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Father, almighty and eternal God, whose praise is sung throughout all creation and whose glory is proclaimed by all peoples. You create us in love and call us to our eternal destiny of loving communion with You. May the parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel be a place where Your Name is hallowed and Your chosen ones are united in Holy Mass with Your Son in praise and thanksgiving.

Lord Jesus Christ, Word of God, Incarnate of the Virgin Mary, You manifest the Father’s love and reveal His will for us. May we always be aware of our Baptismal dignity as the Children of God by our sharing through the Holy Spirit in Your Sonship, and so respond to Your call in service of each other, our parish, Holy Mother Church and the world.

Holy Spirit, Advocate and Spirit of Truth, You breathed your life into the Apostles at Pentecost, inspiring them to be preachers of the Word. May we always be open to Your promptings that our parish may be renewed in praise of God and in living the truth in charity.

Our Lady Mother of the Church

Our Lady of Good Counsel

**Baptisms**

Usually take place after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday. Parents are requested to make arrangements with the Parish Clergy in good time.

**Marriages**

Couples are requested to speak to the Parish Clergy at least six months before a wedding and before any other arrangements are confirmed.

**Funerals**

Families are asked to contact the Parish before making any arrangements with a Funeral Director.

**St Vincent de Paul Society**

Meets every Sunday after the 11.00am Mass. Its members keep regular contact with the sick and elderly and support parishioners in time of need.

*Our Lady of Good Counsel is a parish of the Archdiocese of Glasgow, a Designated Religious Charity, No. SCO18140*

**INTIMATIONS**

In charity we are asked to pray for:

Sick: All commended to our prayers.

Recently deceased:

Janet Wood;

Anniversary:

Francis Wood Snr; Francis Wood Jnr; Ellen Wood; Dick Rigley; John Leese; Philly Johnston; Susan Laurie; John Mitchell; John Duffy;

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**Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**YEAR A**

**8th December 2019**

**Liturgy of the Word:**

1st reading: Isa 11:1-10

Psalm 71; Response:

*In his days justice shall flourish*

*and peace till the moon fails.*

2nd reading: Rom 15:4-9

Gospel: Matt 3:1-12

Divine Office: Week 2, of the season.

Feast Days:

Mon 9 Dec: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of

the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri 13 Dec: Memorial of St Lucy

Sat 14 Dec: Memorial of St John of the Cross



**MONDAY GROUP**

**Sunday Masses**

Vigil 5.30pm

11.00am; 5.30pm

**Children’s Liturgy**

is available during school term at the 11.00am Mass for children

primary 1 to 4.

**Daily Mass**: 10.00am

(Thursday: Liturgy of the Word)

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**:

Friday after 10.00am Mass – 11.00am

**Confessions:**

Saturday after 10.00am Mass

4.30pm - 5.15pm

Meetings for this year have finished but will resume early in the new year when we will be exploring prayer.

**ADVENT CONFESSION**

Confession is a beautiful encounter with the Lord who pours out his healing mercy on our souls. The same Lord who comes to us in Holy Communion seeks to forgive and heal us in preparation for that encounter. To facilitate our participation in this Sacrament in preparation for Christmas, Confession will be available on Wednesday evenings throughout Advent between 5.30 and 6.30pm as well as the usual times.

**CHRISTMAS FETE**

The Christmas Fete takes place after the 11.00am Mass today. Come and join us. Raffle tickets are on sale at the back of the church until 22nd Dec and at the Fete. The winning tickets will be drawn at the 11am Mass on the 22nd.

**ST NICHOLAS CARE FUND**

A second collection will be taken up next weekend to support the SNCF. ‘Wee Boxes’ and information packs are available at the back of the church.

**COLLECTIONS**

Last week’s offertory collection came to £526

*Many thanks for your ongoing support of the parish.*

**GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY**

Sunday Mass within Glasgow Royal Infirmary will be celebrated at a new time of [3.30 pm](x-apple-data-detectors://1) [from Sunday 5th January 2020](x-apple-data-detectors://2). Mass is celebrated by Hospital Chaplains Fr Stuart and Fr Augustine every Sunday. If you would be interested in volunteering, or if you are currently an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and would be interested in this ministry within the hospital, please contact Paul on [07402274007](tel:07402274007).

If you are in hospital it is necessary to request Chaplaincy services. Inform a nurse that you wish to see a Catholic priest. If you know in advance that you will be going into hospital, I will be happy to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick with you beforehand.

