

Westhill Catholic Parish Bulletin



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3rd Sunday of Advent 12th December 2021

The readings for Mass can be found on: <https://universalis.com/20211212/mass.htm>

MASS TIMES

Thursday 16th 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 18th December

Vigil Mass at **5pm.**

Sunday 19th December

Mass at **9am** (4th 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 12th December

Ashdale Hall have an event on this Sunday, starting early in the morning. Please do not park in their car park.

Children's Liturgy on Sunday 12th December

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

Sunday School Class on Sunday 12th December, 10am to 10:45am, online via Zoom

This is the last class before the Christmas holidays.

ADORATION ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON

On Tuesday 14th December, from 2pm until 3pm, there will be Adoration in the small Chapel. We will also pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Friday 24th December

Vigil Mass at 8pm, preceded from 7:30pm to just before 8pm, by a Children's Liturgy.

Saturday 25th December

Christmas Morning Mass at 9am.

For the Vigil Mass at least, we will return to a booking form as we had to use before.

Here is the booking form: [Christmas Vigil Mass](#)

Please could everyone who has already indicated their preferences use this form if you are coming to the Vigil. Booking for the Vigil Mass will make it easier to arrange the seating in the Church and to ease flow at the door on the night.

Also, we don't need to book for the Morning Mass, the usual system will be sufficient for that.

This year, of course, Christmas Day falls on a Saturday, as such **there will be no Christmas Vigil Mass on Saturday 25th December.**

ASSISTED SUICIDE CONSULTATION

Assisted suicide is a grave threat to human dignity.

A public consultation on a proposed Bill to legalise assisted suicide has recently opened and we encourage you to respond.

Bishop Hugh Gilbert, President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, has encouraged the Catholics of Scotland to respond to the consultation and to "reject" the proposal. Bishop Gilbert added that the proposal was "a serious threat to the elderly, the disabled, and the vulnerable" and urged people to "send the message that every human life has value."

For more information and to view the consultation guide visit rcpolitics.org

Deadline for responses: Wednesday 22nd December 2021.

Please complete the questionnaire as soon as you can and encourage others to do the same.

[Click here to respond online via Smart Survey.](#)

This is the quickest and most efficient way both for you and the Parliament.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

The Scripture course on 'The Christmas Story', led by Fr Domenico, continues this coming week Wednesday at 7pm, online via Zoom.

- **Wednesday 15th December: Realisation**
- **Wednesday 22nd December: Adoration**

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

ONLINE SERVICE OF READINGS & CHRISTMAS CAROLS



St Mary's Cathedral
Online Service of Readings and Carols

Led by Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB

Monday 20th December, 7pm to 8:30pm

Here is the link: [St Mary's Cathedral - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stmaryscathedral)

The Bishop's nominated charity this year is CFINE (www.cfine.org) whose mission is to improve health and wellbeing and the environment, tackle poverty and build resilience through a range of support and services for and with disadvantaged, vulnerable, low-income individuals, families and communities in North East Scotland.

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.**

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/>

LIGHT OF THE NORTH



The Advent issue of the Light of the North is now available online:

<https://bit.ly/Lightofthenorthautumnissue-48-2021>

There are many wonderful articles to read which will help support your journey through Advent, beginning with Bishop Hugh's letter on page 3.

UPCOMING DATES IN THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2021

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| • <i>St John of the Cross</i> | Tuesday 14 th December |
| • <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> | Sunday 19 th December |
| • <i>Christmas Day</i> | Saturday 25 th December |
| • <i>The Holy Family</i> | Sunday 26 th December |
| • <i>St John the Apostle</i> | Monday 27 th December |
| • <i>The Holy Innocents</i> | Tuesday 28 th December |