



# ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, PAISLEY

5 UNION STREET, PA2 6DU | 0141 889 2614 | [STCHARLES@RCDOP.ORG.UK](mailto:STCHARLES@RCDOP.ORG.UK)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021**

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*"Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.  
The winding roads shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

*- Lk 3:5-6*

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 5TH DECEMBER, 2021

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent  
Monday: St. Nicholas, Bishop  
Tuesday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Wednesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Thursday:  
Friday: Our Lady of Loreto  
Saturday: St. Damasus I, Pope  
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

# GOSPEL REFLECTION

©LPi

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience. If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again. It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation.

©LPi

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### First Reading:

Baruch offers the captive Israelites in Babylon a vision of hope in which their broken relationship with God will be fully restored. What aspects of your relationship with God are in need of restoration?

### Second Reading:

Paul offers an opening prayer of joy for the believers in the city of Philippi. As the season of Advent continues, what brings joy to your life?

### Gospel:

With Luke placing the preaching and activities of John the Baptist in its historical and political context, he communicates the idea that God is acting in real, human history. What do you see as the power of this assertion?



# Christmas Mass Times



Christmas Eve  
5pm

Christmas Day  
10am & 12 Noon

Sunday 26th (Boxing Day)  
10am & 12 Noon

## **CHECK-IN AT MASS**

You are free to come to any Mass now. All our Masses are Public Masses.

We are still required to take people's details for Test & Protect. If you can, please check-in by smartphone, using the QR code which is at the entry to every bench. *If you have a problem just give your details to the Welcome Team as you leave.*

Otherwise, we ask you to give our welcome team one name, a contact number and the number of people in your group as you come in.

While there is no requirement for physical distancing, please do spread out through the whole church.

## **THANK YOU!**

For your continuing donations to support the parish.

Donations can be made in various ways - many people have started using Standing Orders, the forms are available on our website and should be returned to Fr. Jim.

- envelopes can be posted in the white collection box at the entrance to the church
- Online donations can be made through online offertory button on our website
- Or through the Church House letterbox.

## **CLOSING MASS FOR THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**

The year dedicated to St Joseph will be formally closed by Bishop John with Mass at **7.00pm Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, in **St Mirin's Cathedral**. All welcome to come and celebrate St Joseph. Lilies, always associated with St Joseph, will be available for placing around the statue of St Joseph in the cathedral. All welcome to attend.

**MEN ON A MISSION -  
ADVENT EVENING:  
THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER  
AT 7.30PM**

Following on from our successful evening for the Year of St. Joseph, we invite all men of the diocese to join us for an Advent Holy Hour in St. Mirin's Cathedral, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm, followed by socialising over appropriate refreshments in the diocesan centre! To assist us in preparing for the evening, please register at <https://rcdop.org.uk/mens-advent-holy-hour>

**VOCATIONS**

"The word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness." Do you think God might be inviting you to hear and share his word, perhaps as a priest, a deacon or in consecrated life? Contact our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison tel: 01418895056 or email [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk)

**RECRUITMENT ADVERT –  
PAISLEY DIOCESAN OFFICE**

Counsellor for Paisley diocese marriage counselling service for couples married in the Catholic church.

Paisley Diocese Marriage Counselling service is looking for a counsellor (self-employed) to provide counselling sessions for clients using the service. The applicant will be a therapist with proven expertise in working with couples. The service supports couples married in the Catholic church and the service is underpinned by the Christian tradition. See our website for full information on this post. [Diocese of Paisley | Paisley, UK \(rcdop.org.uk\)](https://rcdop.org.uk) Diocesan Directory – Vacancies

**PIETY STALL**



**The Piety Stall is now open after most of our Masses and we have a range of various cards and gifts for sale.**

**We also still have a selection of  
CHRISTMAS CARDS  
- please make sure you get yours soon  
before stock runs out!**

**ADVENT JOURNEY 2021**

Mary of Nazareth: Companion in our Journey – Evenings of Conversation – Reflection – Prayer 7pm-8.30pm. To register please complete registration form: <https://forms.gle/tTu3w2NqmjPaMHUV7> or Email [slaitynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:slaitynetwork@gmail.com) for the link.

Thursday 25th November – Mary a Woman of Discernment

Thursday 2nd December – Mary a Companion of the Poor

Thursday 9th December – Mary of the Magnificat

Thursday 16th December – Advent Hope and Promise

**FAITH, FAMILY AND  
FRATERNITY - A CALL TO  
SERVICE**

Supporting our clergy, serving in our parishes, helping the needy and developing our personal and family faith with like minded men. And much more..... Does that sound like you? If you are a man aged 16 or over the Knights of St Columba could be your answer. Province 1 of the KSC is recruiting in the diocese NOW.

For more information on how to join Britain's



largest Catholic laymans organisation, phone John O'Donnell on **07854 886425** or email: [pgk@glasgow.ksc.org.uk](mailto:pgk@glasgow.ksc.org.uk) SERVING GOD BY SERVING OTHERS FOR OVER 100 YEARS

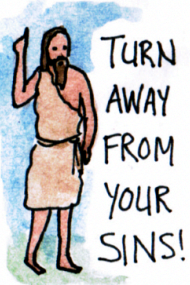
### **CATHOLIC ERSKINE**

We will be launching a new Alpha Experience on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January online from 7.00pm**. What is Alpha some of you may be asking. Alpha is a course used for bringing people to a deeper understanding of God in their life. Alpha is a series of 14 sessions carried out over a 10 week period. The format of each session is always the same. Part 1: informal get together; Part 2: watch a video; Part 3; short period of discussion. The topics covered in Alpha are: Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? How can I have faith? Why and how can I pray? Why and how should I read the Bible? How does God guide us? Who is the Holy Spirit? Does Jesus heal today? If you are interested in taking part in the Alpha Experience please register on our website: [catholicerskine.website](http://catholicerskine.website) or email [alpha@catholicerskine.info](mailto:alpha@catholicerskine.info).

