

Westhill Catholic Parish Bulletin



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1st Sunday of Advent 28th November 2021

The readings for Mass can be found on: <https://universalis.com/20211128/mass.htm>

MASS TIMES

Thursday 2nd December

Mass at **10am.**

Adoration from 9am. Rosary from 9:35am. The Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group meet after the Mass. Mothers Prayers Group meet after the Mass.

Saturday 4th December

Vigil Mass at **5pm.**

Sunday 5th December

Mass at **9am** (2nd Sunday of Advent).

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before Saturday Vigil Mass or by appointment with Fr Emmet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parking Restrictions at Ashdale Hall on Sunday 28th November

Ashdale Hall have a full day Christmas Fayre event on this Sunday, starting early in the morning. Please do not park in their car park.

Children's Liturgy on Sunday 28th November

Children's Liturgy is open to all children from toddlers up to around Confirmation age.

Sunday School Class on Sunday 28th November, 10am to 10:45am, in the small Chapel

Sunday School classes for First Confession and First Communion are led by Moyra Stephen. After this Sunday, there will be 2 more classes before the Christmas holidays. On the 5th December in the small Chapel, and on the 12th December online via Zoom.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS AT KIRKTON OF SKENE CHURCHYARD

On Monday 29th November at 12:30pm everyone is welcome to join Eugene, Jim and Bronwyn at Kirkton of Skene Churchyard cemetery to pray for all those who have gone before us.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Fr Domenico is planning a Scripture course on 'The Christmas Story', which will be streamed via Zoom, on Wednesday evenings at 7pm during December.

- **Wednesday 1st December: Preparation**
- **Wednesday 8th December: Annunciation(s)**
- **Wednesday 15th December: Realisation**
- **Wednesday 22nd December: Adoration**

For further details please email Fr Domenico (stcolumbasculloden@outlook.com)

MARY'S MEALS FUNDRAISING EVENT

There will be a fundraising event at St Francis Church for Mary's Meals. A lovely 3 course Christmas Lunch/Dinner with wine.

- **Wednesday 8th December Christmas Lunch at 1pm**
- **Friday 10th December Christmas Dinner at 7pm**

A ticket is £20 per person. Please contact Jane Arrowsmith (mobile: 07721366341) for more information and to book your tickets. There is a cap of 50 people per event to allow for social distancing within the St Francis Parish Hall.

THE RETURN OF THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION

The Bishops of Scotland have announced the decision to reinstate the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation. This will come into effect from 2nd January 2022, the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

The Christmas season was chosen, we are told in the letter announcing it, as this is the time when Christ is born for us, a time which reminds us that at the heart of our Christian life is the event of the Word becoming flesh.

The return of the obligation shouldn't be seen as a burden, but as a call to us to come to the Father together with our fellow-believers, to join the wise men, if you will, in offering worship to the Infant Jesus.

The full letter can be read on our Parish website here:

[Pastoral Letter on the Restoration of the Mass Obligation](#)

CATECHISTS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM

If you are a Catechist and/or part of our Children's Liturgy Team, and would like know more about courses offered by **The Ogilvie Centre** (our Diocese's Catechist Support Office) then please email **Sr Anna Christi** (ogilvie@rcda.scot) your details.

For more information about some of the courses offered at The Ogilvie Centre:
<https://ogilvie.rcda.scot/catechists-and-childrens-formation/>

UPCOMING NOVENAS

Here is a link to some Novenas starting soon, which may be helpful for your personal prayer (<https://catholicnovenaapp.com/list-of-all-novenas/#>).

- [Immaculate Conception Novena](#) (Starts: November 29th – Feast Day: December 8th)
- [St Andrew Christmas Novena](#) (Starts: November 30th – Feast Day: December 25th)
- [Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena](#) (Starts: December 3rd – Feast Day: December 12th)

PARISH GROUPS

The Legion of Mary, weekly meetings in the Prayer room, on Monday evenings at 6pm.
Contact: Eugene Ogosi (Tel: 07983125904). Meetings consist of prayers (including the rosary), a sermon, reports and discussions. You could also consider becoming an Auxiliary member by supporting the Legion through prayer. For more information see Parish website: <https://westhill.rcda.scot/legion-of-mary/>

The Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group, weekly meetings on Thursdays after 10am Mass.
Contact: Bronwyn (bronwyn.d@vidson.me) All are very welcome. We pray especially for our priests, the Pope and for our families. For more information see the Parish website: <https://westhill.rcda.scot/cenacle-of-prayer/>

Mothers Prayers Group, weekly meetings on Thursdays after 10am Mass. The 'Mothers Prayers' prayer group was begun by mothers in England in 1995. These mothers felt that they should bring all the pain and the worries they had for their children to Christ and to trust in His words 'Ask and you will receive.' Since then, it has spread rapidly, and Mothers Prayers is now in over 100 countries around the world. For more information see the Parish website: <https://westhill.rcda.scot/mothers-prayers-group/>

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

You can support the work of our parish financially either in the **Offertory Collection Basket** at the door, using our **Offertory Envelopes**, or by setting up a **Standing Order** so that money will be donated to the parish every week or month.

If you use the envelopes or set up a standing order and you pay tax, we can claim **Gift Aid** for every donation that you make. This means that we receive a further 25p for every £1 you donate, at no extra cost to you.

To register for **Gift Aid**, to get offertory envelopes, or to set up a Standing Order, please speak to Fr Emmet either directly before or after Mass or by phone/email and he will give you the details. **Thank you to all of you.**

HELPING TO SET UP FOR MASS

If you think you might be able to help with setting up the Church before Saturday Vigil Mass, do let us know by speaking to Paul Reilly or to Fr Emmet.

CALL TO KEYHOLDERS

Fr Emmet has been updating our list of keyholders recently, if you have keys to Trinity Church, but Fr Emmet hasn't yet spoken to you about them, can you please contact him.

UPCOMING DATES IN THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2021

- *Solemnity of Saint Andrew* Tuesday 30th November
- *2nd Sunday of Advent* Sunday 5th December
- *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* Wednesday 8th December
- *3rd Sunday of Advent* Sunday 12th December
- *4th Sunday of Advent* Sunday 19th December
- *Christmas Day* Saturday 25th December
- *The Holy Family* Sunday 26th December