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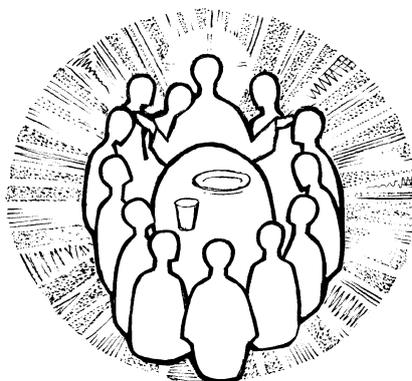
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Second Sunday of Advent (C)

9th December 2018

Weekday Cycle - Proper of Seasons



READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

First Reading - (Baruch 5:1-9) - Jerusalem is told that she can forget the sufferings of the past. She will know the joy of seeing her exiled children restored to her. God will level out a highway to facilitate their return.

**Responsorial Psalm - What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

Second Reading - (Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11) - The central message of this reading is a call for unity, perseverance and unwavering witness to Christ and the Gospel. At the same time St. Paul's love for his fellow Christians shines through.

Gospel Reading - (Luke 3: 1-6) - This reading tells about the appearance on the scene of John the Baptist. The heart of John's message is that God is coming to save his people. The people are urged to prepare a way for him through repentance.

Today we continue the challenging but joyful season of Advent. 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 a 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 - Pope St. Damasus (+386), honoured on **Tuesday** encouraged St. Jerome to translate the Bible into Latin for the first time, and restored the tombs of martyrs in the catacombs. **Wednesday** is the optional memorial of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, to whom there is a widespread devotion, centred on an allegedly miraculous image of Our Lady, in Central America. On **Thursday** we recall St. **Lucy**, who died at Syracuse in Sicily in Diocletian's persecution early in the 4th Century. There is a picturesque legend attached to her name, and since 'Lucia' suggests the Latin word for 'light' she is invoked against afflictions of the eyes. On **Friday** we remember the Spanish Carmelite mystic and poet, **St. John of the Cross**, associated with St. Teresa of Avila in the reform of their order and inspiration of Dali's 'Christ of St. John of the Cross' which hangs in the Kelvingrove Art Gallery. **Friday** we also celebrate the Dedication of our own Cathedral of Our Lady of Good Aid in Motherwell. From Monday 17th Advent Masses follow the date, rather than the day of the week.

ENROLEMENT MASS - We continue to remember children from St. Cadoc's Primary and St. Charles' Primary Schools who have enrolled themselves for the preparation of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation last weekend. Let us support them, their parents and teachers, through our prayers and example at this special time of their preparation. Once again, I wish to remind the parents of these children of the importance of attending the Sunday Mass faithfully each week because your children will only learn to love and appreciate God and his things in proportion to the way you love and appreciate your faith. Your children will only learn through your example.

CHURCH HEATING RADIATORS - are intended to spread heat throughout the whole church and should not be interfered with.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS AND PERMANENT DEACONS - The long pending annual second collection for the education of future priests and permanent deacons, which was due on the Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday), will be taken up at all Masses next weekend 15th/16th December 2018 to help towards the costs of this essential need. This will be the last special collection of the year, apart from our second collection for the support of the church building and maintenance fund (which greatly helps maintain our church and grounds). We are blessed with a good number of seminarians in Motherwell diocese at present but it is expensive to prepare them for priesthood. Please consider giving generously to the special collection next weekend.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS - Please find time to make a good Confession in preparation for the great feast of Christmas on Thursday 13th December 2018 from 5pm-7pm [Fr. Patrick Hennessy will be available from 5-6pm & Fr Rodrigues from 6-7pm]. There will also be confessions available in St. Brides's, Eastkilbride, on Saturday 15th December 2018 from 10.30am - 5.30pm & St. Columbkille's, Rutherglen, on Saturday 22nd December 2018 from 10.30am - 5.30pm

ST MARGARET'S ADOPTION CHILDREN & FAMILY CARE SOCIETY - Annual Crib Appeal Boxes are available at the back of the church to help support St. Margaret's Children and Family Care Society. It would be helpful if all boxes could be returned by Sunday 27th January 2019 to enable contributions to be sent off to St Margaret's Adoption Children and Family Care Society.

READERS REQUIRED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES - I am looking for volunteers who would help out as readers for Christmas Masses. Sign-up sheet is left in the porch. Please consider volunteering for one of the Masses. Thanks to Mrs Anne Moran for giving her time to prepare sign-up sheet.

SVDP - SVDP's Box for tinned foodstuffs, sweets, biscuits, etc., to support their Christmas hampers appeal will be out at the back of the church until the middle of next week. Please support.

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. Gift-aid 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.

400 CLUB WINNERS - Findlay Marr; Winning Agent: Fiona Marr.

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, Anne Havron, Anne & 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 - Brian Bonnar, Phillip Heaney, May Muir, Jim McShane & Angela McKean.

ANNIVERSARIES - Sadie McLaughlin, Alfie Hughes, Stephen McGurk (Snr & Jnr), Betty Clark, Annie Keenan, John Kelly & Charlotte McManus.

ST CADOC, PRAY FOR US

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2018

Parish Collection (Gift Aid+Non-Gift Aid) = £916.72

Church Building & Maintenance Fund = £852.08

A sincere thank you for all your contributions last weekend