the Team.

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**THANK YOU** for the **£953.04** given in the **Offertory Collection** last weekend and for the **£333.45** given in the Special Collection for **Education Sunday**.

**NEXT WEEKEND:** Special collection for the **Building Fund**.

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**200 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS** Marie will be in the Hall after 11.00am Mass to collect names for the new year, beginning this month.

You can pay your subscription by putting it in an envelope and placing it in the Offertory basket or through the door of the Presbytery. Please remember to put your **name, address and 200 Club** on the front of the Envelope.

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### YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

The year dedicated to St Joseph will be formally closed by Bishop John with **Mass** in **St. Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley**, on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**, at **7.00pm**. All welcome.

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### DONATIONS FOR MIGRANT HELP – DIOCESE OF PAISLEY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Due to an overwhelming response to this appeal we closed the drop-off on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. A huge thanks to everyone who has donated.

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### MARRIAGE AND FAMILY WEBPAGE

The Diocese has a dedicated page on the website for Marriage and Family life. It contains a wealth of information, support and resources for many aspects of this important vocation. For more information please visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/marriage-family-life-2>

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**CAROLS AT CAPIELOW** on **Sunday 12th. December, 4.00pm-5.00pm**, at Greenock Morton's Cappielow Football Ground. Admission free, tea and coffee on arrival. ALL WELCOME.

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### RE-OPENING OUR CHURCHES

#### SUNDAY MASS

If you are a regular Mass goer at St. Patrick's, please register for Sunday Mass:

1. by using the **QR Code** which is posted at the doors of the church
- or
2. by registering with a Pass-keeper at the door as you enter the Church.

### ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

Go to **Youtube** and then "**St Patrick's Greenock, Live Stream Mass**" or use the direct link on our parish website: [www.stpatricksgreenock.info](http://www.stpatricksgreenock.info)

### THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Today we begin the reading of the Gospel of St. Luke as our Sunday Gospel during Year C of the three year cycle of readings at Sunday Mass. Luke also wrote a second book, the Acts of the Apostles, giving an account of what happened after the Ascension of Jesus.

Luke was not one of the Apostles or an eyewitness to the life and work of Jesus. He was probably well educated with a Greek background and used Mark & Matthew's Gospels as sources. His Gospel is aimed at Greek Speaking, non-Jewish converts to Christianity in the cities of the eater part of the Roman Empire. This is why he links up some of the Gospel events with Roman history, for example when he links the birth of Jesus with the census called by Caesar Augustus.

Running through the story is the tragedy of the Jewish people, who having waited so long for their Messiah, failed to recognise or accept him when he came.

However, Luke is also a great story teller who presents salvation as a joyous surprise—often recounting how people praise and thank God for what Jesus has done.

To him we owe some of the great parables and stories of God's love and mercy, the stories of Jesus' birth and childhood, the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, Zacchaeus. There is also a great concern for the poor and those in need and constant warnings of the dangers of wealth. Luke's Gospel is Good News for the poor and for those on the margins, the tax collectors and sinners, the non-Jewish people. He gives a prominent role to women.