

### Parish Pilgrimage to Italy 2020 Itinerary

Flying from Edinburgh to Venice - 5 day tour includes visits to Venice, Padua, Bergamo, Verona with many interesting places to visit – where St Gregory Barbarigo and St Charles Borromeo lived and worked. Price: £1,040 per person sharing a twin/double room on a half board basis. Single rooms are available at a supplement of £145. Price includes return airfare including hold baggage, accommodation as detailed in the itinerary, all transport whilst in Italy, services of professional guides, gratuities and all entrance fees. Price does not include lunches, drinks or items of a personal nature. Please note that this itinerary is not suitable for the less able traveller. Deposit of £250 and completed booking form required by 20.06.2019 with balance and any single supplement due by 20.01.2020. Booking Ref: GLAS03

Please write this in the box at the top right hand corner of the booking form. You must enclose a copy of the picture page of your passport.

**IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING GOING ON THE PILGRIMAGE – PLEASE INFORM FR ALLAN, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO HE CAN PROGRESS WITH ARRANGEMENTS - WE NEED AT LEAST 20 PEOPLE TO MAKE THE TRIP VIABLE.**

### Mr Patrick McCloskey Senior.

The family of Pat would like to thank Fr Allan and the parish for their support in assisting us this week with all the arrangements for his funeral which took place on Friday. The many cards, prayers, kind thoughts and offers of help were overwhelming and allowed the occasion to be a great example of the community spirit which he had been part of for so many years here at St Charles.

### Special Intentions- please remember in your prayers-

**Sick-** Harry Thompson, Theresa Boyle, Neil Reilly, John Wallace, Kathleen Black, Theresa Llyall and Mrs McGarrigle.

**Deceased-** Patrick McCloskey Senior

**Anniversaries-** Maureen Morgan, Grace McLaughlin, Kay Reilly, Francis Hinton, Danny McLaughlin, Rosemary McGowan, Robert & Agnes Leitch, Francis Quigg, Robert Henderson, Charlie Reader, Nora Baillie, Bernard and Cornelius McManey, Barry Wilson, Shannon White and Elizabeth Ryan

### St Charles Borromeo, Pray for them

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** If you wish to see a Catholic Chaplain during your stay in hospital, you need to ask the hospital staff to contact him. There is always a priest on call for emergencies, but staff will not page the priest unless asked by patients or families. Patient's Religious Declaration, which a person when admitted to hospital, or a relative/friend, should give to ward-staff to ensure they can see a Catholic Chaplain. This can also be achieved through a verbal-request to staff. This is necessary due to the way confidentiality rules are applied in most hospitals.

**Mass in Queen Elizabeth University Hospital-** Father Raphael, (St Paul's Whiteinch) will celebrate Mass in the Sanctuary Room of the QEUH on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm. Please share this post so that it becomes well known for patients and staff. If you are visiting a relative in hospital on Sunday afternoons and they are fit to come down, why not accompany them to Mass?

**COLLECTIONS IN ST. CHARLES'-**Sunday 25/11/18:  
Offertory £148.03 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection £110.41 (Building Fund)



### The Oratory of St. Charles Borromeo.

**Sunday 2nd of December 2018.**

**First Sunday of Advent Year C.**

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All correspondence to the parish priest should be directed to: Fr Allan Cameron St. Gregory's Church, 130 Kelvindale Rd, G20 8DB, 0141 946 3009

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Mass Times Sunday: Midday & FRIDAY 10am.

Monday to Thursday Service of the Eucharist: 10am

\*The Church is open every morning except Saturday\*

CONFESSIONS: on request BAPTISMS or WEDDINGS: through parish of residence.

The Oratory of St. Charles is a Parish of the Archdiocese of Glasgow Designated Religious Charity, Number SC018140



**The Pope's December Intentions- Evangelization** – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith- That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**Today's Responsorial Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul**

### This week in the Parish-

**First Sunday of Advent.** Mass at 10am in St Gregory's. **Mass at 12pm in St Charles.**

Mass for the Chinese Community at 1.30pm, including rite of enrolment for the Catechumenate. Archdiocesan Mass for people with special needs at 3pm.

