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PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

Fourth Sunday of Advent A 18th 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.

We need to know that we still belong to the people who share life with us. It's so easy to grow apart, to take others for granted, and never to express our love in words or gestures. At times the pace of life with all of its worries, problems and tasks, pushes us right by the ones we belong to.

If this can happen so easily with those whom we can see, then the danger exists that we will eventually take for granted the one whom we can't see - Jesus, Our Saviour. We need to extend our welcome daily to Our Lord.

Christmas is a time to gently ask ourselves if we are still extending our welcome to Jesus. Does he still have a place in all of our decisions, plans, and dreams? Or do we just invite him into our lives when it seems like the right occasion, like a wedding anniversary or a baptism, or some such occasion where we are in a good mood and ready to give thanks to God? We need to be more than a fair weather friend when it

comes to our relationship with the Christ. If we develop the practice of prayer each day, and many times through each day, we will be welcoming Jesus into our lives.

When, through prayer, we open ourselves to having Christ touch our thoughts, our feelings, our decisions, we will know what it means to let another into the deepest part of our lives. Sometimes we smile at a child who has been asked to say the grace before a meal.

The little one asks God to take care of his pet cat or his little hamster, to keep the rain off of the picnic that's being planned, to give food to the poor people. Everything gets thrown into the prayer because the child knows that God cares about everything, not just about what we think are important items. Perhaps that is the way you and I should learn how to pray.

Peace,

Fr Bogdan SDS

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Let the Lord enter,
He is the King of Glory.

Gospel Acclamation

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

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
of the souls of
Annie McLean
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

It was just a few weeks before Christmas and a young boy was praying in his bedroom. His mother was sitting beside him and his grandmother was downstairs in the TV room.

He prayed very loudly, "Lord, I pray for a train set, a remote control car, and a new bicycle!" "You don't have to shout dear," his mother said. "God's not deaf." "I know," replied the little boy, "but Grandma is."

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:
11th December — £572.20.
Votive candles: £44.98

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.

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!

Advent Reconciliation Service!

Prepare for the
Christmas Season by
celebrating the
Sacrament
of Reconciliation
during Advent!



Advent Reconciliation Service

There 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).

SSVP Toy Appeal

A very big thankyou to everyone who handed in toys in support of our appeal. You were amazingly generous. Your gifts will help to make this Christmas a happy and enjoyable one for some of the less-well-off children in Perth.

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!

SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

Monday 19th December
4th Week of Advent - Year A

Tuesday 20th December
4th Week of Advent - Year A

Wednesday 21st December
4th Week of Advent - Year A

Thursday 22nd December
4th Week of Advent - Year A

Friday 23rd December
4th Week of Advent - Year A

Saturday 24th December
4th 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?

Preparing The Way

Hospital

Ward

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