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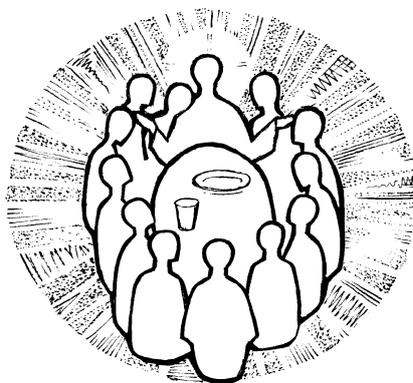
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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Third Sunday of Advent (C)

16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Weekday Cycle - Proper of Seasons



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

**First Reading - (Zephaniah 3: 14-18)** - Jerusalem is urged to rejoice because her salvation is at hand. God himself stands in her midst, the king and the protector of his people. We too should take heart from his message of hope.

**Responsorial Psalm - Sing and shout for joy**  
*for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

**Second Reading - (Philippians 4:4-7)** - This urges us to rejoice in the Lord, to be free of anxiety and to live in a spirit of prayer and thanksgiving.

**Gospel - (Luke 3:10 - 18)** - John the Baptist tells various groups of people the works of justice and charity they must do in order to prepare for the Lord's coming and to escape his searching judgement.

'*Gaudete in Domino Semper*' - the ancient entrance verse of today's Mass invites us to 'Rejoice in the Lord always' (Philippians 4:4). St. Paul's joyful Advent message: "Rejoice always ... give thanks in all circumstances ... hold fast to what is good." We are two thirds of the way through Advent. Traditionally, today is called Gaudete Sunday, which means 'a day for rejoicing.' The reason for celebration is that the day of the Lord's coming is very near.

**CALENDAR** - Although in this last week of Advent we normally prefer the Mass of the Season, one interesting saint is commemorated on Friday is **St. Peter Canisius** (*originally Kanis*). He was an early Jesuit theologian and missionary, but his field of work was not the Far East like St. Francis Xavier but Southern Germany and Austria. In the spirit of the Council of Trent, which he attended, he preached and founded study-centres all over this area to stem the Reformation tide. A version in Scots of one of his popular Catechisms is preserved in the Scots College, Rome. He died in 1597.

### 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 (7.30pm) with the Blessing of the Crib  
and Carols at 7pm.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

*(Feast of the Nativity of Jesus Christ)*

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

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS** - Thanks to all who participated in our Advent Confessions on Thursday and to Fr. Patrick Hennessy who assisted me in hearing individual confessions. There will be confessions available in St. Columbkille's, Rutherglen, on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 from 10.30am - 5.30pm

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS AND PERMANENT DEACONS TODAY** - 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 this weekend 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> 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 this weekend.

**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.

**LITURGY ROTA** - for Readers (January - March 2019) for 10am & 11.30am Masses is available in the sacristy. Please collect a copy before or after any of the Sunday Masses. Thanks to Mrs Anne Moran for giving her time to prepare the readers rota.

**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.

**MARY'S MEALS** - Thank you all for supporting children around the world through Mary's Meals Clothing Collection which took place in St. Cadoc's on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018.

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES** - Please note that there will be no Bulletin next Sunday. A special Bulletin will be printed for Christmas Day. All anniversaries, months mind and Christmas Mass Remembrances for inclusion in the Bulletin should reach the sacristy/presbytery by Friday (21<sup>st</sup> December) at the latest.

**VOTIVE CANDLES STANDS** - Thanks to Joe McHenry for his help in getting our votive candles stands altered and to Joe Nelson for letting us his van to take the stands to the blacksmith.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to enable contributions to be sent off to St Margaret's Adoption Children and Family Care Society.

**CHURCH CLEANING** - Many thanks to all those who gave their time to clean the Church and the presbytery last week. It makes all the difference! Your continued help is much appreciated. We could do with more people willing to give of their time every fortnight to help with church cleaning. If you think you can help, please contact Jean Coyle, May Harkin or Fr Cirilo.

**WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR** - The calendar, available at the stall and selling at £3.20, contains addresses, telephone numbers, and details of Mass and devotions times for every parish in the West of Scotland. There are also a number of interesting photographs and feature articles in this year's edition.

**400 CLUB WINNERS** - Maureen Faller; Winning Agent: Liam McGurk.

#### **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, 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** - Monsignor John Noel Woods, Mary Coyle, Annie Rafferty & Hugh Paterson.

**ANNIVERSARIES** - Claire Ashley Blake, Anna McLaughlin, Charlie Chambers & Anna McNeary, Agnes & Hugh McCauley, James McCauley & Patrick Innes.

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

#### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

Parish Collection (Gift Aid+Non-Gift Aid) = £647.15

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