

OUR LADY AND ST. HELEN'S

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Mass times

Monday to Friday	10 am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6 pm
Sunday	10 am & 12 noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday	9:00 -9:45 am
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Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday	9:20 am
Saturday	5:20 pm

The Baptism of the Lord – Feast A.

Sunday, 11th of January, 2026.

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29 (28)

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

When Jesus was baptized he saw the Spirit of God coming to rest on him.

Reflection: The Close of Christmas, The Start of Mission

Today, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of the Christmas season. This all-important season of God's humility in taking on human flesh to perfect humanity has been celebrated in our community with tremendous joy and genuine friendship. Throughout these sacred weeks, we have gathered together, shared meals, exchanged stories, and deepened the bonds that make us not merely neighbours but brothers and sisters in Christ. The warmth of our celebrations reflects the Incarnation itself. It reflects Emmanuel, God drawing near to us in the most intimate way.

The Baptism of the Lord presents us with another kind of "Epiphany." This time, the revelation comes not through the guidance of a star leading wise men from distant lands, but through the unmistakable voice of the Father himself: "**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**" In case anyone harboured doubts about the identity of this carpenter from Nazareth, God tears open the heavens to proclaim to the world that Jesus is divine. This moment marks a pivotal transition. From this point, Jesus begins his public ministry, stepping forward to fulfil the mission for which he was sent.

Yet this feast celebrates more than Christ's baptism alone. It is also a celebration of our own mission as chosen messengers of God. Through our baptism, each of us has been elected and consecrated to participate in the work of evangelization. We have been claimed by God, marked with the sign of the cross, and sent forth to be witnesses in our world. The call originates with God, and remarkably, the equipping also comes from God. We are not left to our own devices or limited by our own inadequate resources.

Our part in this divine partnership is simple yet deeply challenging: to say "Yes" and allow the Spirit of God to take over. As we have witnessed in our community throughout this Christmas season, when we open ourselves to God's work, extraordinary things happen. Friendships

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deepen, strangers become family, and Christ becomes visible through our love for one another. As we move forward from this feast into Ordinary Time, may we carry with us the joy of Christmas and the courage of our baptismal calling, trusting that the same Spirit who descended upon Jesus also rests upon us, and carrying Jesus into the hearts of people.

Hymns for Sunday

Entrance: Spirit of the Living Lord	No. 630
Offertory: Take me Lord	No. 638
Communion 1: Christ be our Light	No. 439
Communion 2: Come to the Water	No. 525
Recession: Joy to the World	No. 404

Tuesday is the Feast Day of St Kentigern (St. Mungo).
Memorial: St. Anthony (Saturday).

Death: *Edward Walter Ramsay, Ellen Donaghy, John Brown, John McBride.*
Anniversary: *Ann McGrath, Joseph Frew, Annie Frew, Ellen and Alex Morrison.*

Next Week, there will be a Second Collection for Justice and Peace

Parish Hall Closure

Due to flooding, the Parish Hall is currently closed and will remain unavailable until repairs are completed. All hall bookings are cancelled until further notice. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Enrolment Ceremony for First Reception.

Next Sunday, 18th January, during the 10AM Mass, the children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will participate in their enrolment ceremony. This marks an important step in their sacramental journey. Families and the entire community are encouraged to attend and support these young members of our parish.

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Collections for 04/01/2026

Offertory: £519.16

Gift Aid envelopes: £341. **Thank you.**

Vespers of St Mungo: Organised by Glasgow Churches Together/The St Mungo's Festival. St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde St, Glasgow, Monday 12th Jan 2026 7pm. All are Welcome to this Traditional Evening Prayer for Christians. Vespers consists of an evening hymn accompanying the lighting of the evening candles, then 'O God, come to our aid', prayer, Psalms, the Canticle known as the Magnificat or Song of Our Lady, some intercessions for the needs of the community, the Lord's Prayer and a blessing. Celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint in this very special way.

Ecumenical Service to mark the Feast of St Mungo: Sunday 11th Jan 4.00 p.m. 2026 in Glasgow Cathedral, Castle Street, G4 0QZ. Join with Church and Civic Leaders in words and song to celebrate the Feast of St Mungo, our Patron Saint. All Welcome.

Join RCAG Youth for a pilgrimage walk through Glasgow, exploring historic sites and celebrating our patron saint, St Mungo. A chance to pray, meet new people, and enjoy the city together. Sat 17th Jan 2026, 1000 – 1500. Open to anyone aged 16-35. More info and sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/stmungowalk26>