### **ONLINE MARRIAGE COUNSELLING AVAILABLE DURING COVID 19 CRISIS**

Our diocese has a Counselling Service for Catholics Married in the Catholic Church with our dedicated Catholic Marriage Counsellor. If you are concerned about your relationship and feel you are both unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The counsellor is there to maintain a neutral, non-judgmental position. For information or advice please email in confidence [counselling@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:counselling@rcdop.org.uk)

# We Joyfully Wait for Jesus



Advent is a time of joy, when we happily look forward to the coming of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading tells about how Saint John the Baptist went around telling everyone to repent and prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

An Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of Jesus, our Light, into the world. It has three purple candles and one pink candle. One candle is lit on the first week of Advent, and one more is added every week until Christmas. Every week it gets a bit brighter because we are getting closer to Jesus' coming at Christmas.

The purple candles stand for repentance- being sorry and making up for our sins. The pink candle represents joy. It is lit on the third week of Advent because we rejoice that the waiting is half over.



Answers to John the Baptist Word Puzzle: crying, prepare, paths, filled, mountain, straight, rough, God, A PROPHET.

[www.thekidsbulletn.com](http://www.thekidsbulletn.com)

# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 5th, 2021



*Luke 3:1-6*

In Advent we hear about Saint John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. He preached to the people, telling them to repent, and baptized them.

When Jesus came Saint John told the people to follow Jesus because He was the Messiah.

Can you find your way from Saint John to Jesus?



# Saint Nicholas

## December 6

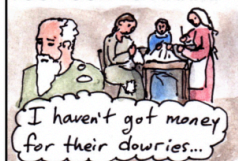
NICHOLAS WAS BORN TO CHRISTIAN PARENTS IN TURKEY IN THE 200'S. HIS PARENTS DIED WHEN HE WAS YOUNG. HE USED HIS MONEY TO HELP THE POOR AND THE SICK.



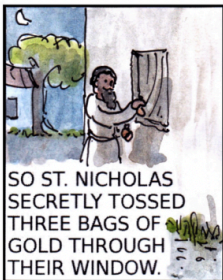
NICHOLAS WAS MADE THE BISHOP OF MYRA, TURKEY, WHEN HE WAS STILL QUITE YOUNG.



A MAN WAS GOING TO SELL HIS DAUGHTERS INTO SLAVERY BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO POOR TO MARRY.



SO ST. NICHOLAS SECRETLY TOSSED THREE BAGS OF GOLD THROUGH THEIR WINDOW.



BISHOP NICHOLAS ESPECIALLY LOVED CHILDREN.



WHEN DIOCLETIAN BEGAN TO PERSECUTE THE CHRISTIANS BISHOP NICHOLAS WAS THROWN INTO PRISON.



HE WAS LATER RELEASED FROM PRISON, BUT HE DIED ON DECEMBER 6TH AROUND THE YEAR 342. HE WAS BURIED IN HIS CATHEDRAL.

SAINT NICHOLAS GAVE HIS LIFE TO GOD BY SERVING HIS PEOPLE. THERE ARE MANY STORIES ABOUT MIRACLES THAT GOD DID THROUGH HIM. HE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF CHILDREN, SAILORS, ORPHANS, TRAVELLERS, MERCHANTS, AND MANY OTHER PEOPLE. IS HE ONE OF YOUR PATRON SAINTS?

*thekidsbulletin@gmail.com*

# Saint John the Baptist

## Word Puzzle

Here is a prophesy about Saint John the Baptist. Use the words from the list below to fill in the blanks. The letters that are in circles fit into the matching spots at the bottom.

A voice of one 3 out in the desert:

"5 the way of the Lord, make straight his 2. Every valley shall be 7 and every 8 and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made 1, and the 6 ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of 4."

**GOD** **MOUNTAIN**  
**PATHS** **STRAIGHT**  
**ROUGH** **PREPARE**  
**FILLED** **CRYING**

What was St. John the Baptist?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Isaiah 40:3-5



# MASS SCHEDULE

©LPi

**BOOKINGS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO ATTEND MASS**

**PLEASE JUST COME TO MASS!**

For Test & Protect, Please use the QR Code outside or on the benches, otherwise please give your name and a contact number to the welcomers. This is to comply with Government guidelines for Places of Worship

## **SUNDAY MASSES**

### ***Saturday Vigil Mass***

5pm

*(Confessions from 4.20-4.50pm in the hall)*

### ***Sunday***

10am, 12 Noon, 5.30pm

## **WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

### ***Monday - Friday (except Thursday)***

Mass at 10am

### ***Thursday***

Mass at 7pm

*(Confessions from 6.30pm in the hall)*

### ***Saturday Morning***

Mass at 10am

*(Confessions 9.20-9.50am in the hall, unless the Mass is a Funeral)*

Rosary before weekday morning Masses, beginning at 9.20am  
(except before Funerals)