



# Blessed John Duns Scotus Parish

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)

2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2025

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



*"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)

### Christmas Masses

#### Christmas Eve Masses

6:00pm Family Mass & 8:00 pm

#### Christmas Day

10:00 am & 12:00 noon

**NOTE: THERE IS NO EVENING MASS ON  
CHRISTMAS DAY.**





## **Introduction: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)**

As we approach Christmas, the pace of things speed-up, so that the spiritual side tends to get lost. Let us pause to make room in our minds and hearts so that Christ may come to us during this Eucharist.

## **Today's Readings:**

### **First Reading:** (Isaiah 7: 10-14)

This reading foretells the birth of a very special child - a child who will be called Emmanuel, that is: ***God-with-us***.

## **Response to Psalm: LET THE LORD ENTER; HE IS THE KING OF GLORY.**

### **Second Reading:** (St. Paul to the Romans 1: 1-7)

These opening lines from Paul's letter to the Romans draw attention to the human and divine 'roots' of Jesus.

### **Gospel:** (Matthew 1: 18-24)

This shows how the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled in Jesus.

## **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.

## **\*\*Readers and Communion Givers (for Christmas Masses):**

A "Volunteer Sheet" has been placed on the glass counter in the atrium, for those wishing to 'sign up' for their selected Christmas Mass.

**Poinsettias:** Anyone wishing to donate poinsettias, to decorate the altar and crib, please leave the plant at the back of the church (but NOT in the atrium, which is too cold for the plant to remain in flower). Many thanks!

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

PLEASE, CAN YOU SPARE ONE HOUR TO HELP WITH THE 'CHRISTMAS CLEAN' OF THE CHURCH ON MONDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER, 2025 BETWEEN 6.30pm and 8.30pm?

**Christmas Novena Masses - December 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>:** The Christmas Novena of Masses is celebrated for the intentions of those who make a Christmas Mass offering. The Novena Mass is celebrated each day, from December 16<sup>th</sup> through to Christmas Eve.

## **\*\*Mass Attendance (14.12.25)**

**77 @ 5.30pm (Vigil) / 117 @ 10am / 72 @ 12noon - TOTAL 266.**



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

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

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

Enrolment of the children will take place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Class: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February (10am Mass)

2<sup>nd</sup> Class: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February (10am Mass)

3<sup>rd</sup> Class: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February (10am Mass)

Reconciliation: First confessions will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**REFLECTION**

*As Christmas approaches, people's hopes soar.*

*However, the substance of these hopes*

*is often dictated by commercial interests.*

*Little wonder then, that when the sun goes down on Christmas Day, many feel disappointed.*

*Those who pin their hopes on what the merchants promise will always be disappointed, not because they promise too little, but too much - of things that fail to satisfy our deepest hungers.*

*What our hearts truly long for is a taste of what the angels announced to the shepherds:*

*'Behold, I bring news of a great joy; today a Saviour has been born to you.'*

*This joy is the real hope of Christmas. Let us open our hearts to receive it.*

**CHRISTMAS EXPECTATIONS**

**St Antony Novena - New time for the evening gathering.**

***Following a consultation, it has been decided to change the time of the Tuesday night Novena. Beginning on January 20<sup>th</sup>, the Novena will begin at 7:00pm***

*"I am the handmaid of the Lord," said Mary,*

*"let what you have said be done to me." And the Angel left her. Lk 1:38*



21<sup>st</sup> December, 2025

**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:** William Curran, Frances Donnelly, Paddy Dougan, Catherine Henderson, Princhie Logue, Mary McCain, Mary McCann, Agnes McCarthy, Marie McCarthy, Betty McEnroe, Sadie Moore, Maeve Mulrooney.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about now:** Harry Allan (16<sup>th</sup>), Gerty Bagan, Anna Bowes, James Bowes, Pat Buckley, Joseph Craven (1<sup>st</sup>), Marie DeCrem (Brussels), John Crombie, Bella & Michael Ferry, Peter Hoy (26<sup>th</sup>), Anne McBride, May McCue, Moira Scanlon (1<sup>st</sup>), John & Pearl Watson, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

**Collections Sunday:**

14<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2025 - 1<sup>st</sup>: £426.35/2<sup>nd</sup>: St. Nicholas Care Fund: £714.59/Gift Aid: £358.00

21<sup>st</sup> Dec, 2025 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Ecclesiastical Students.

28<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2025 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Development Fund.

**\*\*BJDS 500 CLUB: (December Draw - 2025)**

1st Prize: Alex Knox (£100) Congratulations to our lucky winners.

2nd Prize: James McFadden (£ 50) New members are always welcome.

3rd Prize: Audrey Cochrane (£25) Only £1/month or £12/year.

To join, please enquire. All proceeds go to Parish Development Fund.

**\*\*SPRED:** is a movement that works with children and adults who have a learning disability to help them grow in faith and take part in our parish communities.

There are opportunities to join SPRED in various locations across the Archdiocese of Glasgow. If you are interested in volunteering or know someone who could benefit from SPRED's support, please contact Patricia Duffy at the SPRED Office on 0141 770 5055 or email [glasgow.spred@btconnect.com](mailto:glasgow.spred@btconnect.com)

**\*\*Parish website:** log on, and have a look at what is on our parish website at: [www.blessedjohndunsscotusparish.org](http://www.blessedjohndunsscotusparish.org) Let us have your feedback, with suggestions, on how the website content can be improved and/or extended.

*For those who will be away from the parish at Christmas, we wish  
you a very Happy Christmas with every blessing.*