



## *Blessed John Dun Scotus Parish*

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*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A B C D)*

*3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023*

<u>Sacrament of Penance</u>	<u>Sunday Mass</u>	<u>Weekday Mass</u>
<b>Saturday:</b> Before 10:00am Mass & 5.00pm to 5.20pm	Vigil mass: (Saturday) 5.30pm	<b>Monday to Saturday:</b> 10:00am
<b>Tuesday:</b> Before 10 am Mass & after 8pm Novena	<b>Sunday:</b> 10.00 am 12 noon 6.00 pm	<b>St Antony's Novena:</b> <b>Tuesday:</b> 10am & 8pm



### **FRANCISCAN VOCATION**

The Franciscan Community invites enquiries from single Catholic people aged 18-40 pondering a possible vocation in the religious and/or priestly life and Franciscan life ([www.friar.org](http://www.friar.org)) If interested please contact Br Donal via email: [brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk)



"My Lord Jesus Christ, I implore you to enlighten me  
and to disperse the darkness of my soul.  
Give me true faith, firm hope and perfect Charity.  
Grant me, O Lord, to know you so well, that in all things I may  
act by your light and in accordance with your holy will."  
(St Francis' prayer for guidance)

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

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MONDAY EVENING, BETWEEN 6pm AND 7pm.**

**Don't put it off - make the time to spend with Our Lord**

## **Introduction: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Advent is a time of watchfulness. We are waiting for the final coming of Christ at the end of time. And we are also waiting for his coming to us at the time of our death. Since both times are hidden from us, we should maintain a state of watchfulness so that we are ready to meet the Lord at any moment.

### **Today's Readings:**

**First Reading:** (Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8)

*The prophet recalls God's past goodness to his people, and pleads with him to save them from their present sinfulness.*

**Response to Psalm:**      **GOD OF HOSTS BRING US BACK;  
LET YOUR FACE SHINE ON US AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.**

**Second Reading:** (1<sup>st</sup> Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9)

*As we await the coming of Christ in glory, the Holy Spirit keeps us steadfast in bearing witness to him.*

**Gospel:** (Mark 13:33-37)

*We need to stay awake at our appointed tasks, because we do not know the hour when Jesus, our Master, will return.*

### **Feast Days (this week):**

Monday (4<sup>th</sup> December) St. John Damascene (Memorial)

Wednesday (6<sup>th</sup> December) St. Nicholas (Memorial)

Thursday (7<sup>th</sup> December) St. Ambrose (Memorial)

Friday (8<sup>th</sup> December) The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Solemnity)

Saturday (9<sup>th</sup> December) St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoazin (Memorial)

### **THANKSGIVING PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**

*Jesus, my God, You are now in me and I in You.*

*Each of us has eaten at your table.*

*May we always be close to You and to each other, as children of one family.*

*We praise You, we adore You,*

*we thank You for coming to us. Amen*

**Penitential Service Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. All are invited to attend**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023** is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Church being dedicated to Blessed John Duns Scotus. Can we do something special? Suggestions please!

**\*\*Vigil Christmas Mass: REMINDER!** The Christmas Eve Mass shall be at 8pm on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, at which a special dedication of the Crib will take place. Christmas Day Masses will be as usual (10am and 12noon) with **NO EVENING MASS.**

**Christmas is coming just in case you've forgotten!** For us in a Franciscan Parish this year has a greater significance because we will be celebrating 800 years since the first Crib was built by St Francis at Greccio in 1223. So, we need to make a special effort at celebrating this feast of the Birth of our Lord. I ask for volunteers to help polish all the brasses and contribute ideas for our special memorial Crib.

## **\*\*VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

**PLEASE, CAN YOU SPARE ONE HOUR TO HELP CLEAN THE CHURCH ON THURSDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2023 BETWEEN 6.30pm AND 9.00pm?**

**\*\*BJDS 500 CLUB** (Draw for November, 2023)

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Ann Murray £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Sinead Carr £50, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Morag Conner £25.