**EAST END DEANERY CHOIR**

The annual Christmas Concert will take place in St Thomas’ Church on Sunday 22nd December 2019. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the night or from OLoGC parishioners who are in the choir.

**FAITH FORUM**

12th December – Sr Andrea Fraille – *The Challenge (III): Male and Female He Created Them*; A fortnightly series of talks on living out the Catholic faith. All young people welcome. These talks will take place at 7pm in Turnbull Hall, University of Glasgow Catholic Chaplaincy, 13-15 Southpark Terrace, Glasgow G12 8LG.

**ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

On Thursday 19th December priests will be available all day in Saint Andrew’s Cathedral (from 7:45am – 5:45pm) for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *Come home for Christmas!*

**POPE FRANCIS TWEETS**

Let us pray for all the pastors of the Church, that they might guide the flock entrusted to them with the same firmness and tenderness of the Good Shepherd. @Pontifex

**ADVENT SERVICE**

Service of Readings and Carols in the Cathedral at 7pm on Thursday 19th December. You are warmly invited to join us for a traditional service of special scripture readings, interspersed with all your favourite Christmas carols in preparation for the Nativity of the Lord. Music led by our own St Andrew’s Cathedral Choir. All welcome, admission free.

**ADVENT PRAYER**

My hidden Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You with profound gratitude for uniting Yourself with fallen humanity. When You first entered into this world, You remained hidden for nine months in the immaculate womb of Your Blessed Mother. She carried You, body and blood, soul and divinity, within the sanctuary of her body. She also carried You within her heart as a result of her perfect love for You and her perfect obedience to the will of the Father.

Precious Lord, as I embrace this Advent Season, please open my eyes to see the great value and blessing of Your Incarnation. Help me to discover Your hidden presence in this world and within my own soul. I desire to see, understand and experience the profound effects that Your Incarnation has on my life and I desire to receive those effects more fully this Advent. May I become a sanctuary in which You dwell so that I, like Your dear Mother, may bring Your presence into the world.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart.

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said “Yes” to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son.

**THE EVERLASTING FOODBANK**

Donations are collected on the first Sunday of the month. This is a local, faith-motivated initiative to help those in need in our area and is worthy of our support. Thank you for supporting this initiative.

Come, Lord Jesus,

Come, Lord Jesus,

Come, Lord Jesus!

Amen.

(https://mycatholic.life)

**POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS**

General Audience, Wednesday 25th September 2019:

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles, we continue to follow the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In the early Christian community some complained that their widows were being neglected in the distribution of bread. The Apostles, aware of their principal calling to preach the Word of God, discerned a solution to maintain the harmony between the service of the Word and service to the poor. They instituted seven men, on whom they imposed hands, to carry out works of charity. One of these seven deacons, Stephen, proclaimed Christ’s Paschal Mystery as the key to the whole history of the covenant, but his words met with resistance. Yet, even when condemned to death, Stephen entrusted his life into the Lord’s hands and forgave his adversaries. The actions of this first martyr teach us that our identity as God’s children consists in abandoning ourselves to the Father and forgiving those who offend us. Let us ask the Lord that, by contemplating the martyrs of the past and present, we may live a full life, accepting the martyrdom of daily fidelity to the Gospel and conformity to Christ.

**FERTILITY CARE SCOTLAND**

We are opening a new clinic in the Diocesan offices, Paisley on alternative Monday evenings from 7 – 9pm. We run clinics in Edinburgh, Hamilton, Aberdeen and Paisley. At Fertility Care Scotland we teach The Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Fertility Regulation, which helps couples achieve or postpone pregnancy in a natural way. We can help couples optimize their chances of conceiving. Our service is free and confidential and no appointment is necessary. We invite you to come and visit us at one of our clinics. Phone: 0141 221 0858; E-Mail: [info@fertilitycare.org.uk;www.fertilitycare.org.uk](mailto:info@fertilitycare.org.uk;www.fertilitycare.org.uk) Join us on facebook

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**VOCATION DISCERNMENT**

A series of evening of catechesis, prayer and support has been organised for next year. Anyone considering their future and what God is calling them to do is welcome. The next meeting is at 7.00pm pm on Fri 10th May 2019 in Turnbull Hall, Southpark Terrace, G12 8LG.

28th November – Sr Roseann Reddy – *The Challenge (II); Building a Culture of Life*; 12th December – Sr Andrea Fraille – *The Challenge (III): Male and Female He Created Them.*