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PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

Third Sunday of Advent A 11th December 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.



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

Over and over again, we hear of men and women, and sometimes children, doing what we all thought could never be done. The world is full of stories where the seemingly impossible becomes possible. We should feast on such stories because they can help nurture our sense of what is possible in life. Our readings today are filled, not with what men and women can do, but with what God can and does do in our world.

God makes the wilderness into a garden, opens blind eyes, cures deaf ears, gives courage to the cowardly, sets the oppressed free, makes the lame walk, cleanses the lepers and even raises the dead. God can make all things new. This is what we celebrate today. Now the trick is to take that wonderfully hopeful idea and allow it to enter our communal and individual world.

The saints were not afraid to imagine a world that was different from the world in which they lived. When we simply sit

back and accept what is because that is all we know, and are not able to imagine how things could be any different, then nothing much is going to happen.

If a community has no vision of how to move into the future, it seems highly doubtful that God is going to use that community to bring about any needed changes. God needs hearts and imaginations that are wide open and unafraid.

A philosopher who was thinking about what he would want in life wrote these words: "If I were to wish for anything, I should not wish for wealth and power, but for the passionate sense of the potential, for the eye which, ever young and ardent, sees the possible.

Pleasure disappoints, possibility never. And what wine is so sparkling, what so fragrant, what so intoxicating, as possibility". (Soren Kierkegaard).

Peace,

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Come Lord Jesus,
and save us.

Gospel Acclamation

The Spirit of the Lord has been
given to me.
He has sent me to bring
good news to the poor.

Fr Bogdan SDS

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
of the souls of
Annie McLean and Maureen Swai
who died recently
and all whose anniversaries occur
about this time
**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Priest's Musing

Two men were playing golf one day. One of the guys was about to chip onto the green when he saw a long funeral procession on the road next to the course. He stopped in mid-swing, took off his golf cap, closed his eyes, and bowed his head in prayer. His friend said, "Wow, that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You truly are a kind man." The man replied, "Well, we were married 45 years."

Toy Appeal

Each Christmas SSVP has collected toys for distribution to needy families in Perth. For the past 2 years, COVID lockdowns have prevented this happening, but this Advent we plan to restart and are inviting parishioners to help. We are looking for new toys which should be left unwrapped. Donations should be handed to Fr Bogdan or placed in the foodbank box no later than Sunday 11 th December. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

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:
4th December – £709.15.**

Preparing The Way Advent Reconciliation Service

The will be a Service of Reconciliation on Tuesday 20th December 2022, at 6pm in St Mary Magdalene's Church. Please plan a time to attend this important part of the preparation before the Christmas. Several priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance. As we begin the new liturgical year in the Church we invite all to begin anew with souls nourished from gift of the divine mercy and forgiveness God has for everyone. „There are people who are afraid to go to confession, forgetting that they will not encounter a severe judge there, but the immensely merciful Father” (Pope Francis).

The Camerata Concert

Perth Congregational Church is hosting a Christmas celebration of music with the Camerata orchestra, and a number of organists – and a bit of congregational singing – on Tuesday 20th December at 7.30pm. Proceeds to be shared between the Perth City Foodshare project, and the Congregational Church's organ fund.

PACT Carol Service

PACT (Perth Action for Churches Together) will be holding its annual Christmas Carol Service in St Leonard's in the Fields Church, Marshall Place on Friday 23rd December at 7pm. Collection in aid of local charities. All are very welcome!

Perth & Kinross Foodbank

December 2022 – Most Needed Items: Small laundry powder/gel, toilet rolls, tinned potatoes, instant mash, tinned fruit, jam, tinned tomatoes, sweets and crisps, longlife juice. Thank you!

SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

Monday 12th December
3rd Week of Advent - Year A

Tuesday 13th December
Memorial of St Lucy

Wednesday 14th December
Memorial of St John of the Cross

Thursday 15th December
3rd Week of Advent- Year A

Friday 16th December
3rd Week of Advent- Year A

Saturday 17h December
3rd Week of Advent- Year A

Christmas Masses St Mary Magdalene, Perth

Christmas Eve (Saturday 24th)
9pm – English
11pm – Polish

Christmas Day (Sunday 25th)
Nativity of the Lord,
Holy Day of Obligation
10am – English
12pm – Polish

Feast of St Stephen (Monday 26th)
9am – English
11am – Polish

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary
and Joseph – (Friday 30th)
9am – English 7pm – Polish

New Year 2023
Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God
10am – English
12pm – Polish

The Epiphany of the Lord
8th January (Sunday)
10am – English
12pm – Polish

Weekday Masses as usual 9am

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