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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 19TH DECEMBER, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
Monday:
Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday: Christmas Eve
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord
Next Sunday: The Holy Family



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would just step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequity in life. Our world's political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve the best interests of people. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived every day. People are still starving and there is often little regard for human life. This is not the way God intended it to be. Realising that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have created. Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. What we fail to see is that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God's fix be made known.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Micah prophesied a Messiah ("ruler") would come through the line of David ("Bethlehem-Ephrathah") and bring peace and harmony. In what ways does the upcoming birth of Christ bring you comfort?

Second Reading:

As the season of Advent draws to a close, the author of Hebrews reminds us that as disciples of Christ, we must strive to do God's will above all else. How do you stay focused on such an important task?

Gospel:

Luke is the only Evangelist to record the story of Mary visiting Elizabeth and only a portion of their conversation was preserved. What else do you imagine they talked about?

Revised Christmas Mass Times



Christmas Eve
5pm & 7pm

Christmas Day
10am & 12 Noon

There is a booking system to enable
Household Distancing for Christmas Masses

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

Due to Government Guidance, given on 16th December, encouraging distancing between households in Places of Worship, we will be reducing our capacity at Christmas Masses.

To enable this, unfortunately, we will need to use a booking system for Christmas Masses. We have also added a further Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Revised details are given above.

The Online Booking System for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will be live from the button on the front-page of our website **from 7pm on Sunday 19th December.**

Booking by phone will also open then on **07593 825035**

*This will only be used for Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day -
All other times just come along as normal*

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

During this week, it will be possible to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation at the Confession Station in the main hall on:

Monday at 10.30am

Tuesday at 10.30am

Thursday at 6.20pm

Friday (Christmas Eve) at 10.30am

MASS TIMES AFTER CHRISTMAS

Monday 27th at **12 Noon**

Tuesday 28th at 10am

Wednesday 29th at 10am

Thursday 30th at 7pm

Friday 31st December

Morning Mass at 10am

Evening Mass at 7pm

(Vigil of Motherhood of Mary)

Saturday 1st January

Mass at 12 Noon

(No Vigil Mass on 1st January)

Sunday 2nd January

Masses at 10am, 12 Noon, 5.30pm

(Thereafter as normal)

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.

VOCATIONS

"God, here I am! I am coming to do your will. Can you make that offer, to put yourself at the disposal of God's plan for his people and for the world? Contact our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison tel: 0141 8895056 or email vocations@rcdop.org.uk

MARRIAGE PREPARATION 2022

Registration for the Diocesan Marriage Preparation courses in 2022 is now open. It is an essential part of the preparation for those who are being married in St Charles. . Each course will consist of two 90-minute Zoom sessions and one 3-hour workshop, which will be held in the Diocesan centre or Cathedral Hall, depending on numbers. Should any of these arrangements require amendment due to Covid restrictions registered couples will be informed directly. Couples should register via the Marriage and Family page on the Diocesan website, or by using this link

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](https://www.dioceseofpaisley.org.uk) ([rcdop.org.uk](https://www.rcdop.org.uk)) Diocesan Directory – Vacancies

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 laymen's organisation, phone John O'Donnell on **07854 886425** or email: 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 19th 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 or email 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

Christmas is Almost Here!



Now it's only a week until Jesus' birthday! Are you all ready for it? If you have an Advent wreath then this is the week that all the candles will be lit. Jesus is coming soon, so the light should be getting very bright!

Do you have a Christmas tree? Do you know what it represents? A long time ago people used to have plays at Christmas time about how Adam and Eve sinned when they ate the fruit from the tree, and how Jesus was born to save us from that sin. So a Christmas tree is there to remind us of why Jesus came.



Does your family have a nativity scene? It should be all ready for Christmas, but the Baby Jesus doesn't get put in the manger until Christmas Eve.



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Answer to front page
puzzle: Blessed are
you among women!
Answer to True or
False: 1. true, 2. false,
3. false, 4. true, 5. true,
6. false, 7. true.

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021



Luke 1.39-45

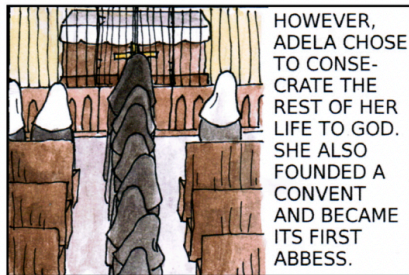
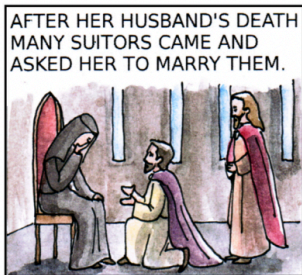
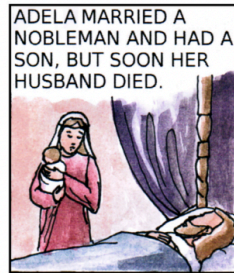
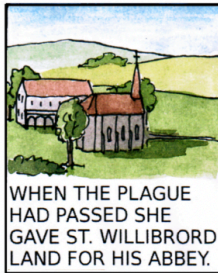
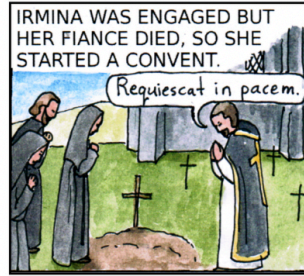
Elizabeth knew that Mary was the mother of the Messiah.
What did she say to Mary when she came to visit her?

Use the code to find out!

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December 24



IRMINA AND ADELA WERE BOTH PRINCESSES, BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY WERE SPOILED AND SELFISH. THEIR GOOD PARENTS RAISED THEM TO LOVE GOD. WE CAN LEARN FROM THEIR EXAMPLE THAT FAMILIES CAN HELP EACH OTHER TO BECOME HOLY PEOPLE. HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR FAMILY?

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Mary Visits Elizabeth

True or False?

*How well do you know the story of the Visitation?
See if you can figure out which are true and which are false!*

1. Mary was expecting baby Jesus when she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth.
True or False?
2. Elizabeth was married to Jeremiah.
True or False?
3. Elizabeth was a bit sad when she saw Mary. True or False?
4. When Elizabeth heard Mary, her baby inside her jumped. True or False?
5. Elizabeth's baby was Saint John the Baptist. True or False?
6. Mary had to tell Elizabeth that she was going to have a baby because Elizabeth didn't know. True or False?
7. Elizabeth knew that Mary's baby was the Messiah. True or False?



MASS SCHEDULE

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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)