

# ST CADOC'S RC CHURCH

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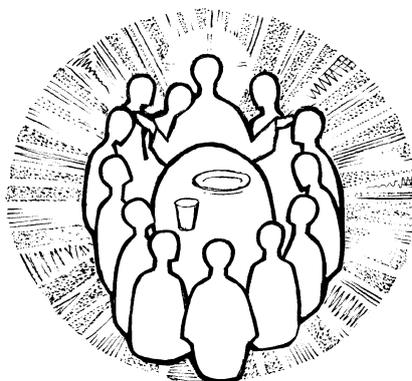
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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## First Sunday of Advent (C)

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

Weekday Cycle - Proper of Seasons



### READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

**First Reading - (Jeremiah 33:14-16)** - The prophet says that a time will come when God will be true to his promise. The Son of David (that is, the Messiah) will stand among his people. His reign will be marked by wisdom, justice and integrity.

**Responsorial Psalm - To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

**Second Reading - (1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2)** - St. Paul prays that the Lord may deepen the love of the Thessalonians have for each other, a love that will then teach out to all people. Thus they will be ready for the second coming of Christ.

**Gospel Reading - (Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36)** - In language borrowed from the Old Testament St Luke describes the final coming of Christ. Christians should not fear this. Rather, they should look forward to it and prepare for it through prayer and right living.

Today we begin the Holy Season of Advent, not a purely penitential time like Lent, but a season of joyful expectation. I invite you to make Advent special by taking time out from your Christmas preparations to spend with Christ. Each day of Advent there are opportunities to spend a little time in his Company, and join our prayer with that of the whole Church. Christ gives each one of us so much and asks little in return.

**CALENDAR** - Monday is the memorial of St. Francis Xavier, the 16<sup>th</sup> century Jesuit Apostle of the East who from his centre at Goa brought the Gospel of Christ to many places in the East; he is patron of the Missions. Of the original band of companions of St Ignatius he was the one who fulfilled the Jesuits' main intention of being a missionary order. St. John Damascene, noted eighth century theologian (especially as regards Our Lady's Assumption) and composer of hymns, incidentally an official in a Muslim administration, is remembered on Tuesday. Thursday, as well as being the anniversary of the death of the former Bishop of Motherwell, Francis Thomson, is the memorial of St. Nicholas, a holy Eastern Bishop of the fourth century around whom many picturesque legends were built up, and whose name is the origin of Santa Claus. The great Bishop of Milan, St. Ambrose is honoured on Friday. Son of a high Roman official, the Prefect of Gaul, he himself went to Milan as its governor and found himself popularly elected, though still unordained, as its bishop. His title of Doctor of the Church is justified by the many writings which have survived, but he was also a very pastoral figure who instructed St Augustine himself in the faith. Saturday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. We celebrate our belief that Mary was free from sin from the moment of her conception. The idea of Mary's complete sinlessness was first expressed in the earliest Christian centuries and in 1854 Pope Pius IX proclaimed it a Dogma of Faith.

**ENROLEMENT MASS** - Some of our children from St Charles' Primary School will be enrolling themselves for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion at 10am Mass and from St. Cadoc's Primary School will be enrolling themselves for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion & Confirmation at 11.30am today (2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018). As Parish Community, let us support them through our prayers and example at this special time.

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND** - Today (2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018), being the first Sunday of the month, the usual monthly second collection for the Church Building and Maintenance fund will be taken up. Please be generous towards our second collection as this greatly helps maintain our church and grounds.

**MARY'S MEALS: RAGS TO RICHES CLOTHING COLLECTION** - St. Cadoc's will, once again, be organising a collection of unwanted clothing, curtains, bedding, etc., in aid of the charity Mary's Meals, which as you know feeds and educates some of the poorest children in the world. Apparently as little as three bags of good quality second hand clothes can generate enough money to feed a child in school for a year. This year's collection will be take place today (2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018). Please note: the van will collect textiles after the Sunday Morning Masses only. Many thanks for all your support.

### CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

*(The beginning of the Christmas Season)*

+ The Vigil Mass of Christmas (5pm)  
with Christingle Service (for children) at 4.30pm.

+ "Midnight Mass" of Christmas with the Blessing of the Crib  
and Carols at 7.30pm.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

*(Feast of the Nativity of Jesus Christ)*

+ Day Mass of Christmas with Carols at 10am & 11.30am.

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS** - Please find time to make a good Confession in preparation for the great feast of Christmas on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from 5pm-7pm [Fr. Patrick Hennessy will be available from 5-6pm & Fr Rodrigues from 6-7pm].

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** - I do not take up a special collection on Christmas Day for the upkeep of the parish church and for the many pastoral activities in the parish as many of the parishes would do, but I rely heavily on your continued kind generosity in your giving to the parish funds, especially at this time of year when we celebrate the feast of giving from God's point of view: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

Please support your parish's ministry and help to maintain your Church and grounds by giving generously to our Christmas collection. Special Christmas Collection envelopes are in the porch. Giftaid members should use the Christmas Offering envelope at the end of their books of envelopes; if they use special Christmas collection envelope, they should have their name and number added on it.

**SVDP** - For the next few Sundays SVDP will have a box at the back of the church for tinned foodstuffs, sweets, biscuits, etc., to support their Christmas hampers appeal. Please support.

**CHURCH/HOUSE CENTRAL HEATING** - The expansion vessel and safety valves in the boiler room, which needed to be replaced, have now been fitted at a cost of £752.75. Thank you for your enduring generosity and support.

**400 CLUB WINNERS** - Karen Blake; Winning Agent: Stephen Reville.

#### **MASS AT ST CADOC'S**

**Sunday Masses:** Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm; Sunday at 10am & 11.30am.

**Weekday Mass:** Monday to Saturday at 10am.

**Holy Day of Obligation:** Vigil Mass at 7pm & Morning Mass at 10am.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Every Thursday from 9am-9.45am.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):** Anytime on request and Saturday 9.15am - 9.45am; 4.15pm - 4.45pm.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** By prior arrangement with Rev. Jose Cirilo Rodrigues.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** It is a privilege of the Priest and Eucharistic Ministers to bring the Holy Eucharist to the sick and housebound. Please inform us when a parishioner is in hospital or ill.

**SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE:** Couples intending to marry should contact the Priest for arrange a date. By Diocesan policy, this must be done at least six months in advance.

#### **PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**SICK** - Canon John B. Healey, Canon Michael Walsh, Fr. Thomas Colm Morris, Ann & James Hannaway.

[I also ask your prayers at Mass today for the sick - those at home in our parish community, those in hospital, and those in local nursing and care homes in Cambuslang, Halfway & Blantyre. In addition to remembering the sick and housebound at Sunday Mass, I invite you to remember them every day of the week in your prayers. Our prayers for them not only help in their suffering and pain but also reassure them that they are not forgotten by our community of faith. Our prayers help relieve their feelings of isolation and loneliness. To be remembered before the Altar of God brings them comfort and consolation.]

**RECENTLY DEAD** - Joseph Hayes (Fr. Vivian Hayes' Brother) & Catherine Smith.

**ANNIVERSARIES** - Bella Connor, Jerome Curley & Kathleen Maguire.

### **ST CADOC, PRAY FOR US**

#### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

Parish Collection (Gift Aid+Non-Gift Aid) = £668.74

**A sincere thank you for all your contributions last weekend**