

MASS and PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED : Willie Lamont, Ellen Donovan, Margaret Jackson

ANNIVERSARIES : Margaret Sherlock, Richard Cleave, Thomas Gibney

MONTHS MIND :

SPECIAL INTENTIONS : Patrick McKell, Betty Lamont, Holy souls who don't have anyone to pray for them, Jean Cowan, Stephen Geddes

ADVENT REFLECTION SESSIONS

During advent, our Advent Reflection sessions take place after the 9:30am Friday morning Mass. These reflection sessions are led by a parish catechist and provide an opportunity to listen to and reflect on the forthcoming Sunday gospel.

Our next advent reflection session will take place this Friday, 15th December, in the parish hall, when we will reflect on the Gospel for the 3rd Sunday of Advent. All welcome.

CAROLS FOR PEACE (See poster on parish Facebook page)

*** NEXT SUNDAY *** Hosted by the Lord Provost's office, this will take place on Sunday 17th December 2023 at 3.00pm in Glasgow City Chambers, George Square. Doors open at 2.30pm.

Join the Lord Provost and other civic leaders, along with Glasgow Churches Together leaders. Supported by the St Mungo's Singers, Ukrainian Singers, the Salvation Army Band, South Side Fiddlers, St Denis' Primary School piper, harpist and a music ensemble.

There will be prayers for peace throughout the world and in particular for Bethlehem, Glasgow's twin city. Refreshments afterwards, all welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

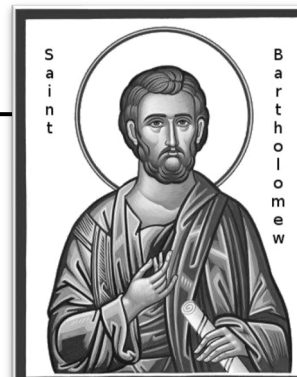
The Children's Liturgy will return next Sunday at the 11am Mass - the hall is being used today for the Christmas Fundraiser, so we are unable to use it.

FUNERALS SCHEDULED

Wednesday 13th December, 10am, St. Margaret Mary's
MARTIN REID

Thursday 21st December, 10am, St. Margaret Mary's
WILLIAM THOMAS McMENEMY

REQUIESCANT IN PACE



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2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B

10th December 2023

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Fr. Ian Bathgate sx

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Fr. Willie Hattie sx

Fr. Robert Sowa

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SUNDAY MASS

St. Bartholomew's

11:00am and 5pm

St. Margaret Mary's
6pm (vigil) and 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

St. Bartholomew's

9:30am, Mon / Wed / Fri

St. Margaret Mary's
10:00am, Tues / Thurs / Sat

FIRST READING : Isaiah 40 : 1 - 5, 9 - 11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 84

RESPONSE : *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*

SECOND READING : 2 Peter 3 : 8 - 14

We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth

GOSPEL : Mark 1 : 1 - 8

A voice cries in the wilderness : prepare a way for the Lord

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

LAST WEEK'S MASS COLLECTIONS

1st Collection, £455.74
Next Sunday is CARING SUNDAY and there will be a 2nd collection at our Sunday Masses.

Caring Sunday: Your chance to make life better for our friends in need

The world has changed dramatically since Cardinal Winning founded the charity which is now known as the St Nicholas care fund just over 30 years ago but the need for it is greater than ever as growing numbers turn to it for help.

Archbishop Nolan says

"This year more than ever before, a combination of the cost-of-living crisis and international events have meant a surge in requests for assistance from the Care Fund. Widening health inequalities, food inflation and diminishing financial support has badly affected those already struggling".

For more information, contact the St Nicholas Care Fund on 0141 226 5898 or Email: PCT@rcag.org.uk

QR CODE
(to donate to
St. Bartholomew's)



CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Our Christmas Fundraiser takes place in the parish hall today. After 11am Mass, support your parish fundraiser and take a walk down to the hall, for tea/coffee etc, raffle, tombola, cakes, and you may even win a prize.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

🎄 Christmas 🌿 Holly 😊 Jolly Fundraiser

TODAY

after 11am Mass, in the parish hall

Come and join us for some festive fun!

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S SSVP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Many thanks to everyone who has donated to our SSVP annual Christmas Appeal. There's still time to donate toiletries for **males and/or females**.

Donations will be distributed to homeless people who visit the Ozanam Centre and Wayside Club in Glasgow. Please place any items in box at back of the church. Your support for this project is much appreciated.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

On **Thursday 14th December, 7pm** there will be an Advent Reconciliation Service in St. Bartholomew's Church. We will be joined by our friends from St. Margaret Mary's parish. This is a great opportunity to prepare for Christmas by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All welcome.

POINSETTIA'S REQUIRED

To help decorate our church for Christmas, **POINSETTIA'S are REQUIRED** – lots and lots of them! Would you consider purchasing 1 (....or even 2!) to help us? They can be handed in any time (preferably during week before Christmas). Thank you.

SSVP CHRISTMAS PARTY

The SSVP are hosting a Pensioners Christmas Party in St. Bartholomew's Parish Hall on Thursday 14th December, 1pm. Have you bought your ticket yet?

If you are a senior member of our parish community, why not come along and join us! Tickets cost £2 and are available from Eddy Kelly.

FLOURISH NEWSPAPER

The Advent / Christmas Edition of our Archdiocese newspaper, Flourish, is available at the back of the church – and best of all, its FREE! Pickup your copy on the way home today.

ARCHDIOCESE of GLASGOW – SOUTH DEANERY NEWSLETTER

Did you receive your copy of the South Deanery Newsletter last weekend? If not, there's still some copies available at the back of the church.

The information contained in the newsletter is very important, so hopefully if you did receive it, you took time to read it.

There's also an article in the Advent / Christmas Flourish, Page 5 : **Looking to the future: 'change is inevitable' in shape of parish provision**. Please take time to read this too.

It's now clear that the Archdiocese will be pressing ahead with changes to parishes over the next few years, with the South Deanery reducing from 21 to 14 parishes.

This will be a difficult time for all Catholic's in Glasgow, and everyone will have a different view on proposed closures, but we need to let this run its course and pray that the correct decisions are made.

Rosie Gallagher is our parish representative at the Deanery meetings. If you have any questions regarding the content of the document, Rosie is happy to answer your questions.