



# St. Mary's Duntocher

## St. Joseph's Faifley



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent B**  
**6<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**FOR THE TIME BEING**

### Sunday Masses

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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading **Isaiah 40.1-5.9-11**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading **2 Peter 3.8-14**

Gospel Reading **Mark 1.1-8**



# Look

### All the time stuff

♦ Gift Aid paid into bank

St Vincent de Paul Contact ☎ 07432 879831

Bulletin notices & names to arrive by Thursday

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: St. Mary's for the Building Fund

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📍 St Mary's Duntocher/St Joseph's Faifley

🌐 <https://www.stmarysandstjosephs.org.uk/>



### This week the Church celebrates

Monday Saint Ambrose

Tuesday Immaculate Conception

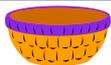


### Attendance last Sunday

St. Mary's 36 (Max 40)

St. Joseph 38 (Max 40)

### Thank you for your generosity:



St Mary	Gift Aid	Collection	Donate	Total
1st	£52	£88	£50	£140
November	Banked♦	only shows monthly		£2928
2nd*	£15	£120		£135
November	Banked♦	only shows monthly		£300
St Joseph		£460		£460
October	Banked♦	only shows monthly		£50

# Please pray for...

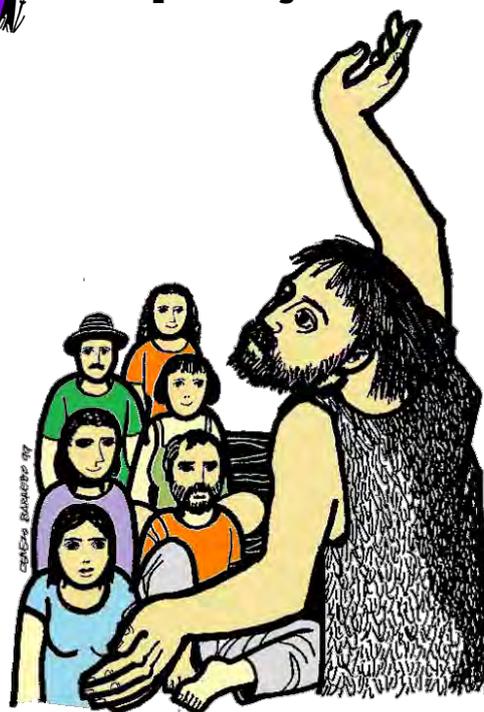
those who have died recently: Tam McDowall; Betty McMahon; Thomas Coogan; Sophia Walker; Christopher Hogdon; Chris Collins

and on the anniversaries of: Joseph Allan; Jean Walsh; Roger Baggett; Gertie Cassidy; Philip & Sarah McDermott; Robert (Bobby) McCafferty; Peter & Isabella (Bella) French; Jimmy Toland; John Mathieson; William McGuire (Snr); Danny McKendry

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



**Funeral**  
**Christopher Hogdon RIP** Thurs



### A 'streamed Holy Hour'

only on YouTube from St Mary's, 'The Dawn of Grace': Advent Reflections on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration, hymns, readings and reflections to help us prepare for Christmas with Deacon John and cantor, Jim McGinlay.

Search: 'St Mary's, Duntocher - You Tube' or:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuK-9mvdWnQ2-Hs0f3CI3bA>

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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.

## St. Nicholas Care Fund - Appeal

The Fund offers small grants to parishes, schools and community groups who work to improve the lives of people who find themselves in need. Parishes and schools have organised foodbanks and provided hot meals to families who had none. Local communities have come together to support and offer companionship to the elderly, the lonely, the isolated and those with special needs. Voluntary organisations have gone out on the streets to support and offer practical help to people without a permanent home. The Covid-19 pandemic has made 2020 an extraordinarily difficult year for everyone, but especially for those whose lives were already disadvantaged. The St Nicholas Care Fund, like many other charities, has had to adapt to the new normal and now offers support on-line, providing a safe and swift response to anyone requesting a grant. Please donate to the fund directly:

St. Nicholas Care Fund:  
Clydesdale Bank Sort-Code 82-48-08;  
Account 00486256

## Pope Francis said on twitter

The first step of faith is to tell God that we need him, that we need him to be close to us. Thus, if we ask Jesus to come close to us, we will train ourselves to be watchful.



**Our New Parish website is**  
<https://www.stmarysandstjosephs.org.uk/>



## Reflection for this Sunday

This week, we learnt that a vaccine will soon be available to treat coronavirus and for many people, a light is beginning to shine at the end of the tunnel. Reactions from the public appear to have varied: some have greeted it with an enthusiastic response while others have given it a more cautious muted response. In many respects, to have heard otherwise would have been surprising. The next few weeks and months are without a doubt going to present new challenges to both governments and the medical world as they try and roll out a successful vaccination programme. It is a time of a new dawn as the country tries to come to terms with the impact of Coronavirus and how we might move forward for the better.

The main figure on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent is John the Baptist, the voice crying in the wilderness. Over recent months, many people may have experienced a wilderness of faith, an emptiness as they have struggled to make sense of the pandemic. These unprecedented days in history have found that many people have try to be engaged with their faith in a different way while still trying to stay with it. At the same time, many are worried about how many people may return to Church, once there is the “new normal” and what it might look like. The landscape of church going will probably be a different reality. We should, however, wait and see if it turns out to be a good picture or one that will need some work to enhance it. Regardless, it can still present in an appropriate and credible way the freshness of the message of the gospel in these unknown days. The voice from the wilderness is inviting us to take courageous and bold steps into the unknown. It is, truly, a leap of faith, one which many of us would never have thought that we would have to face. Our Advent faith has taken on a new meaning as it cries from the wilderness. It places itself within the context of our own daily lives, entangled as they may be at this time of uncertainties and insecurities. From the wilderness, the Baptist cried “prepare a way for the Lord make his path straight” (Mark 1:2) Today, this is our Advent cry of faith from the wilderness. May these words from Alfred Delp a, German Jesuit who was put to death in 1945 in a prison in Berlin help us on our adventure of faith to Bethlehem:

*“The man crying in the wilderness.”* We live in an age that has every right to consider itself no wilderness. But woe to any age in which the voice crying in the wilderness can no longer be heard because of the noises of everyday life drown it – or restrictions forbid it – or it is lost in the hurry and turmoil of “progress” – or simply stifled by authority, misled by ear and cowardice. Then the destructive weeds will spread to suddenly and rapidly that the word “wilderness” will recur to our minds willy-nilly. I believe we are no strangers to this discovery.

Yet for all this, where are the voices that should ring out in protest and accusation? There should never be any lack of prophets like John the Baptist in the kaleidoscope of life at any period; brave men and women inspired by the dynamic compulsion of the mission to which they are dedicated, true witnesses following the lead of their hearts and endowed with clear vision and unerring judgment. Such persons do not cry out for the sake of making a noise or the pleasure of hearing their own voices, or because they envy other people the good things which have not come their way on account on their singular attitude toward life. They are above envy and have a solace known only to those who have crossed both the inner and outer borders of existence. Such persons proclaim the message of healing and salvation. They warn us of our chance, because they can already feel the ground heaving beneath their feet, feel the beams cracking and the great mountains shuddering inwardly and the stars swinging in space. They cry out to us, urging us to save ourselves by a change of heart before the coming of the catastrophes threatening to overwhelm us.

Alfred Delp, sj, “Prison writings: Modern spiritual masters series,” pages 16-17