

A MASSIVE THANK YOU

We are immensely grateful to all our parishioners for your continued financial support to our parish in these difficult times. If you are able, please continue in your effort to keep our Church up and running. You can use our online giving facility by clicking [HERE](#) or by using our bank details below.

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Funeral Mass of Late Mrs. Theresa Feeney will be held on Wednesday 21st December at 10am.



St. Helen's Christmas Service of Carols will be held on Thursday 22nd December at 7.00pm. "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout to the Rock of our salvation! Let us enter His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him in song...." (Psalm 95:1-2).



The Holy Season of Advent is a time when we prepare ourselves for the birthday of Jesus Christ at Christmas. One of the best gifts we can offer to Christ at Christmas is by helping the less privileged in our community. Our Annual **Advent Giving Tree** project is meant to help those in our community who cannot afford Christmas. Envelops have been provided in the church porch for this purpose. Please collect as much as you need and return them in the designated boxes in the church on or before **Sunday 18th December 2022**. Thank you so much for your generosity.



ANGEL'S CHRISTMAS TREE: A Special Christmas Tree called "Angels Christmas Tree" will be setup in our church this year in commemoration of our loved ones who have died. If you would like to sponsor an Angel on the Christmas Tree, please give their name to any of our volunteers.



Christmas Eve Masses: 5pm and 7pm (Saturday, 24th December)

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day Masses: 9am and 11am
(NO EVENING MASS)

BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF SCOTLAND - COMMISSION FOR MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND LIFE, PROVISION FOR MARRIAGE COUNSELLING IN SCOTLAND

To help provide help for married couples in difficulty, Bishops are aiming to recruit a

national network of counsellors who can assist those who seek help. At this stage they are appealing to those who are already qualified as counsellors and who would be interested in completing some further training to work in this area, particularly here in Glasgow. If this is something that you believe you could use your skills for please get in touch on 07706 063936 to have an initial chat.



Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Mince Pies, Soup etc, will be available in the Church Hall on Christmas day as from 12.00pm to 2.00pm for anyone who wants to come along.



THE SACRAMENTS: Please contact Fr. Benneth if,

1. You need your child to be baptised; you are a baptised catholic who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation; or you want to become a catholic, and need to be part of our RCIA course.
2. Your Child attends a Catholic school, or a non-Denominational school, and is due for their First Confession, First Communion, and Confirmation.
3. You know of any housebound parishioner who needs the Sacrament of the Sick, or who simply needs a visit from a priest.
4. You want to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony; or you want to be a priest.

PARISH PIETY STALL:

The Western Calendar, Mass cards, Advent book (Walk with Me), Religious Christmas greeting cards etc. are available in the parish piety stall.

MEMORIALS, FEASTS, SOLEMNITIES:

Sunday 25th December – The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord,



AFTER 11 O'CLOCK MASS IN THE HALL



FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Alistair, Bernie, Charles, Alan, Chris, Elizabeth, Mai, Hallie, Carol, Derek, Aiden, Ruth, Sandra, Ian, Yvonne, Mairi, Eddie, Colette, Charlie, Andy, Gerry, Hellen, Maureen, Ruby, Rosemary, Eileen, Evelyn.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Theresa Feeney, Sine Cameron-Mowat.

MEMORIALS AND ANNIVERSARIES

John O'Neill, Mamie and Paddy McGeehan, Mary Carberry, James Friel.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Msgr. Dan, Fr. Desmond, Rosemary, Andrew, Judith, Augustine, The Boyle Family, Andre and Doreen (Silver Jubilee of their Marriage).

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23(24): 1-6

Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Second reading

Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name.

You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew

1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew

1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph: being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord!



BULLETIN

Saint Helen's

One Family, One Heart, One Faith

18th December 2022

4th Sunday of Advent, Year A

SUNDAY MASS: CHRISTMAS DAY

Vigil (Saturday) 5.00 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.00 am, 11.00 am (No 5pm Mass)

WEEKDAY MASS

Daily (except Thursday) at 10.00 am. Thursday at 7.00 pm.

CONFESSIONS:

Thursday from 6.00 pm until 6.45 pm
Saturday after 10.00 am Mass and after the Vigil Mass

EXPOSITION:

Daily (except Thursday) from 9.30 am until 10.00am. On Thursdays from 6.00 pm until 7.00 pm.

DEVOTIONS:

Divine Mercy Devotion: Thursday at 6.45pm

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LINK FOR LIVE-STREAMS:

www.youtube.com/c/SaintHelensLangside

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First reading

Isaiah

7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered, 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with

Children's Worship Bulletin

Jesus Is Coming to Town

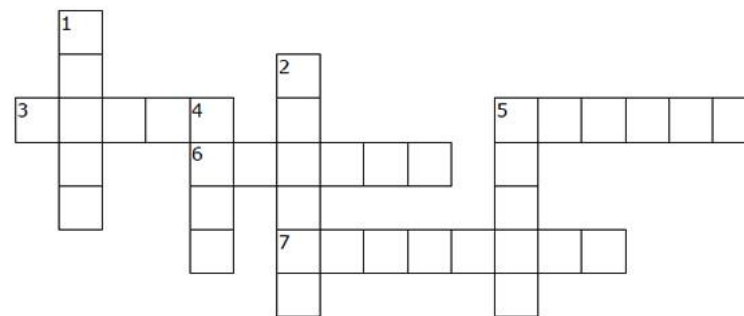
Word Search Puzzle

Matthew 1:18-25

F J U X J M Q I M M A N U E L
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CHRIST	MARRY	SON	CHILD	BIRTH
JESUS	AFRAID	NAME	JOSEPH	DREAM
VIRGIN	ANGEL	IMMANUEL	HUSBAND	MARY

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Images and emotions that occur while you are sleeping
- The earthly father of Jesus
- To be filled with fear
- A name that means "God is with us"

DOWN

- To become husband and wife
- A young unmarried woman
- The mother of Jesus
- The Son of God

AFRAID	MARY	MARRY	DREAM
JESUS	IMMANUEL	JOSEPH	VIRGIN



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"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."
Matthew 18:21 (NIV)

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

N	J	O	F	E	V	P	B	I	M	Q	R	W	L	S	Z	U	T	H	A	D	C	K	X	G	Y
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 15-3-1 _____
- 6-9-12-25-9-1 _____
- 2-3-15-5-7-19 _____
- 8-9-12-18-19 _____
- 10-5-15-15-9-20-19 _____
- 2-5-15-17-15 _____
- 10-20-12-26 _____
- 19-17-15-8-20-1-21 _____
- 20-1-25-5-14 _____
- 13-9-4-5 _____

JESUS	BIRTH	VIRGIN	ANGEL	MESSIAH
WIFE	MARY	SON	HUSBAND	JOSEPH

