

MASS and PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED : Willie Lamont, Ellen Donovan, Margaret Jackson, Mandy Vallely, Rose McLean, Alice Sheenan

ANNIVERSARIES : David McLeish, Jacqueline Rotchford, Mary McGlynn

MONTHS MIND :

SPECIAL INTENTIONS : Betty Lamont, Jean Cowan, Stephen Geddes, Our Lady's suffering at her son's passion and death

REFLECTION, 1st SUNDAY of ADVENT

As we enter the season of Advent, it's a time for anticipation and reflection. It's common for us to become impatient, especially when things don't go according to our plans. During the first week of Advent, we are reminded that our own plans may not align with God's vision for the world. God remains faithful even when we stray. The readings call us to return to God's path, recognizing that His aim is the restoration of all creation to Himself, not merely fulfilling our individual desires.

In the gospel today, Jesus warns his disciples to be vigilant, to stay awake. This is not just a call for the disciples of Jesus' time but for us today. Life is full of unpredictable events, both tragic and joyful. It is not for us to know the time or the place when we will face these trials or when we will encounter Christ in our daily lives. Therefore, we must live in a state of readiness, serving Christ through our actions, words, and thoughts, at every moment.

Advent is a time to renew our commitment to God's plan, to embrace the waiting and the uncertainty with faith and hope. It's a period to prepare, to watch, and to be attentive to the ways in which we can serve and encounter God every day. Let this first week of Advent be a reminder to us to slow down, to reflect, and to align ourselves with God's will, ready to act with love and compassion at every opportunity presented to us.

FUNERALS SCHEDULED

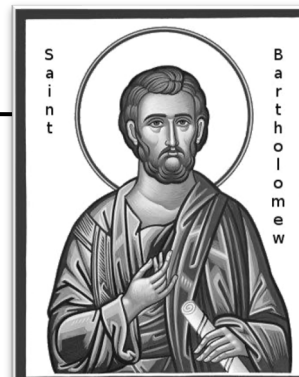
Monday 3rd December, 1:15pm, St. Bartholomew's
WILLIE LAMONT

Tuesday 5th December, 10am, St. Margaret Mary's
MANDY VALLELY

Thursday 7th December, 10am, St. Margaret Mary's
ROSE McLEAN

Saturday 9th December, 10am, St. Margaret Mary's
ALICE SHEENAN

REQUIESCANT IN PACE



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1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

3rd December 2023

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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 63 :16 - 17*

O that you would tear the heavens open and come down

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : *Psalm 79*

RESPONSE : *God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 1 : 3 - 9*

We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed

GOSPEL : *Mark 13 : 33 - 37*

If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come.

It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake.

So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.

And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!

LAST WEEK'S MASS COLLECTIONS

1st Collection, £507.39

2nd Collection (Education Sunday) £309.43

We thank you for all contributions you make to our parish. Every donation is very much appreciated.

If you wish to make a donation to our parish, scan the QR code opposite to donate online.

QR CODE

(to donate to
St. Bartholomew's)



CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Only 1 week to go!! Only 1 week to go!! Only 1 week to go!!

Our Christmas Fundraiser takes place in the parish hall next Sunday. Donations of sweets/chocolates/wine etc most welcome.

Any unused and unopened gifts you received last year still not used? There's still time to donate these and other items to the fundraiser as prizes.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

🎄 Christmas 🌿 Holly 😊 Jolly Fundraiser

Sunday 10th Dec after 11am Mass
In the parish hall

Donations of prizes are most welcome.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S SSVF ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The SSVF are appealing for donations of 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.

SSVF CHRISTMAS PARTY

The SSVF are hosting a Pensioners Christmas Party in St. Bartholomew's Parish Hall on Thursday 14th December, 1pm. 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.

NO 9:30am MASS THIS MONDAY

Please be aware there is no 9:30am Mass tomorrow, Monday 4th December as there is a funeral Mass at 1:15pm.

ARCHDIOCESE of GLASGOW – SOUTH DEANERY NEWSLETTER

You will have been issued with a document this morning produced by Fr. Martin Kane, entitled Archdiocese of Glasgow – **South Deanery “Pathway for Change” - Newsletter from The South Deanery**.

This newsletter was requested as rumour after rumour about what is going on in parishes, what parishes are closing, who is merging with who etc are heard daily, and like all rumours, they just grow and grow and spread untruths. This document provides the facts.

The South Deanery have issued this newsletter to ensure that ALL 21 parishes in the deanery receive the same information and message at the same time.

The information contained in the newsletter is very important, so please ensure that you take time to read it.

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

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, 8th December, in the parish hall, when we will reflect on the Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Advent. All welcome.

CAROLS FOR PEACE (See poster on parish Facebook page)

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.

There will be a collection for the Lord Provost's Fund for Children.