



## St Ninian's Parish House

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### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – First Sunday in Advent Year B

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Regular updates on what is happening in the parish due to the coronavirus are being emailed to those who are on the Parish Distribution List (these emails come from Admin St Ninians).

Because they are a group email some email providers block them or class them as spam so please check your junk folder if you have not received them.

If you wish to receive the updates you will need to be on the Parish Distribution List, and you can join by emailing:

[stniniandtriduaan1@gmail.com](mailto:stniniandtriduaan1@gmail.com)

#### Daily Mass

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The church is open for people to attend Mass at **10 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**. All the rules regarding social distancing, wearing a mask etc that we follow on Sunday still apply. There is currently no need to book for daily Mass.

#### Booking for Mass

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Our booking system for weekend Mass is working well overall and many thanks to everyone for their cooperation. Please remember that if you do not attend one weekend it is **essential** that you phone to book when next you wish to come to Mass otherwise your 'place' will be allocated to someone else. Also ensure that you make clear if your booking is for more than one person. To book text/phone to 07710 720 774 or email [des@mercattours.com](mailto:des@mercattours.com)

Help to clean the pews after each Mass is also appreciated. It only takes a few minutes if a fair number are involved in the task.

#### One World Group

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In these difficult times, the One World Group members continue to pray the Rosary (Joyous Mysteries) in their homes at 7.30 pm each Monday evening. Please join us. If you have any prayer intentions you would like us to pray for, please let us know. You can contact me as below in the 'newsletter' section.

#### Parish Garden

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Due to the current Covid restrictions **the garden is closed** to visitors both on Sundays and Wednesdays.

We look forward to re-opening when permitted to do so.

#### COVID-19

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Updates for our Archdiocese can be read at the coronavirus updates page on [www.archedinburgh.org](http://www.archedinburgh.org)

#### Archbishop's Advent Talk

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Archbishop Leo will give an Advent talk entitled 'Unwrapping Christmas' on Zoom on Sunday 29 November at 7pm. The event is open to all. Please register at [bit.ly/UnwrappingAdvent](https://bit.ly/UnwrappingAdvent)

## **DIY Abortion: Make Your Voice Heard**

Take part in this Zoom session to learn how to respond to the Scottish Government consultation on early medical abortion at home. You'll learn how to make the best possible response to stop unsafe DIY abortions in Scotland. Register at [bit.ly/DIYabortion](https://bit.ly/DIYabortion)

## **SCIAF Appeal**

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Water is the most essential element for life, but for many people around the world clean and accessible water is a dream beyond anything they can hope for. Dirty water kills the poorest first. And right now, to help tackle the coronavirus, everyone needs clean water more than ever.

### **"Water is the most essential element for life" Pope Francis**

No parent should have to give their children water so dirty it could kill them. But that is the reality many parents face every day. They have to trek for hours to collect dirty and bacteria ridden water they know will make their children sick. When their children drink this water they'll miss valuable time at school because of stomach aches and diarrhoea. In the worst cases they'll die.

**These families urgently need your help. Please give the life-changing gift of clean water this Christmas by donating to our appeal.**

**Visit the website: [www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/547-christmas-water-appeal/donate](http://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/547-christmas-water-appeal/donate)**

## **Mary's Meals**

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At Mary's Meals we are inspired by the courageous 'yes' of Mary. Her total Trust in God in the face of numerous challenges gave the World the most precious gift of all – Jesus. Throughout this year of many challenges we have continued to say yes, with the help of our generous supporters, to feeding children their daily meal in a place of education even when obstacles arose. Now we are delighted to share with you a new opportunity to say yes and provide hope to 43,000 children in Bong County, Liberia. From 2nd November until 31st January 2021, any donations made to the Double the Love campaign will be matched by UK government, up to £2 million. Each little act of love will be doubled to support families in Liberia and the hope of a better future for their children. You can get involved by setting a place at our Big Family Christmas dinner table (<https://bigfamilychristmas.marysmeals.org.uk/big-family-christmas-table>.) You can also buy our Christmas gift cards on our website. More information on how to support us can be found at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove). Thank you.

If you have any questions about this please get in touch with Thomas Black at Mary's Meals ([thomas.black@marysmeals.org](mailto:thomas.black@marysmeals.org)).

## **Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline**

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(24 hours): 0800 027 1234.

## **Safeguarding Contacts**

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<https://archedinburgh.org/administration/safeguarding>

**Archdiocesan Safeguarding Advisor Emma Boothroyd**

E: [safeguarding.officer@staned.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding.officer@staned.org.uk)

**National Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Tina Campbell** 0141 332 7177

E: [tcampbell@scottishcatholicsafeguarding.org.uk](mailto:tcampbell@scottishcatholicsafeguarding.org.uk)

**Parish Safeguarding Contact is Fiona Tracey.**

## **Newsletter**

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Any items by Wednesday midday please to Carol Mulvenna, work – 672 0134, home 672 1223, mobile 07762 924916, email [cmulvenna@btinternet.com](mailto:cmulvenna@btinternet.com)



**THIS MONDAY - ADVENT ROSARY for LIFE:** Join with the unborn Christ and His Mother on the journey to Bethlehem. Every Monday in Advent you can pray the rosary to prepare for Christmas. Registrations now open & you can reserve your spots below. Each event will last about 30 minutes, starting at 7pm.

