

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH

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Sunday 2nd December 2018

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1st Sunday of Advent



Sunday 2nd

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monday 3rd

Weekday in Advent

Exposition & Benediction, 5.30pm, St Columba's
RCIA this evening St Peter's Parish Room 7.30pm

Tuesday 4th

Weekday in Advent (St John Damascene)

Wednesday 5th

Weekday in Advent

Thursday 6th St

Weekday in Advent (St Nicholas) ,
Holy Hour 7-8pm followed by Prayer Group 8-9pm,
St Peter's Parish Room

Friday 7th

Memorial of St Ambrose

Saturday 8th

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the World,
for by your Cross and Resurrection,
you have set us free

Offertory Collection

Last week £978.77 including gift aid

Confessions

St Columba's

Sundays 8.45-9.15am & 5.45-6.15pm

Mondays 5.30pm

St Peter's

Saturdays 11.15-11.45am

St Peter's Mass Intentions

Sunday	11.30am	Cameron Lindsay RIP (1st Anniversary)
Monday	10am	Thomas Addly RIP
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7.30pm	Julie Perez and family
Thursday		
Friday	10am	Mairi Macpherson
Saturday	12 noon	Harry Lawler RIP
Next Sunday	11.30am	Rose Byrne RIP (2nd Anniversary)

St Columba's Mass Intentions

Sunday	9.30am 6.30pm	Catherine Hunter RIP People of the Parishes
Monday	6.30pm	Ulrie Perez and family
Tuesday	10am	D/M of Kerr and Igoe families
Wednesday		
Thursday	10am	Rosie Mitchell
Friday		
Saturday		
Next Sunday	9.30am 6.30pm	Iain Mundell People of the Parishes

Today - Faith, Hope, Love There will be a series of Advent Talks for young adults presented by Archbishop Cushey starting this evening from 5-7pm and then again on 9th and 16th December. Talk/Questions/Exposition/Confession/Night Prayer & Benediction. Evening ends with pizza and refreshments. Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road EH9 1BB adventtalks2018@gmail.com

Gift Aid Thank you to everyone who has signed up for gift aid on their church donations - it's greatly appreciated. We have experienced a delay in getting a gift aid box installed at the back of church for new applications. If you would like to sign up in the meantime, please pop your application into an envelope marked for the attention of Peter Clee and hand to any of the pass-keepers on duty at the back of church. It's never too late to sign up - and if you do, the church receives an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Paying by standing order means you don't have to remember cash for the collection and it's easier for the church as there's less cash to count. There are gift aid forms (two forms stapled together) and an explanatory leaflet at the back of church

Christmas Card Delivery. Please sign up to deliver cards within your nearby streets. It doesn't take as long as you think to pop 50 cards through doors. If every family could commit to delivering a batch, this would ensure that all the cards are delivered this year to advertise our Christmas Services. Perhaps you could make it a fun game with children (who can deliver their bundle fastest?) or why not make it an extra activity while walking the dog!

Two Hearts Prayer Group Please note the change of time. The next meeting will be on 6th December at 2pm in the GP Room

George Weigel will speak at the Cathedral on Saturday 8th December at 10.30am on 'Crisis in the Catholic Church: How it Happened and What it Means For Us' Weigel is a political analyst and social activist. He is also author of the best selling biography of Pope St John Paul II *Witness to Hope*

Men's Group

Friday 7th December 7pm, middle hall. Dr Jason King will talk on 'Some Aspects of Stem Cell Research'

Date For Your Diary Annual Retreat, Saturday 26th Jan, 1.30-4.30pm in St Columba's Church, led by Fr Kevin

Service of Reconciliation There will be an extra two priests hearing confessions in St Peter's Church on Thursday 13th December from 7-8.30pm.

Justice & Peace Group Next meeting will be on Monday 3rd December at 7.30pm in the Middle Hall.

Daily Mass Attendees Please note that from the beginning of Advent until 2nd February we will sing the Alma Redemptoris Mater in place of the Salve Regina at the end of Mass. This prayer tells of the Angel Gabriel's announcement and of Mary's Divine Motherhood

First Holy Communion Preparation . The next class with Sr Karin for those children preparing for First Communion will be next Sunday 9th December at 10.30am in the middle hall

The Edinburgh Newman Association continues it's series of talks on Tuesday 11th December, Mayfield Salisbury Church, 7.30pm. Fr Jim Lawlor, Parish Priest from the Archdiocese of Glasgow. 'For See the Winter is Over' The Advent Herald of Hope and Life. All warmly welcome. A donation is requested to cover costs.

Jesus the Son of the Virgin Mary Friday 7th December, 7-10pm, Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 138-140 Pleasance. Implications for the World of the Return of the True Messiah - Jesus. A free talk on the second coming of Jesus from an Islamic perspective. Sheik Imran Nazar Hosein is an international Islamic scholar, philosopher and author, specialising in eschatology (education of the end of time) Islam is the only other major religion where believing in Jesus is an article of faith, and Mary has an entire chapter dedicated to her in the Quran giving her high status. The invitation is extended to Christians and Muslims alike and is an opportunity for Christians to come along to hear and pose questions on the subject. You can book a place on www.eventbrite.com

**Tea, Coffee and Cake as usual
in the main hall
after 9.30am Mass.**



Happy Sinterklaas
on 6th December
to Sr Karin and Sr Mirjam

Nativity Play

Rehearsals for the parish nativity play will take place this morning **10.30am-11.30am** in the middle hall If your child has signed up, please make sure they come along to rehearsals so they can polish their acting skills for the big day!

Today is our Food Bank Collection Day. As it wasn't announced last week, the basket will be at the back of Church after both Masses today and again next week. You may want to consider donating some Christmas items for families struggling to make ends meet at this time of year. Non perishable items only. Please see the list at the back of church for suggested donations.

