

Westhill Catholic Parish Bulletin



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1st Sunday of Advent 27th November 2022

The readings for Mass can be found on <https://universalis.com/20221127/mass.htm>

Please note that two more optional parts of the Mass will be returning on the 1st Sunday of Advent: the sign of peace and the Intercessions/prayers of the Faithful.

MASS TIMES

Monday 28th November Mass at **5:30 pm** in the Small Chapel. Rosary from 5:10 pm. The Legion of Mary Group will meet after the Mass.

Thursday 1st December Mass at **10 am** in the Small Chapel. Adoration from 9 am. Rosary from 9:35 am. The Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group and Mothers Prayers Group will meet after Mass.

Sunday 4th December Mass at **9 am**.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr Emmet.

WELCOME

Welcome to all new parishioners and visitors to Trinity Church. If you would like to receive our Parish newsletter every week then please fill in your details in the [online form](#) on the Parish website. The Parish has several prayer groups which help us to sustain our faith and to grow in the Love of God and of our Neighbour. The details for these prayer groups can be found on the Parish website and at the back of the newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Liturgy on Sunday 27th November

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

Sunday School for First Confession & First Holy Communion, Sunday 27th November

Classes will be in the Small Chapel after the 9 am Mass and are led by Moyra Stephen (moyrastephen@gmail.com).

Confirmation Preparation Class on Sunday 27th November

Classes will be held in the meeting room (near the kitchen) after the 9 am Mass. Classes are led by Mary Arkless (mlarkless@gmail.com).

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in the Parish, or would like to become one there will be an induction and refresher course offered in December to those interested. It will cover both the practical and spiritual dimensions of what it means to serve the Parish in this ministry. Please speak to Fr Emmet for more information if you are interested.

Men's Advent Retreat 2022 at Hazelwood House

Hazelwood House (in Glasgow) offers educational and cultural courses. Spiritual activities are conducted by Opus Dei, a personal Prelature of the Catholic Church. There next Advent Retreat will be on 2nd – 3rd December (cost £90). For more information click [here](#).

St Mary's Cathedral Christmas Fair, Sunday 11th December, 12:30 pm to 3 pm

The fair will feature a selection of stalls offering arts and crafts, face painting, tasty treats, raffle tickets and a Santa's Grotto. All are very welcome to come along and join this fun & festive event!

Parking Restrictions at Ashdale Hall

Ashdale Hall have a few early morning events coming up in December and they have kindly asked that we do not park in their car park on the following Sundays: 4th, 11th, 18th. Thank you for your understanding.

SAINT OF THE DAY

The feast day of [St Andrew the Apostle](#) is celebrated on November 30th. St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and also of fishermen.

Mark 1:16-17 *As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.*

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

NOVEMBER LISTS

November is the month we traditionally pray for all those who have gone before us, especially those we have known and loved, and those who have formed part of our community. November lists can be found on our [Parish website](#).

You can either download them, fill them in, print them off, and send them back to Fr Emmet via email, or bring them to Mass with you the next time you come. We will place them at the Altar for all of our November Masses.

In the writings of St Margaret Mary, we read:

"In union with the divine Heart of Jesus make a short pilgrimage to Purgatory at night. Offer Him your activities of the day and ask Him to apply His merits to the suffering souls. At the same time implore them to obtain for you the grace to live and die in the love and friendship of this divine Heart. Fortunate will you be, if you succeed in obtaining deliverance for some of these imprisoned souls, for you will gain as many friends in Heaven."



DIOCESAN DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT COURSES

The retreat courses aim to create a community of connected, confident Catholics across the north of Scotland. The retreat is held at Kilcoy Castle on the Black Isle. The retreats cost £60 per weekend for residents in the RC Diocese of Aberdeen and £150 per weekend for those out with the diocese.

Retreat Courses:

The Emmaus Course is an experience of the Word of God, a companion on our journey to heaven. *Course Dates: 2 - 4 December 2022 [Men] and 3 - 5 February 2023 [Women].*

The John the Beloved Course is an experience of meaning and conditions of discipleship, equipping participants to be life-long disciples of Jesus Christ. *Course Dates: 3 - 5 March 2023 [Men] and 12 - 14 May 2023 [Women].*

To register and for further information please contact the Ogilvie Centre [here](#).

PARISH GROUPS

The Legion of Mary, weekly meetings in the Small Chapel, Monday evenings at 6 pm.
Contact: Eugene Ogosi (Tel: 07983125904).

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics, who under the leadership of Mary, serve the Church and the community on a voluntary basis. Meetings consist of prayers (including the rosary), a sermon, reports and discussions.

The Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group, weekly meetings, Thursdays after the 10 am Mass.
All are very welcome. We pray especially for our priests, the Pope and for our families. For more information: <https://mmp-usa.net/>

Mothers Prayers Group, weekly meetings on Thursdays after the 10 am 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.'

COLLECTIONS

The total given by standing order and online payment for August was £1357.

The collection on Sunday 20th November was £135.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

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.**