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1st Sunday of Advent (Year A)

30th November, 2025

<u>Sacrament of Penance</u>	<u>Sunday Mass</u>	<u>Weekday Mass</u>
<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)

Each Monday evening, and on every 1st Friday, from 6pm to 7pm, we have EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, beginning with Evening Prayer (Divine Office) with the Franciscan friars.

From Monday, December 1st, we will have Adoration in Room 2 (to the left as you enter the atrium).

The next First Friday will be 5th DECEMBER, 2025.

Introduction:

Today, as we begin a new liturgical year, the liturgy invites us to come to the house of God, so that God may teach us his ways and help us to walk in his light.

Today's Readings:

First Reading: (Isaiah 2:1-5)

This vision of a world at peace under God challenges Christians to work for this new world which is inaugurated by Christ.

Response to Psalm: LET US GO REJOICING TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

Second Reading: (Romans 13: 11-14a)

This contains a wake-up call, and urges us to turn away from the darkness of evil, and to walk in the light of Christ.

Gospel: (Matthew 24: 37-44)

This Gospel urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day or the hour when Christ will return.

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.

Feast Days (this week):

Monday (1st December) St. Andrew (Solemnity)

Wednesday (3rd December) St. Francis Xavier (Memorial)

Thursday (4th December) St. John Damascene (Memorial)

Saturday (6th December) St. Nicholas (Memorial)

****6th Nigerian Catholic Community Mass of the Year 2025.** Sunday 7th December. St Gregory's Church, 130 Kelvindale Road, Glasgow G20 8DP at 1pm. Highlights: Family Thanksgiving, Kids' Santa, Students' Foodbank, and much more

****Donations for St. Francis School Raffle:** Donations for prizes are still needed for St. Francis School Christmas Raffle and Tombola. Donations may be handed in at the church reception or handed direct into St. Francis School on, or before, 7th December, 2025. Please note, alcohol **CANNOT** be accepted.

**** Wolfgang Hering**, a Pro-Life speaker, will give a talk in the Duns Scotus parish hall on Saturday 13th December from 11am to 12.30pm. Entry is free.

Preparing our children for the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Reconciliation, and First Communion:

Confirmation will be celebrated in Holy Cross church on Tuesday 3rd March (7pm)

Parents/Guardians are a crucial part of sacramental preparation. There will be a meeting for them at BJDS on Wednesday 28th January (6pm)

Enrolment of the children will take place on Sunday 1st February (10am Mass)

The children will receive instruction during the 10 a.m. Mass on the 3 dates below. After the opening prayer of the Mass, they will go to the hall with their catechists and will return for the offertory.

1st Class: Sunday 8th February (10am Mass)

2nd Class: Sunday 15th February (10am Mass)

3rd Class: Sunday 22nd February (10am Mass)

Reconciliation: First confessions will be on Thursday 26th February

For any child due to receive Confirmation but NOT attending St. Francis, or another Catholic school, interested parents/guardians should please contact Fr. Dónal or Fr. Caoimhín, so that their child's preparation can be arranged.

****Parish Advent Penitential Service: Thursday, 11 December at 7pm:** As Christmas approaches, this Penitential Service will provide an opportunity to step aside from our busy everyday lives, through prayer and repentance. Do come and, if you wish, avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

****Advent - A Day of Confessions:** will take place in St. Andrew's Cathedral on Tuesday 16th December. Confessions will begin at 9am through to 4.30pm.

****Giving Tree:** complete with assorted gift tags, is located at the rear of the church. All donations, this year, will go to St Francis Nursing Home, Salvation Army, and The Wayside Club. Donations to be placed in the baskets provided at the tree, from 1st Sunday of Advent to the 3rd Sunday of Advent (14th December). Please take a gift tag, purchase item, wrap and return with tag on. "Thank you", to St. Francis school pupils for creating the colourful gift tags!

****Poor Clare Sisters:** you are invited to the Mass at 7pm on 1st December, 2025 in St. John Ogilvie's church, Blantyre, for the transfer of the Monastery from Bothwell to Blantyre. Everyone welcome.

****Blessing of the Crib:** Glasgow's Blessing of the Crib has been moved to the Glasgow Cathedral Precincts, Castle St. at 6:30pm on 3rd December.

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Let us pray for the sick:

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: Gordon Allen, Bernie Brown, Grace Daly, Joseph Deehan, Martin Doro, Tommy Evans, Moira Farren (née McGowan), Carl Henderson (Ireland), Martin McDonald, John McFadden, Margaret McFadden, Simone Murray, Willy O'Brian, Lily O'Brien, Peter O'Brien, Willie O'Brien.

For those whose anniversaries occur about now: Sadie Crawford (1st), James Kelly Snr (45th), Francis McCarron, Tessie Reilly (15th), George Trimble (38th).

For names to appear in the BULLETIN, envelope **MUST** be endorsed "**BULLETIN**" and specify "**LATELY DEAD**" or "**ANNIVERSARY.**"

Collections Sunday:

23rd November, 2025 1st: £504.47 / 2nd Development: £365.20 / Gift Aid: £382.50

2nd Collection: 30th November, 2025 - Mary's Meals.

****Mary's Meals:** provides life-changing school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest communities. Gerard Doherty (vigil Mass) and George Morehead (10 & 12 Masses) will make an appeal asking for your help.

****Parish Meeting:** the next meeting will take place on Monday, 1st December, at 7pm - upon conclusion of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

****Mass Attendance** (23.11.25)

97 @ 5.30pm (Vigil) / 76 @ 10am / 89 @ 12noon - TOTAL 262.

****Appeal for Wool - "Care 2 Knit":** The colder weather is now with us. If you can donate wool (all types and colours), it will be very much appreciated. To donate, please call or text Anna Malone on 07469 893292. Thank you.

****Advent 2025 at St Joseph's Clarkston:** Reflection sessions Mondays 7 - 9pm. Dec 1, Dec 8 (online) and Dec 15, with a team from the Ignatian Spirituality Centre. A time to prepare for Christmas by reflecting on the Advent scriptures using Ignatian tools. There will be space for personal prayer and community time through our imagination, sacred reading, poetry, and images. Feel free to come along - meeting in the Church. NB: the session on 8th December will be online.

***Jesus, I surrender myself to You; let everything in
my life be in accord with Your will.***