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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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**PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'**

## First Sunday of Advent A, 27th November 2022

### MASS SCHEDULES

**Monday**  
No public Mass

**Tuesday – Saturday**  
9am

**Friday**  
7pm (Polish)

**Sunday**  
10am (English)  
12noon (Polish)

### CONFESSIONS

**Saturday**  
9:30am (after Mass)  
or call to make an appointment.

### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

I rejoiced  
when I heard them say:  
Let us go to God's house.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.



**Dear Parishioners and Friends of our parish, we are so happy that you could join us today to celebrate the First Sunday of Advent.**

Many of us fill our lives up completely with the task of looking after our immediate needs, some of which are real and some of which are imaginary. Then we try to pour in a little bit of spirituality on top of it. But it doesn't work. We are already too full to receive anything else. When our whole life is taken up in only looking after our immediate needs, then we miss the point of really living.

In our Gospel today, we read, "...in those days before the Flood, people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away." They suspected nothing. Their lives were too full. There was no room for anything else to get in. And so nothing did.

We need to savor life, not drink it down in one big gulp, without really tasting it. Have you ever seen someone really enjoying a glass of wine? They don't pour it down

their throats as if they had just come out of the Sahara desert. They want to taste every little bit of the wine in their glass.

They don't want to miss any of the wonderful flavour that is in that glass of wine. Living life shouldn't be like going through a fast food restaurant, getting as much as we can eat and feeling full, but not getting the nutrition that our bodies really need. Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the first day of a new Church Year -- it is a time to ask the Lord to bring a sense of freshness and fullness to our lives.

Our lives were not meant to be filled up with just taking care of business, no matter how much business we have to take care of. We need enough room and enough empty space in our lives to allow ourselves the reflection and quiet we need to be responsive to God's presence in our lives. If our cup is too full already, then there's a chance that nothing else will be able to get in.

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

God bless you all!

**Fr Bogdan SDS**

## PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose  
of the souls of  
all those  
whose anniversaries occur  
about this time  
**Eternal rest grant  
unto their souls, O Lord.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

## Priest's Musing

A five-year-old-girl suddenly announced just before school that she needed to take a clean T-shirt to class. She told her parents the teacher was going to iron an anti-drug message on it. Her mother frantically swept through her daughter's room finding nothing usable but one t-shirt that already had something printed on one side. She sent it off to school with her daughter.

That afternoon, she returned and happily showed off her shirt. On one side it said, "Families are Forever." And on the other, "Be Smart, Don't Start."



## Thank you!

We thank you for your spectacular generosity. Your generous support of our Parish and your help with the needs of our community is greatly appreciated!

**Last Sunday's Collection:**  
20th November - £550.06.

**Today the Second Collection  
is for the Poor Mission Fund.**

**(Parishes in our Diocese of  
Dunkeld that struggle  
financially).**

## Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation for the students from St Mary Magdalene's Parish will be held on Thursday 1st December at 6pm. Please pray for our Candidates who will be presented to Bishop Robson at the Confirmation Mass may the Holy Spirit strengthen their faith and that their hearts might always be places where the gifts of the Holy Spirit will grow.

## Foodbank Appeal

Perth & Kinross Foodbank has been operating for more than 7 years and is heavily reliant on donations of food and drink from churches, other organisations and members of the public. During the COVID lockdowns, these sources largely dried up, leaving the foodbank struggling to cope with demand. The current energy/cost of living crisis has led to increased numbers of people being forced to access the foodbank and the need for donations is greater than ever. A box for donations has been placed in the church porch. Please give as much as you can. Many thanks!

## Nightfever

an evening of adoration and outreach

**Saturday 3 December**  
St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee

This will be the first Nightfever evening  
for more than two years

## ADVENT RETREAT DAY

*under auspices of Adult Formation Office*

at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre,  
St Mary's, Forebank, Hall and Church

**10am-3pm**  
**Saturday 10 December**

Scripture, song and reflection  
to begin a new Advent and a new year  
in the Liturgy. All are welcome

## SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

**Monday 28th November**  
**1st Week of Advent - Year A**

**Tuesday 29th November**  
**1st Week of Advent - Year A**

**Wednesday 30th November**  
**Feast of St Andrew,  
Apostle**

**Thursday 1st December**  
**1st Week of Advent - Year A**

**Friday 2nd December**  
**1st Week of Advent - Year A**

**Saturday 3rd December**  
**Memorial - St Francis Xavier,  
Priest**

## Catholic Education Week

We will celebrate Catholic Education Week from 16th November (the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland) until 30th November (the Feast of St Andrew). The theme this year is: "Communion, Participation, Mission". The Head Teacher Mrs Marie-Claire Futamata from St John's Academy in Perth will join us on Sunday 27th November with a brief presentation. Please welcome her into our Parish Community.

## Catholic Education Week Prayer

*Jesus our Teacher, in your love for us,  
help us to develop our own talents  
so that we may become like you  
and lead lives of goodness.*

*Bless all learners and all teachers.  
May our Catholic schools continue to serve  
our families, our communities  
and our country.*

*Help us, through our learning,  
to believe in you  
and to celebrate the life of your Church.*

*Help us to grow in holiness  
as we grow in friendship with you  
and try to become saints.*

*We make this prayer  
in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen*

**ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Fr Bogdan after Mass*