Congratulations to our lucky winners! New members are always welcome!

**\*\*Carols for Peace:** Hosted by the Lord Provost's office, this will take place on **Sunday**

**17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 3.00pm in Glasgow City Chambers**, George Square. Doors open at 2.30pm. Join the Lord Provost and other civic leaders, along with Glasgow Churches Together leaders. Supported by the St Mungo's Singers, Ukrainian Singers, the Salvation Army Band, South Side Fiddlers, St Denis' Primary School piper, harpist, and a music ensemble. There will be prayers for peace throughout the world and in particular Bethlehem, Glasgow's twin city. Refreshments afterwards, all welcome.

There will be a collection for the Lord Provost's Fund for Children. **\*\*Abba's**

**Vineyard:** "Advent Evening of Adoration with Fr Gladson Dabre OSA. Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 5-9pm, for ages 18-35. You are welcome to join us as we take time this advent to gather in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Our evening will also include the opportunity for confession, mass and fellowship over a meal. Please send us a message if you have any questions. 5pm-Confession, 5:30pm-Vigil Mass, 6:30pm-Dinner, 7:30pm-Evening Service. Address - Bl John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater Street, Glasgow, G5 0YT. Organised by Abba's Vineyard. For more information search, @abbasvineyard, on social media, or email: [abbasvineyard@gmail.com](mailto:abbasvineyard@gmail.com)."

**South Deanery Newsletter Issue no 1. Now available Please take and read carefully. This affects all the Catholics on the Southside!!**

**Hoping Against Hope:** Friday 8 December. St Aloysius' Church, Garnethill. Following 5.30 p.m. Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Father Mathew Bomki of the St Aloysius Jesuit Community will lead an Advent Evening of Reflection and Prayer on Isaiah 11. Fr Bomki will look at the text from Isaiah in ways that connect the hopes and fears of the people in Isaiah's time and the times surrounding Jesus' birth with those of people today particularly in his home country of Cameroon. *"The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them."*

*Old Jokes: After a Church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to be a priest when I grow up." "That's okay with us," she said, "but what made you decide that?" "Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to Church on Sunday anyway and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit down and listen!"*

**Let us pray for the sick.**

*Heal your servants, Lord, who are sick. Send them health and comfort from your holy place.*

**We remember all the sick of our Parish, our families, and friends. All those who are sick at home, in Hospitals, Care Homes, and Hospices.**

**For those who have died recently:** John Curran, James Doherty, Mary Doherty, Tommy Downs, Michael (Mick) Duffy, Mrs M Fraser, Gemma McDonagh, Seamus Ward (Donegal).

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Patrick Greene (3<sup>rd</sup>), Betty Herridge, James Kelly (Snr), Michael McFadden (2<sup>nd</sup>), Margaret McLean, Thomas Reilly.

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**\*\*PARENTS/GUARDIANS WANTING BAPTISM FOR THEIR CHILDREN ARE ASKED TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, AT 7PM.**

**Collections Sunday: 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.**

**1<sup>st</sup>: £421.72, Gift Aid: £250.50, 2<sup>nd</sup>: £415.54: (Education Sunday)**

**Second Collection: 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2023: (Development)**

**GIFT AID: *We are all experiencing difficulties with Gas and Electricity Bills.***

***A good way to help with our Church Bills is to Gift Aid your weekly donation.***

***If you are a Tax payer then an additional 25% can be claimed at no extra cost to yourself. Please ask for Form and Envelopes if able to participate in this!***

**REFLECTION**

**ADVENT: A TIME OF HOPE**

It is said that while there is life there is hope.

This has an even deeper in reverse:

while there is hope there is life.

Hope is strength.

Hope sheds light into despairing hearts.

It inspires the will to live.

It is the doctor's most powerful ally.

It is a shield against defeat and failure.

It revives ideals and renews dreams.

As long as there is hope, no situation is impossible.

Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope

for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In the final analysis, he is our hope.

***Parish meeting after exposition on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Important meeting getting ready for Advent and Christmas***