



# Blessed John Dun's Scotus Parish


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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year C) Caring Sunday

<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>
<p><b>Saturday:</b> Before 10am Mass &amp; 5pm to 5.20pm</p> <p><b>Tuesday:</b> Before 10am Mass &amp; after 8pm Novena</p>	<p>Vigil mass: (Saturday) 5.30pm</p> <p><b>Sunday:</b> 10am 12noon</p>	<p><b>Monday to Saturday:</b> 10am</p> <p><b>St Antony's Novena:</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday:</b> 10am &amp; 8pm</p> 

### 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)



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*"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)*

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**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TAKES PLACE EVERY  
MONDAY EVENING, AND ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - NEXT  
WILL BE 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY, 2025, BETWEEN 6pm AND 7pm.**

**Evening Prayer:** Each Monday evening at 5.45pm, the Franciscan Community prays Evening Prayer in the church (Divine Office). All are welcome to join us. Evening Prayer is followed by Eucharistic adoration.

**Introduction: (Third Sunday of Advent Year - 'C' / Caring Sunday)**

There is a clear note of rejoicing in today's liturgy. (This is known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The word *Gaudete* means rejoice.) The basis for this rejoicing is the nearness of the Lord. As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, the Lord is very near us. Indeed, he is in our midst.

**Today's Readings:**

**First Reading:** (Zephaniah 3:14-18a) Jerusalem is urged to rejoice because God stands in her midst. We too can take heart from this message of hope.

**Response to Psalm: SHOUT ALOUD AND SING PRAISE,  
FOR GREAT IN YOUR MIDST IS THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL.**

**Second Reading:** (Philippians 4:4-7) Paul urges us to rejoice in the Lord, and to let go of anxiety by living in a spirit of prayer and thanksgiving.

**Gospel:** (Luke 3:10-18) John the Baptist tells the people what they must do to prepare for the Lord's coming, and to escape his searching judgement.

**Feast Days (this week):**

Saturday (21<sup>st</sup> December) St. Peter Canisius (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*

**\*\*Advent Day of Confessions:** There will be a Day of Confessions on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December in St Andrew's Cathedral. Priests will be available to hear Confessions from 9am until 5.15pm.

**\*\*The Knights of Saint Columba (KSC):** are organising the KSC National Youth and Young People's Competition 2024-2025. All youth and young people (4 - 18 Years) are specially invited and encouraged to participate actively in these competitions.

1. Christmas Photography (Deadline: Tuesday, 7th January 2025)
2. Nativity Scene Painting (Deadline: Monday, 3rd February 2025)
3. Easter Scene Painting (Deadline: Monday, 28th April 2025)
4. Easter Photography (Deadline: Wednesday, 7th May 2025)
5. Prayer Composition (Deadline: Tuesday, 20th May 2025)
6. Essay Writing (Deadline: Tuesday, 20th May 2025)

The respective competition rules and further details are found in the link: <https://tinyurl.com/KSCYouthYoungCompetition2425>  
For more info contact: youth-province1@ksc.org

**\*\*Appeal for Wool - "Care 2 Knit":** If you can donate wool (of all types and colours), it will be very much appreciated. If able to assist, please call or text Anna Malone on 07469 893292. Thank you.

## PRAYERS FOR YOUR FAMILY'S ADVENT WREATH (week 3)

**Advent Wreath Blessing:** Dear Jesus, as we light the candle on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends and be with all those who are in need this blessed season. Amen

**Third week of Advent:** Light the first and second purple candles, and the pink candle, the Shepherd's Candle, representing joy. During this third week of Advent, we are filled with joy for the renewed gift of Jesus in our lives at Christmas. Let us reflect on the joy that the Lord wants to bring us.

**Advent Wreath Prayer:** Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts full of gratitude to your manger on Christmas Day. Amen.

## CHRISTMAS PERIOD MASS TIMES: (Please retain for your use)

MONDAY (23<sup>rd</sup> December) -----10am

TUESDAY (24<sup>th</sup> December) -----10am, 6pm (vigil) and 9pm (vigil)  
(no evening St. Antony Novena)

(WEDNESDAY (25<sup>th</sup> December)-10am and 12noon

(Christmas Day (NO evening Mass)

THURSDAY (26<sup>th</sup> December)-----10am

FRIDAY (27<sup>th</sup> December)-----10am

SATURDAY (28<sup>th</sup> December)-----5.30pm (vigil)

SUNDAY (29<sup>th</sup> December)-----10am and 12 noon

MONDAY (30<sup>th</sup> December)-----10am

TUESDAY (31<sup>st</sup> December)-----10am (no evening St. Antony Novena)

(WEDNESDAY (1<sup>st</sup> January)-----10am

(New Years Day

THURSDAY (2<sup>nd</sup> January)-----10am

**\*\*Advent Prayer Service:** Tuesday 17th December from 6:15 to 9pm in St Conval's, Hapland Road, Pollok, Glasgow G535NT. The theme is *The Power of Confession and a Reflection on God's Love for Us*. Talk by Joe Livingstone, Exposition, Prayer and Confession. All welcome.

**\*\*REMEMBER: Cancer Research - Used Battery Appeal:** Cancer Research are collecting used batteries. Please hand them direct to the Cancer Research shop within the Crown Street Shopping Centre, or at our reception desk in the atrium.

