



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: Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity
Friday: St Lucy - Memorial

Next Sunday: Is Caring Sunday and the Second Collection will be for the work of the PCT-St Nicholas Care Fund.

Advent at St Patrick's: As a spiritual preparation for Christmas there will be a series of reflections on the next two Tuesdays of Advent, 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.

St Patrick's Senior Citizens: Are going on a shopping trip to Livingstone Shopping Centre on Thursday 12th December. Leaving Church Car Park at 11.00 am. Leaving Livingstone at 4.00 pm. There are seats available on the bus and if you wish to go please contact Christine at the Hall.



Saint Patrick's Primary School Primary 1 Enrolment August 2020

Registration for Primary 1 will take place at the following times:

Monday 13th January 1.30 - 3.00pm; Tuesday 14th January 9.00 – 10.30am

Wednesday 15th January 3.00 – 4.00pm; Thursday 16th January 9.00-10.30am

Friday 17th January 9.00-10.30am

Children who will be 5 years of age by the 28th February 2021 can be enrolled to start school in August 2020. Parents / carers can register their child by logging on and completing the online registration form on West Dunbartonshire Council website. Please bring your child's **birth certificate**, **baptismal certificate**, and **proof of address**, when you come to complete the registration process. Please note that children must be registered in their catchment school even if they are making a placing request for another school.

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!*

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>

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

Assisted suicide, do your MP candidates oppose it? In the next parliament, there is likely to be an attempt to introduce assisted suicide. A new feature that will allow you to write to your MP candidates asking them to pledge to oppose any attempts to introduce assisted suicide or euthanasia, and support palliative care for people at the end of their lives. **Right To Life UK**