



St. Mary's Duntocher

St. Joseph's Faifley



1st Sunday of Advent B
29th November 2020

FOR THE TIME BEING

Sunday Masses

Saint Mary's 5pm Vigil 10am
Saint Joseph's 4pm Vigil Noon

1st Reading **Isaiah 63.16-17; 64.1.3-8**
2nd Reading **1 Corinthians 1.3-9**
Gospel Reading **Mark 13.33-37**



Masses next Weekend

All Masses next weekend, 5th/6th December are already fully booked.

Pope Francis said on twitter

God is more patient than we are, and those who knock with faith and perseverance at the door of his heart will not be disappointed.

This week the Church celebrates

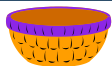
Monday Saint Andrew
Thursday Saint Francis Xavier



Attendance last Sunday

St. Mary's 40 (Max 40)
St. Joseph 38 (Max 40)

Thank you for your generosity:



	Gift Aid	Collection	Donate	Total
St Mary				
1st	£105	£180		£285
October	Banked♦	only shows monthly		£0
2nd*	£18	£122		£140
October	Banked♦	only shows monthly		£0
St Joseph		£301		£301
October	Banked♦	only shows monthly		£0

Please pray for...

those who have died recently: John McDaid; Peggy McLaughlin; France Barkus; Malky Blair; Jim O' Donnell; Christopher Hodgson; Julie Brady; Paula Crombie

and on the anniversaries of: Mary Austin; Valero Martinolli; Bruno Bilzicco; Thomas Collins; James & Catherine Boyd; Margaret Donnelly; Cathie Wilton

Please email any names that you wish to be added to the bulletin



	Funerals	
St Joseph's	John McDaid RIP	Mon
St Mary's	Peggy McLaughlin RIP	Wed
St Mary's	Frances Barkus RIP	Thurs
St Joseph's	John McDaid RIP	Fri

From this weekend

please visit our New Parish website
<https://www.stmarysandstjosephs.org.uk/>

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All the time stuff

♦ Gift Aid paid into bank

St Vincent de Paul Contact ☎ 07432 879831
Bulletin notices & names to arrive by Thursday
2nd Collection: St. Mary's for the Building Fund

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St Vincent de Paul SSVP Appeal

Please help the SSVP Society :

- ◆ In the SSVP collection box at Masses.
- ◆ By Cheque made payable to ST MARY'S SSVP DUNTOCHER and sent to our treasurer Pat Byrne at 26 Braehead Road, Duntocher, G81 6PH.
- ◆ By Standing Order/Bank Transfer through your bank to Account name ST MARY'S SSVP DUNTOCHER, Sort Code 83-17-10, Account number 00606826. If you do not use online banking, ☎ 07432879831 and we will provide a form you can complete and send to your bank.
- ◆ Cash Donation. Please phone our contact number as above for arrangements.

Thank you for your continuing support.
St Mary's and St Joseph's SSVP Conference.

Christmas Appeal

For the last few years Made with Love have distributed Christmas Dinner Hampers to families through all schools in Clydebank. Last year we helped 266 families. This year we can't make Hampers, so we will supply £25 Co-op Vouchers to families so that they can shop and top up their electricity. We have also supported some schools with Emergency Shop Vouchers and snacks. We hope to do this until Christmas. If you would like to help, please donate to: Made with Love JMJ Clydesdale Bank Sort 826125 Acct N° 30111668 or ☎ Morag Kerr 07960 022861, Christine Totten 07837 839257.



Reflection for this Sunday

Advent is a time of new beginning. This year, however, Advent is familiar but different. It is a new time but an unprecedented time. This year is no ordinary Advent. It is an extraordinary Advent for an extraordinary time in history. Traditional plans and social gatherings are probably likely to be celebrated in a reduced fashion. This Advent we will need to create a new sense of belonging., Hopefully we can still display our advent wreaths, open the doors of our Advent calendar or even light our candles in the days of Advent. For many people in the past, Advent was seen to be time of joyful expectation, getting ready to make the Advent journey with God's people throughout the world with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment. This year, those dreams will be challenged as the shape and form of Advent will, this year, take on a different colouring or landscape.

The catchphrases or slogans in Advent remain the same. Stay awake; Get ready; Be vigilant to name but a few. The interpretations of these words or phrases, this Advent, may find a new meaning or take on a different significance. The language of Covid-19 places all these things in a new and different place for people of faith as they start the Advent journey. In the past, many would have felt invigorated to be starting Advent as they would try and balance this time of preparation with all the other events that would be taking place spiritually and socially.

The language of Advent can stir a lot of emotion and a sentimentality in us. Hopefully, it can also stir in us a new energy in our faith, particularly as, Advent and Christmastide will have their own unique challenges. However, our challenges of faith can also be seen as an adventure and an adventure of faith can be both exciting and rewarding. It would be easy to become disheartened this Advent. We are facing an Advent never heard of before in recent history. Faith, and history can still come together this Advent and make this Advent season worthwhile. The adventure into an Advent faith can be unknown and not without its challenges but it can also have its surprises. The call to faith in Advent, this year, will be an invitation for us to experience different signposts and pathways to God that we may never have encountered in the past. This will make it an Advent with a difference. The Advent journey is about our encounter with the God of Advent who patiently accompanies us towards Bethlehem. We go as pilgrims, fellow travellers in faith, to celebrate in time, the Christ child event of Bethlehem. C.S. Lewis's, *The Chronicles of Narnia* present us with a backdrop at the start of Advent as we unravel the story of the Christian faith. The following reflection may offer us some consolation as we reflect on our faith in this Advent season.

“Walking into Advent can be like walking through the wardrobe. Depending on where you live, Advent might be like Narnia – cold with snow under your feet. But Advent is like Narnia in more ways than weather. It's a magical time, set apart from ordinary time: we listen to special music; we decorate our homes, streets and clothes: we eat particularly delightful and delicious foods. We experience a heightened sense of excitement and expectation. Those expectations are not only about the giving and receiving of gifts but also about Advent and Christmastime offering us a glimpse of a world that's a kinder, more just, and more joyful than the one we usually experience.

To truly enter that world, as Christians, the door we must walk through first is Christ. Snow, greenery, music, cookies, and gifts can all help us imagine the Kingdom of God, but no matter how big and beautiful the wreath, walking through our front door is not going to transform our lives the way walking through the door of Jesus himself will. It is he who will lead us to that world we long for, where pain is turned to love and death to life.”

Heidi Haverkamp, “Advent in Narnia: Reflections for the season,” pages 2/3