**\*\*Justice & Peace Scotland** December-February 2024/25 newsletter. See all the latest activities and campaigning across the J&PS network in the latest quarterly newsletter, available at [www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk](http://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk). Includes all the information as to how you can become involved and play your part.

15<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

**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:** Beatrice Bell, Annemarie Flynn, Michele Goold, Philomena McFadden, Sinéad Molloy, John O'Brien, Marie Paton.

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Harry Allen, Agnes Armstrong, Maria DeCrem, Michael & Bella Ferry, Agnes Hoy, Susan Junnor (6mth), Anne Leonard (1<sup>st</sup>), Sarah McCafferty, Michael & Teresa O'Donnell.

**For names to appear in the BULLETIN,** envelope **MUST** be clearly marked "BULLETIN" (in BLOCK CAPITALS) followed by "LD" (Lately Dead) or "ANNIVERSARY".  
**FOR DATA PROTECTION PURPOSES, IF "BULLETIN" IS NOT SHOWN ON ANY REQUEST, THEN NAME(S) WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN BULLETIN.**

**Collections Sunday:** (8<sup>th</sup> December, 2024).

1<sup>st</sup>: £574.97, Gift Aid: £242.00, 2<sup>nd</sup>: £335.00 (Development Fund)

Second Collection: 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 (St. Nicholas Care Fund)

**\*\*Pro-Life Mass:** The monthly Pro-Life Mass will take place on Wednesday, 18th December at 7.30pm at Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm. Tea in the hall afterwards. All welcome. Celebrant will be Fr Matthew Carlin

**\*\*Flourish Holy Year Edition:** The latest edition is out now. Take a FREE copy home today, or read online at [www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk](http://www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk)

**\*\*Christmas Crib - Legion of Mary:** Each year, Legion of Mary members take out Christmas Cribbs to display in public places, to remind those they meet about the real meaning of Christmas. Those met are invited to come and visit the crib. Locally, the crib will be at Argyle Street from 12pm until 2pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Your prayers are asked for the success of this annual Christmas project.

**\*\*Parish Social:** Tickets for the Parish Social on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 **ARE NOW AVAILABLE** from the Piety Stall and members of the Parish Committee.

**\*\*CHRISTMAS GIFT TREE:** THANK YOU to all who are donating to our Christmas Gift Tree. Each donation with gift tag is due to be returned this weekend. However, if you will miss the deadline, please let us have your gift as soon as possible thereafter.

**Mass Attendance (08.12.2024)**

83 @ 5.30pm (Vigil) / 107 @ 10am / 142 @ 12noon / TOTAL 332

**\*\*VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:**

**PLEASE, CAN YOU SPARE ONE HOUR TO HELP CLEAN THE CHURCH ON THURSDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2024 BETWEEN 6.30pm and 8.30pm?**

## **Sacrament Dates: Meetings and Classes**

All parents/Guardians of those children preparing for and due to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation, and First Eucharist, should have received letters from both parish and St Francis School along with dates of parish preparations and celebrations for each appropriate Sacrament. If for any reason a parent/Guardian of a child due for such a Sacrament has not received such information (especially if not at St Francis school or attending a non-Catholic school), please contact fr. Dónal, or fr. Caoimhín at [info@blessedjohnndunsscotusparish.org](mailto:info@blessedjohnndunsscotusparish.org). The Parish Preparation Sessions below are obligatory and to be attended by child and parent/guardian prior to reception and celebration of each Sacrament.

**\*\*\*NOTE THE CHANGE TO TIMES OF CLASSES FOR EACH SACRAMENT\*\*\***

**ALL CLASS TIMES ARE NOW 5.30pm TO 6.30pm (not 7pm)**

**Booklets for Confirmation:** Preparation and Archbishop's letter are available, for all candidates, only from Theresa Kane at the Piety Stall between 5 and 5.25pm.

### **Sacrament Dates, Meetings and Classes**

**RECONCILIATION:** BJDS: Fri, 21<sup>st</sup> March (1.15pm)  
**PARENTS MEETING:** BJDS: Wed, 26<sup>th</sup> February (6 - 7pm)  
**CATECHIST CLASSES:** BJDS: Wed, 12<sup>th</sup> March (5.30 - 6.30)  
BJDS: Wed, 19<sup>th</sup> March (5.30 - 6.30)

**FIRST EUCHARIST:** BJDS: Sat, 10<sup>th</sup> May (11am)  
**PARENTS MEETING:** , BJDS: Wed, 2<sup>nd</sup> April (6 - 7pm)  
**CATECHIST CLASSES:** BJDS: Wed, 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr (5.30 - 6.30pm)  
Wed, 30<sup>th</sup> Apr (5.30 - 6.30pm)  
Wed, 7<sup>th</sup> May (5.30 - 6.30pm)

**CONFIRMATION: HOLY CROSS:** Tues, 4<sup>th</sup> Feb (7pm)  
**PARENTS MEETING: BJDS: Wed, 8<sup>th</sup> Jan (6 - 7pm)**  
**CATECHIST CLASSES:** BJDS: Thurs, 16<sup>th</sup> Jan, 5.30 - 6.30  
BJDS: Thurs, 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 5.30 - 6.30  
BJDS: Thurs, 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 5.30 - 6.30

**ENROLMENT MASS: BJDS: Sun, 19<sup>th</sup> Jan (10am)**