

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**



Sunday: Mass at 10am in St Gregory's. Mass at 12pm in St Charles.  
 Monday: Mass at 9.30am. Vigil Mass of Christmas 6pm in St Charles.  
 Midnight Mass at Midnight in St Gregory's.  
 Tuesday: Solemnity of Nativity of the Lord. Dawn Mass of Christmas at 9.30am in St Gregory's.  
 Day Mass of Christmas at 11am in St Charles.  
 Please note there is no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today or next Tuesday.  
 Wednesday: Feast of St Stephen. Only Mass at 7pm.  
 Thursday: Feast of St John. Mass at 9.30am.  
 Friday: Feast of the Holy Innocents. Service of the Word and Holy Communion at 9.30am in St Gregory's. Mass at 10am in St Charles.  
 Saturday: 9.30am Mass, followed by confessions until 10.30am. Confessions from 5.15 -5.45pm. Mass at 6pm.  
 Next Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family. Mass at 10am in St Gregory's. Mass at 12pm in St Charles.  
 Lectio Divina sheet accompanies your bulletin this week.

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD with the times of Masses for Christmas and the New Year are available at the back of the church, please take some with you and give them to neighbours and friends so they know what time Midnight Mass is at. (It's at Midnight!)

FOODBANK APPEAL. Thanks to everyone for their continued generosity. Whatever you can give goes to those who need it.

THE CHINESE COMMUNITY are collecting things for a new baby to support the Cardinal Winning Pro-Life initiative. If you want to support that too, you would be most welcome.

ST MARGARET'S CHILDREN AND FAMILY CARE SOCIETY – Collection for the Crib on behalf of them. There will be a box in front of the Crib when it is built for donations for this charity.

SUNDAY CAFÉ is closed today and will re-open on 6th January. Volunteers to help on a regular basis (perhaps once a month) would be most welcome.

COLLECTIONS : Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec- £420.77 : 200 CLUB £10 Weekly draw 16th Dec- No.20 Caring Sunday - £260.10 (All results subject to scrutiny)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK –**

MARTIN DONALDSON ISOBEL SHORT ELLEN BURTON JOYCE D'ARCY  
 NATHAN ANDREW BYRNE (3 yrs old) PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, BENEFACTORS AND FRIENDS

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED**

DANIEL BENNETT WILLIAM BRANNAN PATRICIA BENHAM NORA QUINN

MARGARET McKAY Month's Mind: PAT McCLOSKEY

& ALL THOSE WHO HAVE NO ONE TO PRAY FOR THEM

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCUR ABOUT NOW

TONY JENKINS JANETTE O'NEIL ALEX & MARY COWAN CATHIE McKENZIE

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES**

JEAN McCRACKEN JOHN McCRACKEN SNR JEMMA McCRACKEN DOTHER.

JANET & ANDREW McDONAGH JOHN O'DONNELL BETTY & JOE GUNN

BETTY McKENNA BETTY CHAPMAN LESLEY ANN CAMERON ALLAN CAMERON ST.

SOPHIE & JIMMY MUIR JOE KEENAN MICK McCARRON PATSY GALLAGHER

JIMMY MALCOLM VICTIMS OF LOCKERBIE DISASTER THOSE WHO DIED IN ALL

WARS AND ALL ATROCITIES AROUND THE WORLD LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER**

EVANGELISATION: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.



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 A Designated Religious Charity, Number SC018140  
 REV FR ALLAN CAMERON PP



St Gregory Barbarigo



*WHY SHOULD I BE  
 HONOURED WITH A  
 VISIT FROM THE  
 MOTHER OF MY LORD?*



SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2018

4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

40 HOURS DEVOTIONS

VACANT

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6pm and Sunday 10. am

WEEKDAY MASS

9.30 am Lauds before Mass

FRIDAY:

Eucharistic Service at 9.30 am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday after 9.30 Mass-10.30 am

(Tuesday Exposition cancelled for two weeks (Christmas Day & New Year's Day)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday after 9.30am Mass & 5.15–5.45 pm

SUNDAY CONFESSIONS

from 9.15 until 9.45 am

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

by arrangement

First Reading *Micah 5:1-4* Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

Responsorial *Psalm 79* GOD OF HOSTS, BRING US BACK; LET YOUR FACE SHINE ON US AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.

Second Reading *Hebrews 10:5-10* Here I am ! I come to do your will .

Gospel *Luke 1:39-41* Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?



Fr Allan wishes everyone a  
**HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS**  
 AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR.

Thank you for all your kindnesses and prayers.



**ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT CHRISTMAS**

is people coming home. People who work or study away from home will make a special effort to be with family for Christmas. We like to think of our parish as our spiritual home, our fellow parishioners as our Christian family. If for any reason you've been away from church, you'll find a warm welcome, a real home-coming. Why not come home for Christmas? **INVITE SOMEONE YOU KNOW...back to Mass for Christmas.** All of us know someone who has stopped going to Mass – a family member, relative, friend or neighbour. Invite someone you know who no longer attends to accompany you to **ChristMASS ADVENT APPEAL FOR 'THE SPACE'**-

Many thanks to everyone for the very generous donation of gifts. **Deo Gratias ST. NICHOLAS CARE FUND**= Please take away an Advent Pack (Wee Box), and return before the end of December. St. Nicholas Care Fund is a source of practical help and funding for all those in need in our community.

**HOGMANAY WATCHNIGHT SERVICE**  
Glasgow Cathedral, 2 Castle Street,  
Glasgow, G4 0QZ on 31 Dec 2015 at 11. pm  
hosted by Churches Together.

**VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT EVENINGS:**

Archdiocese of Glasgow Vocations are holding discernment evenings of catechesis, adoration and fellowship at Turnbull Hall, Southpark Terrace G12 8LG. These evenings will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> January; 8<sup>th</sup> February; 8<sup>th</sup> March; 12<sup>th</sup> April and 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. All young people welcome.

**GET READY FOR LENT 2019**

This year our WEE BOX appeal focuses on Lydia and her family from Uganda. Learn about this year's WEE BOX appeal and how you can join in at our Lent training taking place across Scotland.. **Lent Parish**

**Volunteer Training Glasgow** – Sat. 26th Jan, 11am. SCIAF Office, 19 Park Circus, G3 6BE- 0141 354 5555 In writing: SCIAF, 19 Park Circus, Glasgow, G3 6BE or email sciaf@sciaf.org.uk

**POPE FRANCIS EXPLAINS SYMBOLISM OF VATICAN CHRISTMAS TREE AND SAND NATIVITY.**

As the Vatican illuminated its 65-foot Christmas tree in St. Peter's Square Friday, Pope Francis shared the deeper meaning found in the traditional festive spruce. The signs and symbols found in Christmas traditions can "help us to contemplate the mystery of God made man to be close to each one of us," Francis said Dec. 7. "The Christmas tree with its lights reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world, the light of the soul that drives away the darkness of animosity and makes room for forgiveness," he continued. The great height of this year's Christmas tree -- cut from Italy's Cansiglio forest -- symbolizes that the Son of God, who lowered himself in assuming the human condition to draw man up to himself, the pope explained. God raises man "from the fogs of selfishness and sin" and invites him to "participate in his divine and incorruptible nature." The Vatican also unveiled the annual nativity scene in St. Peter's square, this year sculpted entirely out of sand. The 52-foot-wide sand sculpture of Mary, Joseph, the Child Jesus, and an angel was created by four international artists using around 700 tons of sand brought from the Dolomites. The concept of a sand nativity originated from a tradition from the Northern Italian beach-town of Jesolo, where professional sand sculptors from around the world create original renderings of the nativity and other Christian stories for locals and visitors to enjoy each Christmas season.



Pope Francis reflected that sand is a humble, poor material that "recalls the simplicity, the smallness with which God showed himself at the birth of Jesus in the precariousness of Bethlehem." Contemplating the God child, who emanates light in the humility of the nativity scene, we can also become witnesses of humility, tenderness and goodness," Francis said. Pope Francis encouraged families and communities come together to reflect upon the meaning of these Christmas traditions: "The nativity and the tree, fascinating symbols of Christmas, can bring families and meeting places a reflection of the light and tenderness of God to help everyone to live the feast of the birth of Jesus."



**ST GREGORY BARBARIGO PARISH, GLASGOW**

**PROPOSED ITINERARY for PILGRIMAGETO ITALY 2020  
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PROPOSED ITINERARY for PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY 2020**



Flying from Edinburgh to Venice - 5 day tour includes visits to Venice, Padua, Bergamo, Verona with many interesting places to visit – where St Gregory Barbarigo and St Charles Borromeo lived and worked. Price: £1,040 per person sharing a twin/double room on a half board basis. Single rooms are available at a supplement of £145. Price includes return airfare including hold baggage, accommodation as detailed in the itinerary, all transport whilst in Italy, services of professional guides, gratuities and all entrance fees. Price does not include lunches, drinks or items of a personal nature. Please note that this itinerary is not suitable for the less able traveller. Deposit of £250 and completed booking form required by 20.06.2019 with balance and any single supplement due by 20.01.2020.

Booking Ref: GLAS03 Please write this in the box at the top right hand corner of the booking form. You must enclose a copy of the picture page of your passport. **IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING GOING ON THE PILGRIMAGE – PLEASE INFORM FR ALLAN, ASAP , THIS IMPLIES NO COMMITMENT AT THIS POINT, BUT RATHER LETS FATHER KNOW OF THE PROBABLE UPTAKE - WE NEED AT LEAST 20 PEOPLE TO MAKE THE TRIP VIABLE.**

**FAITH FORUM:**

**EXPLORING CATHOLIC DOCTRINE:** Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Keen to learn more about the Church's magisterial teachings? Come along to the Glasgow Faith Forum's fortnightly series of talks in 2019: 10 Jan – *The Most Holy Trinity* (Archbishop Tartaglia); 24 Jan – *Creation* (Fr Jamie McMorrin); 7 Feb - *The Incarnation* (Canon Luiz Ruscillo); 21 Feb- *Ecclesiology: Models of the Church* (Fr Nick Welsh); 7 Mar- *the Life of Grace* (Fr David Barrett); 21 Mar - *The Four Last Things* (Fr Michael John Galbraith). These sessions will take place at 7.30pm at Turnbull Hall, Univ of Glasgow Catholic Chaplaincy, 13-15 Southpark Terrace, G12 8LG. All young people welcome.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?**

If you wish to see a Catholic Chaplain during your stay in hospital, you need to ask the hospital staff to contact him. There is always a priest on call for emergencies, but staff will not page the priest unless asked by patients or Families. Patient's Religious Declaration, which a person when admitted to hospital, or a relative/friend, should give to ward-staff to ensure they can see a Catholic Chaplain. This can also be achieved through a verbal-request to staff. This is necessary due to the way confidentiality

**MASS IN QUEEN ELIZABETH UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**

Father Raphael , (St Paul's Whiteinch) will celebrate Mass in the Sanctuary Room of the QEUH on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm. Please share this post so that it becomes well known for patients and staff. If you are visiting a relative in hospital on Sunday afternoons and they are fit to come down, why not accompany them to Mass?

