

Parish Christmas Card

Unfortunately, this year we are unable to deliver your Parish Christmas Card. We were made aware that many addresses we had, were no longer applicable and so the task of updating everything had to be done—but it is still very much a work in progress. To this end, can we ask you to pick up your card? You'll find the cards in a box, in the Church porch. If you have the time, and would still like to have communications delivered to your home, can you write your name and of course your address on the sheet beside the box? If you like you can send your name and address to veronicaadam2000@yahoo.co.uk, if it makes things easier.

If you can help in any way, then that would be most welcome.

If you know of anyone who would appreciate our card, then please take one for them too.

We hope this temporary arrangement is fine with you and thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

The shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, near Mexico City is one of the most celebrated places of pilgrimage in North America.

On December 9, 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to an Indian convert, Juan Diego, and left with him a picture of herself impressed upon his cloak. Devotion to Mary under this title has continually increased, and today she is the Patroness of the Americas.

(taken from Universallis)



The Advent wreath



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3rd Sunday of Advent

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MASSES

Saturday: 6.30 pm
Sunday: 10.00 am, 12 noon, 5.30 pm

Weekdays:

Mon — Sat 10.00 am
Mon, Tue and 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: Memorial of St Lucy
Wednesday: Memorial of St John of the Cross
Thursday: Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Caring Sunday

This Sunday the second collection will be taken to support the work of the St Nicholas Care Fund.

Church Stall

Christmas cards, Advent calendars and Carmelite cards are currently on sale.

St Patrick's Primary

Would like to invite all Senior Citizens to the Christmas Concert and Nativity Play on Wednesday 14th December at 1.15 pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Advent Reflection

An Advent Service of prayer and reflection in St Kessog's Church, Balloch on Thursday 15th December at 7 pm, led by Monsignor John Hughes.

Rosaries Abroad

Since 2009 we have been sending Rosaries to Aboriginals in Australia and to 3rd World Countries in Africa. To date we have sent over 450,000 Rosaries but many are needed. These Rosaries have led to the lapsed returning to their Faith and to conversions. Please search your cupboards and drawers for surplus Rosaries and help us to get them into the hands of those who will Love, Cherish and Pray them, thank you.

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Christmas Cards

Maybe you would like to send a card to a Prisoner of Conscience this year. Alimujiang Yimiti— Alimujiang was working as a project manager for a British company, Jirehouse, when it was targeted in a series of closures of foreign businesses belonging to Christians in Xinjiang in Sept 2007. Alim was detained in Feb 2008 and sentenced to 15 years in prison in April 2009. In a court case that did not follow due procedure under Chinese or International Law. A Uyghur Christian from Xinjiang province, Alim is detained 'solely because of his faith' according to the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention. Following a failed appeal, Alim was moved to a prison in Xinjiang's provincial capital, Urumqi. In Feb 2011 it was announced that an appeal at the Higher People's Court of Xinjiang had failed and his sentence was upheld. In January 2013 Alim's wife was informed that her monthly visits to her husband would be cut to one every three months.

To send him a Christmas card: Alimujiang Yimiti Prisoner No. 3 of Xinjiang No. 1339 Dongzhan Road Urumqi City Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region 8300013 People's Republic of China.

Advent Tree Group Members

The group will meet straight after 10 am Mass this Sunday in the Church Hall. Hope to see you all there.

Dumbarton Churches Together

Dumbarton Churches Together Carol Service at the Town Centre on Saturday 17th December at 12 noon. All welcome. Free tea, coffee and mince pies. Hope to see you there.