



St. Patrick's, Dumbarton

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MASSES:

Saturday 6.30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 10.00 am, 12.00 Noon and 5.30 pm

WEEKDAYS:

Mon — Sat 10.00 am

Mon, Tues, Fri 7.00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Daily After 10.00 am Mass

Saturday After 10.00 am Mass,

5.15 to 6.15 pm and other times by arrangement

ROSARY:

Mon-Sat After 10.00 am Mass - unless there is a funeral

Feast Days: Tuesday: St Francis Xavier Memorial
Saturday: St Ambrose Memorial

Friday is the First Friday of the month. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10.00am Mass concluding with Benediction at 12noon.

Saturday is the First Saturday of the month. There will be Fatima Devotions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10.00am Mass concluding with Benediction at 12noon.

Advent at St Patrick's: As a spiritual preparation for Christmas there will be a series of reflections on the first three Tuesdays of Advent, 3rd, 10th and 17th December. These will take place in the hall at lunchtime. There will be soup available at 12.30 followed by a short film commencing at 1pm with reflection on the content.

Advent Penitential Service: on Tuesday 17 December at 11.00am in St Patrick's and 7.00pm in St Peter's.

Reverence in the Church: Please remember that we are asked to show some sign of reverence as we approach to receive Holy Communion. Some simple sign can help us remember that we are about to receive the Body and Blood of Christ and not just some other everyday food. Some people genuflect, some show reverence with a simple bow of the head. You decide what is best for you.

Church Stall: Christmas cards, Advent calendars, Yearly calendars, Carmelite Christmas cards and Christmas Mass Bouquet cards will be on sale.

Advent Tree: is flourishing. Please take a leaf and enjoy choosing a gift for someone. There is still a need for your assistance- your gifts help make Christmas special for local children and throughout the District. Please note that the gifts should be handed in on weekend of 14th and 15th December. Thank you for your continued support.

SPUC Dumbarton Branch: wish to thank all those who supported our Christmas sale last Saturday through their donation of goods and of cash, by their attendance and purchases and by their help on the day. Thanks to your support we raised the tremendous sum of £832.90 for which we are extremely grateful. This will go to supporting the ongoing work of education and campaigning being carried out by our young team in the Scotland office.

St Patrick's 200 Club Update: This is the start of the third year of the club and we are glad to say that the membership has increased once again. Welcome to the new members this year and thank you to the members over the past two years. We were able again on your behalf to give Canon Conroy a cheque for £2400 towards the hall restoration work, and paid out £1200 in prizes. For details on how to join and get your numbers contact Scott on 01389 764 733 or 07506 480 149 or Bernadette on 07949 967 195. You can join online using the details below BUT please let us know so we can give you a number. St Patrick's Dumbarton, TSB Bank, 12 High Street, G82 1LL Sort Code: 87-37-57 Account No. 83 22 37 60.

1st Dumbarton Beavers Cubs Scouts Christmas Fayre: Saturday 7th December 10am - 2pm in the Church Hall.

Walking with Mary: Advent Scripture Reflections at Dumbarton Carmel with Dr Noel Donnelly for four Thursdays beginning on November 28th at 2.30 – 3.30 followed by tea and mingling. All welcome.

Advent Day of Confessions: On Thursday 19th December priests will be available all day in Saint Andrew's Cathedral (from 7:45am – 5:45pm) for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *Come home for Christmas!*

Unwrapping the 4th Gospel: A Talk by Fr. Robert Hill. Do you find the Gospel of John confusing? Boring? Repetitive? Lacking a good story? This 1-hour talk will open up some ways to easier understanding of this Gospel, and the insights it gives us into the person of the Son of God, the Word made flesh. Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm in St Matthew's Church Hall, Bishopbriggs. All welcome.

An Evening Retreat: 'Jesus Heals' – Monday 16th December 6pm – 9pm in Holy Cross Church, 113 Dixon Avenue, Crosshill, G42 8ER. One thing that we share, whether we are 10, 45 or 85, is that we are all in need of 'healing', whether in body, mind or spirit. Each one of us, at times, needs to experience God's loving mercy, which gives encouragement, renewal and refreshment to our faith. You are invited to an evening retreat, which will include a healing Mass, preaching and an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration. Fr Jilto George CMI will lead the Retreat, which provides an ideal opportunity to prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus at Christmas. Members of the Syro Malankara Community will share the evening with us. Please come along to share the experience and encourage a friend to come with you.

Get your Christmas Real Gifts today! (SCIAF): It's nearly Christmas so you probably have a good idea what to buy for your loved ones this year. Real Gifts have the power to change the lives of the poorest people around the world. Shop for Real Gifts at <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/realgifts>

Catholic Charismatic Renewal: The Scottish CCR National Conference is being held from 7-8 December in St Mirin's Cathedral Hall in Paisley. (£20 whole weekend; £15 daily) All welcome. The Guest speakers are Jean Luc Moens, Moderator of CHARIS, the new unified service for Catholic Charismatic Renewal; Rev Kenny Borthwick, Minister of the Church of Scotland, Wester Hailes; Teresa Lally, chair of the National Service of Communion for CCR Scotland and Bishop John Keenan of Paisley. More details on www.ccrscotland.com or email tresanded1214@gmail.com

General Election and Pro-Life: Go on to the Right TO Life website to ask your candidates at the General Election to sign the *Both Lives Pledge* that outlines three policy changes that are designed to increase protection for babies in the womb and end pregnancy discrimination for women - policies that will save lives by protecting and supporting both mother and child. These policies are likely to be brought forward by politicians in the next parliament. It takes 30 seconds to complete.

General Election: Please remember to take your vote seriously, keeping in mind the letter of the Bishops of Scotland.

CONNOLLY, Peter: Scottish Green Party
DOCHERTY, Martin: Scottish National Party
LANG, Jennifer Ann Strachen: Scottish Liberal Democrats
MATHIESON, Alix: Scottish Conservative and Unionist
MITCHELL, Jean Anne: Scottish Labour Party
MUIR, Andrew Joseph: Independent