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4th Sunday of Advent (Year C)
22nd December, 2024

| Sacrament of Penance | Sunday Mass | Weekday Mass |
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| <p>Saturday: Before 10am Mass & 5pm to 5.20pm</p> <p>Tuesday: Before 10am Mass & after 8pm Novena</p> | <p>Vigil mass: (Saturday) 5.30pm</p> <p>Sunday: 10am 12noon</p> | <p>Monday to Saturday: 10am</p> <p>St Antony's Novena:</p> <p>Tuesday: 10am & 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) If interested please contact Br Donal via email: 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 TAKES PLACE EVERY
MONDAY EVENING, AND ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - NEXT
WILL BE 3rd 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: (Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C))

In a few days, we celebrate the birthday of Christ. Christ comes, most readily, to those who realise their need of him. Let us draw near to him now, bringing with us our spiritual poverty, wounds, and sins.

Today's Readings:

First Reading: (Micah 5:2-5a) The prophet Micah announces to the beleaguered inhabitants of Jerusalem that a Ruler will come from Bethlehem who will bring them peace.

**Response to Psalm: BRING US BACK, O GOD;
LET YOUR FACE SHINE FORTH, AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.**

Second Reading: (Hebrews 10:5-10) Jesus came, not to offer the sacrifices of the old law, but to do the will of God. His one perfect sacrifice replaced all the former sacrifices.

Gospel: (Luke 1:39-45) Elizabeth praises Mary, and, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, hints at the uniqueness of the child she has conceived.

Feast Days (this week):

Monday (23rd December) St. John of Canty (Memorial)
Wednesday (25th December) The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)
Thursday (26th December) St Stephen
Friday (27th December) St. John
Saturday (28th December) The Holy Innocents

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*

****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. Includes all the information as to how you can become involved and play your part.

****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)

The respective competition rules and further details are found in

the link: <https://tinyurl.com/KSCYouthYoungCompetition2425>

For more info contact: youth-province1@ksc.org

PRAYERS FOR YOUR FAMILY'S ADVENT WREATH (week 4)

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

Fourth week of Advent: Light all four candles. The fourth candle is named the Angel's Candle, representing love. During this final week of Advent, let us rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son.

Advent Wreath Prayer: Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we love and meet. Our hearts are open to you, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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

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

(WEDNESDAY (25th December)-10am and 12noon
(Christmas Day (NO evening Mass)

THURSDAY (26th December)-----10am (ST. STEPHEN'S DAY)

FRIDAY (27th December)-----10am

SATURDAY (28th December)-----5.30pm (vigil)

There is NO 10am Saturday Mass. Instead, there will be a Service of the Word and Eucharist, commencing at 10am.

SUNDAY (29th December)-----10am and 12 noon

MONDAY (30th December)-----10am

TUESDAY (31st December)-----10am (no evening St. Antony Novena)

(WEDNESDAY (1st January)-----10am

(New Years Day

THURSDAY (2nd January)-----10am

****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.

****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.

22nd 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: Sadie Crawford, Fr. Pat Curry, Danny Doherty, Rosemary Kinnear, Georgina M^cGlynn, Edward O’Rolink, Marie Paton, Charles Rooney, Sally Shields, Catherine Shirley, Patrick Smith, Marjory Sweeney, Hugh Thumath.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Anna & James Bowes, Pat Buckley (3rd), Delia Callaghan, Ann Coll (1st), Antoinette Cosgrove, John Crombie, Dan Doherty, Maria DeCrem, Mrs. Dunlop & her son, Peter Hoy, Marie Hughes (10th), John Johnston (34th), Mr & Mrs A. Kerr, May M^cCue (2nd), Kathleen M^cNulty, Hugo Roarty, Owenie Sharkey.

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Collections Sunday: (15th December, 2024).

1st: £601.68, Gift Aid: £221.50, 2nd: £518.34 (St. Nicholas Care Fund)

Second Collection: 22nd December, 2024 (Ecclesiastical Students)

Dates of Confirmation Preparation for all Candidates/Parents to attend.

Note the updated required dates/times. See you at the preparation evenings

PARENTS MEETING: BJDS: Wednesday, 8th Jan, 6.00 - 7 pm

CATECHIST CLASSES: BJDS: Thursday, 16th Jan, 5.30 - 6.30 pm

BJDS: Thursday, 23rd Jan, 5.30 - 6.30 pm

BJDS: Thursday, 30th Jan, 5.30 - 6.30 pm

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

****CHRISTMAS GIFT TREE:** THANK YOU!!! to all who have donated to our Christmas Gift Tree. Your generosity is very much appreciated, by those benefitting from it.

Mass Attendance (15.12.2024)

84 @ 5.30pm (Vigil) / 104 @ 10am / 97 @ 12noon / TOTAL 285

WE, THE FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY, WISH YOU MANY BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR! WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY, LOVING SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR US, AND WE PROMISE TO REMEMBER YOU OFTEN IN OUR PRAYERS AND MASSES.

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. 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, 21st March (1.15pm)
PARENTS MEETING: BJDS: Wed, 26th February (6 - 7pm)
CATECHIST CLASSES: BJDS: Wed, 12th March (5.30 - 6.30)
BJDS: Wed, 19th March (5.30 - 6.30)

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

CONFIRMATION: HOLY CROSS: Tues, 4th Feb (7pm)
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ENROLMENT MASS: BJDS: Sun, 19th Jan (10am)