First Monday in Advent: 30 November

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advent-rosary-for-life-30-november-tickets-129996000537>

Second Monday in Advent: 7 December

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advent-rosary-for-life-7-december-tickets-130001332485>

Third Monday in Advent: 14 December

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advent-rosary-for-life-14-december-tickets-130001705601>

Fourth Monday in Advent: 21 December

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advent-rosary-for-life-21-december-tickets-130002004495>

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## **Gospel, Mark 13:33-37 – *Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.***

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!

*The Gospel of the Lord*

### **God's Faithfulness – Mark 13:33-37**

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*God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his @Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:9)*

**Adults:** How do you know when you're following Christ and living his teachings faithfully?

**Children:** What good thing might God be asking you to do right now?



**Sunday 29th November is the First Sunday of Advent and also the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.**

Established by the UN in 1977, this day marks the anniversary of when the UN General

Assembly in 1947 issued the plan to partition Palestine into a Jewish state, a Palestinian state, and with special status Jerusalem.

Let us pray for a just and peaceful future for all who live in and belong to the land of Jesus' birth, ministry, death and resurrection.

For a background to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict please watch the video below that was prepared by **Jewish Voice for Peace**.



## **Advent Appeal 2020**

2020 has been quite a year and has seen many families facing challenges they have not had to before. As we begin to look more and more towards Christmas and how we will celebrate it this year a worry that no one ever wants to have is whether they will be able to afford food to eat on Christmas Day. Sadly, that is

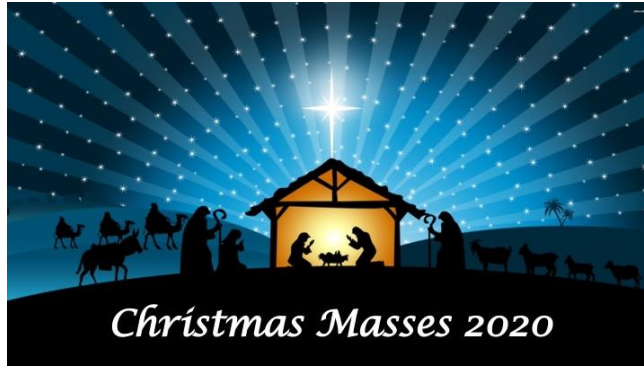
the worry that some families in our local community have. Our Parish have been so generous over the years in supporting the Bethany night shelter enabling us to provide meals for the many homeless people of our city. People regularly contribute to the *Foodbank at Wilson Memorial* and the whole parish did so in an exceptionally generous way for the *World Day of the Poor*.

This advent we are hoping that our parish will support us to provide food parcels to some of the families that live within our own community and that would welcome a little bit of help at this time. We appreciate that this time of year can be costly time for everyone so please only give if you are able. Every little will help!

This shopping, which was on display at the masses last weekend, cost just a little more than £25.00 and would easily make 3 or 4 meals for a family as well as a few snacks and treats. This is just a sample and other items may be included in the parcels that are created and gifted to families.

Thank you in advance for any amount of money that you are able to give.

*Prayers and best wishes to you all.  
The Parish Pastoral Council.*



**Christmas Eve ~ Thursday 24th**  
**Vigil Mass at 5.30 pm**  
**Midnight Mass at 9.00 pm**  
**Christmas Day ~ Friday 25th**  
**Mass at 10.15 am**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Vigil Mass at 5.30 pm**  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Mass at 10.15 am**  
**Mass at 12.00 noon**

### **Booking Arrangements**

Due to the current guidelines we remain restricted to a maximum of 50 people at each Mass and with limited places available we have decided on the following:

**Christmas Masses - Priority Booking** for those who are currently attending Saturday/Sunday Mass.

**This weekend**, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>/ Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November, we will ask all parishioners attending Mass to indicate their preference for which Christmas Mass they would like to attend. Based on their preferences parishioners will be informed, w/b Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November by phone or email, of their allocated Mass and will be booked in for that Mass.

**Open Booking** will be available from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, to book **text/phone to 07710 720 774** or email [des@mercattours.com](mailto:des@mercattours.com)

### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> /Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December**

To get a sense of numbers and to make a decision on the number of masses we offer we will also be asking parishioners what mass they propose to attend that weekend. Based on the numbers we will then inform the parish of what masses we will offer.

**We anticipate all Masses being 'full'  
and therefore booking is essential to ensure a place.**