

**Our Lady & St. Helen's, Condorrat  
Parish Bulletin  
Week commencing 27 November 2022**

**Season of Advent**

Today we begin a new church year with the beginning of the holy season of Advent. In Advent the church prepares to celebrate the Nativity, when we recall Christ's first coming as the infant of Bethlehem. As we remember, so we also look forward in faith and hope to his second coming at the end of time. Advent is then a season of joyful hope and anticipation. This hope of Advent is expressed up to the 16th December as the liturgy concentrates on the Second Coming while the first coming is recalled from the 17th December, when Christ is seen as the fulfilment of the hope of Israel.

**Advent Ecumenical Service**

The Christian communities in the two cities of Bethlehem and Glasgow are gathering together to celebrate an ecumenical service for the season of Advent on Saturday 3 December at 2.00pm in Glasgow Cathedral on Castle Street in Glasgow.

**Blessing of the Crib**

His Grace Archbishop Nolan will bless the crib situated in George Square at a service on Wednesday 30 November at 6:30pm.. Everyone is welcome.

**Children's Liturgy**

Today the children's liturgy at 10.00am Mass will begin again. Primary age children are invited to leave the church at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Word and process to the hall where they will participate in the Gospel of the day at a more age appropriate level. More volunteers are always welcome to assist in the supervision of the children. Please contact Liz on 07922 114975 if you can help.

**Funeral Arrangements**

The remains of George Canning, who passed away on Sunday 13 November, will be brought to the church just prior to the 10.00am Mass on Monday for his Requiem Mass. Please keep George and his family in your prayers during the coming days.

**Christmas Film Show**

Next Sunday afternoon, 4 December, beginning at 2.00pm there is a Christmas film show in the hall, entry £3 at the door. Come and get into the Christmas spirit with mulled wine and mince pies.

**Stall**

The stall is now stocked with Christmas cards and Calendars for 2023, so why not take a moment after Mass to take a look at what we have in stock?

**SVdP**

Pre-pandemic the SVdP provided taxis for those members of the parish who otherwise would not have been able to come to Sunday Mass. They are now looking to start this service back up again and need your help. If you know or can think of anyone who might benefit from this service, please give their names and addresses to either myself or to a member of the conference.

The Society food bank box remains in the porch and they are appealing for your help in these difficult times for families as they struggle to put food on their tables. They are looking for donations of non-perishable foodstuff to take to the "House of Bread" Foodbank who do a great job helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you all once again for your wonderful and continued support.

**Mass Attendance**

Last weekend was the weekend of the official Archdiocesan Census, and the numbers who attended Mas here last weekend were:

Vigil 58; 10.00am 119; & 12.00pm 72.

**Parish Tea & Toast**

The tea & toast takes place in the hall each Friday after 10.00am Mass.

**Collections**

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| Offertory envelopes | £ 380.40 |
| Gift Aid envelopes  | £ 385.00 |
| Education           | £ 502.10 |

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