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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B
9th-10th DECEMBER 2017

ENTRANCE

ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Isaiah 30.19,30

COMMUNION

ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Baruch 5.5

1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11:

Through Isaiah, God offers words of comfort to his people. He assure them that he is coming to save them, to gather them in his arms and to hold them against his breast.

Response to the Psalm: **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**

2nd Reading: II Peter 3.8-14: The faithful are given assurances that the Day of the Lord, Christ's return, will happen even if it seems to take so long. In the meantime, they are urged to live holy and saintly lives, without spot or stain, and so find peace.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord; make his paths straight, and all humankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Mark 1.1-8: Mark's Gospel opens with John the Baptist, preparing the way for the Lord. He contrasts the baptism that he does with the baptism with the Holy Spirit that the Lord will do. John is presented as someone who has stripped everything down to what is necessary—his diet and clothing point to this as does his living in the desert. His experience of God detaches him from reliance on earthly things.



Toys and gifts for needy families in the Clydesdale area will be gratefully received. There is a box available for your donations. Sincere Thanks to *Choices Charity Shop* for their donation of £200 which will be used for the purchase of toys and gifts.

Mass to mark the 1st anniversary of Fr Naughton's death and to pray for his eternal rest will take place on Tuesday 19th December at 7pm.

Our Advent Service of Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday 20th December at 7pm. Please make a note of this in your diaries and try your best to come along to this beautiful Service where we will experience reconciliation with God and with each other.

Proposal for a Memorial Garden: The memories of our faithful departed we cherished during November will still be with us. A permanent memorial to them would be beautiful, so it is proposed that we create that memorial in the parish garden. Plaques with names and dates could be attached to the outside wall of the church. Please let Fr Magill know your thoughts and any suggestions you may have.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME to Charlie

Grubb who will be baptised after Sunday Mass. May the Lord bless him and his mother Frances and pour out his love upon them. May they grow together in faith, hope and love.



CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS EACH SUNDAY AFTER THE 10AM MASS NEW MEMBERS WARMLY WELCOMED.

LIGHTING A CANDLE AT CHRISTMAS

If you would like to sponsor a light on our Christmas Tree for someone this season, for a special intention, or for your dear departed ones, please enter your details on the form provided. Place it with your donation in the box provided. This year your donation will be put towards the building fund.

AN ADVENT PRAYER

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Please pray for the eternal rest of Margaret McKenna, a former parishioner, who died recently in Ireland

The season of Advent and the Church's new liturgical year begins with Advent. There is an Advent Tree again this year. You are invited to place on its bare branches a written Advent promise which will bear fruit in your lives and so be a beautiful way to prepare for Christmas. There is a leaflet available with suggestions for your Advent promise. Please take one with you as you leave today.

Thank you for your offering last week of £789 in the plate and £580 in Standing Orders. This month's Lucky Numbers are:

1st £125 Maureen Doherty

The cheques are in the sacristy.

2nd £75 Liz Frame

3rd £50 Louise James



The RCIA Group meet on Monday at 7.30pm and the Caritas Group together with the STAY IN ME group meet on Thursday at 7pm in the parish house. The Primary School children will be offering a short Advent reflection each Friday of Advent at 9am in the school.



Advent and Christmas Events: Sunday **10th December:** Christian Aid Carol Service in St Andrew's Church at 7pm; Wednesday **13th December:** Carol Service for the Bereaved in St Andrew's Church at 7pm; **13th, 17th & 20th December:** Motherwell Diocesan Choir presents *Carol, Sweetly Carol*; Monday **18th December:** St Aidan's High Christmas Concert at 7.30pm; Tuesday **19th December:** St Aidan's High Pensioners' Christmas Concert and Afternoon Tea at 1.30pm. See the posters for more details.

A second ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION has been arranged by the diocesan Mission & Evangelisation team for this Tuesday 12th December in the Xavier Centre, Carfin, beginning after the 10am Mass and finishing at 2pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

Please remember in your prayers our sick and housebound: Eddie Lebida, Karen Derbyshire, Betty Flynn, Isobel Gardner, Helen Kelly, Mary Kelly, Ann Martin, Walter Britton, Maureen Campbell, Lynett Moses, John McKernan, George Wisdom, Joan McKay, Michael McKay, John Ness, Mary Brown, Elizabeth Keachie, Paula Magee, Geraldine Creany, Dylan Ferguson, Jordan Ferguson & May Kelly.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: Lucia Dubas & Anna Palazzo.



HOLY MASS: Vigil of Sunday: Saturday, 6pm; **Sunday:** 10am.

Monday-Friday: 10am.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: **Saturday** 5.30–5.55pm and on request.

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