**Monday:** Mass at 9.30am. Priests Deanery meeting. 12-1pm exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Lady Chapel, all parishioners are welcome to join with and for their priests in a time of silent adoration and prayer.

**Tuesday:** Mass at 9.30am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 6pm.

**Wednesday:** Mass at 9.30am.

**Thursday:** Mass at 9.30am.

**Friday:** Mass at 9.30am in St Gregory's. **Mass at 10am in St Charles.**

**Saturday:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. 9.30am Mass, followed by confessions until 10.30am. Confessions from 5.15 -5.45pm. Mass at 6pm.

**Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent.** Mass at 10am in St Gregory's. **Mass at 12pm in St Charles.** During the Masses someone from the Wayside Club will receive the check from the Fun Run fundraiser and tell us something of the work they do. During the 10am Mass the baptism of Jane Chikaima and Jessica Chikamsa Onyekonmy will take place. **During the 12pm Mass the baptism of Sarah Sharkey.**

**Lectio Divina** sheet accompanies your bulletin this week.

**St. Nicholas Care Fund-** Please take away an Advent Pack (Wee Box), and return before the end of December. St. Nicholas Care Fund is a source of practical help and funding for all those in need in our community.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December -Bishop Nasser Gemayel, Eparch of Our Lady of Lebanon of the Maronites and Apostolic Visitor for Maronites in Western Europe,** will celebrate Mass in Scotland for the first time on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December in St Patrick's, Anderston, at 7.30pm. Mass will be in Arabic in the Maronite Rite. All welcome. If you have any Arabic Catholics in your parish, please make them aware of this.

**Food Banks at Christmas-** As preparations continue in our churches towards the Season of Advent and Christmas beyond that, can we ask you to consider those who are in need at this time. Please make an effort befitting this time of year and continue to bring food for the informal food bank we are running from the chapel house at St Gregory's, the need is great.

Please note **that we have a new email addresses to be used for Parish business:** [stcharles@rcag.org.uk](mailto:stcharles@rcag.org.uk) and [stgregory@rcag.org.uk](mailto:stgregory@rcag.org.uk)- these addresses comply with the new GDPR regulations. Please endeavour to use them in future. The current barbarigo130@gmail.com remains active in the meantime.

## The Season of Advent

First of all, I wish all of you happy Advent.

Advent is a season that confronts us with the question: "are we really living a life of discipleship or are we just going through the motions? Are we really awake to what it might mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ in today's world? Of course His coming should not terrify us, because it's a coming of someone who loves us and we love him, but we have to be constantly on the watch.

Thinking of the new season of advent, it dawned on me another question about what is priority in our lives. What would Jesus recommend if He were to walk the store aisles with people? Or what if He came to your house on Christmas morning while the presents were being opened? Would approve of everything he sees? I believe that before doing any shopping, we should think about the message that it might convey.

There are many ways to be "Advent people" and we surely can find one meaningful to us and by our efforts of our four weeks, bring to the birth a bright image of the long awaited Lord. You know some people start even decorating their houses for Christmas day. That is good and wonderful, but we do not decorate our homes for our own enjoyment only, we also do it for those who will stop to visit or just pass by on the road. The same can be for our lives, the more beauty we can bring into others' lives the better we fulfil the nature of Advent. Advent, it's a time, therefore, to intensify our search for God in our compassionate service to those in need and in our reading of the signs of the times. Be constantly on the watch, must be our motto for this season in order to be able to see what is happening around us and to share with the needy.

**ADVENT APPEAL FOR 'THE SPACE'**- Sundays 2, 9 & 16 Dec. Could you give a present to someone, who will be receiving nothing this Christmas? "The Space" – a drop in centre in Govanhill run by the Daughters of Charity- provides a place of comfort for those most in need. To help make Christmas for people who come for help, an appeal for toiletries is being made during Advent. A box will be at the back of the Church for your gifts. These will be gratefully received and distributed during Christmas week. For further info about The Space contact Rosaleen Glancy 339 9823

**Sat 1st Dec – Mon 17th Dec 2018 (closed on Wed 5th Dec)- Angels Advent:** An exhibition of new paintings of angels by Kate Robinson that tells the story of the Nativity. *Sat 1st Dec – Mon 17th Dec 2018 (closed on Wed 5th Dec) 11am – 3pm daily (until 7pm on Thursdays)* AGAP, St Mungo's Retreat, 52 Parson St, Townhead, Glasgow, G4 0RX. Free Entry. Some exhibits for sale.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4 December -Annual 40 Hours Adoration at St Andrew's Cathedral-** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in St Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December between the daily Masses and will conclude each day with Evening Prayer and Solemn Benediction at 6.30pm. Please consider giving some of your time to pray and watch with the Blessed Sacrament during these important spiritual days.

**Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 6.30pm -Blessing of the Crib:** The blessing of the crib with Alba Brass and local primary schools will take place at George Square, Glasgow, on Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 6.30pm. Music from 6pm. All welcome

**Wednesday 5th December 2018, 2pm- December Branch Meeting - a celebration of Hanukkah and Advent.** Giffnock Synagogue, 222 Fenwick Road, Giffnock, Glasgow, G46 6UE- The Council of Christians and Jews - Giffnock Synagogue- West of Scotland Branch. The leading nationwide forum for Christian - Jewish engagement. All members and friends are welcome to come along and enjoy a celebration of food and festivity as we mark the time of Hanukkah and Advent. There will be doughnuts and cakes, as well as a presentation about the significance of both events from a representative of each community.

**AGAP Film and Faith Club** will meet at 1pm for a Matinée and also at 7pm on Thursday 6th December at St Mungo's Retreat House, next to Saint Mungo's Church, Townhead. 52 Parson St, G4 0RX. This month's film is "*The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe*" (2005), Cert. PG. New members welcome. Totally free! Big screen and speakers. Tea/coffee & Chat. TO BOOK: [www.agapglasgow.eventbrite.com](http://www.agapglasgow.eventbrite.com) Tel: 0141-552-5527 or email [info@agap.org.uk](mailto:info@agap.org.uk)

**Wed 5th December 2018, 18:30 - 19:30 pm** -Teachers Advent Reflection - St Andrew's Cathedral

**Thursday 6th December 2018, 7pm-Dignity Funerals** - Christmas Memorial Service, St Andrew's Cathedral

**Thurs 6th Dec at 11am – 1pm -Colourful Prayer Art Workshop**- in the Francis Rm at AGAP, St Mungo's Retreat, 52 Parson St, G4 0RX- Creative Artistic Workshops are starting at AGAP. You don't have to be artistic but willing to explore ways to pray through art. This workshop is a taster session led by one of our own AGAP Artists, Sarah Connor Bookless. FREE but limited places available. To book: [www.agapglasgow.eventbrite.com](http://www.agapglasgow.eventbrite.com) or contact 0141-552-5527 or email [info@agap.org.uk](mailto:info@agap.org.uk)

**Friday 07 December 2018, 20:00-All Night Vigil in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary - St Andrew's Cathedral-**

Friday 7 December 2018 - First Friday

Saturday 8 December 2018 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception-**8.00pm** - *Opening Mass in Honour of The Sacred Heart. Enrolment in Brown Scapular; Consecration to Immaculate Heart of Mary; Adoration of Blessed Sacrament; Rosary - Sorrowful Mysteries- 10.00pm – Break-*

**12 Midnight** - *Stations of the Cross; Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Exposition and Silent Adoration-1.30am* - *The Sacraments of the Church, Litany of St Joseph-*

**3.00am** - *Rosary Mysteries of Light - Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Divine Mercy Chaplet- 4.30am* - *Rosary Joyful Mysteries, Litany of Loretto, Divine Mercy Chaplet-*

**6am Closing Mass-** All welcome: Tea and coffee available all night.-For information please contact: Email: [liam.coyle1@ntlworld.com](mailto:liam.coyle1@ntlworld.com)- Phone: 07806 517383 or Facebook - Glasgow Vigil Events

**AGAP Theatre Presents - Sign of Contradiction: The Christmas Story** Written & Directed by Stephen Callaghan. The traditional Christmas story given a modern-day twist. Lasting approx. 1 hour followed by live music with Christmas songs and carols. Performances commencing at 7.30pm: Tickets £5. To book: 0141-552-5527 email [info@agap.org.uk](mailto:info@agap.org.uk) or online through [www.agapglasgow.eventbrite.com](http://www.agapglasgow.eventbrite.com)

**\*Tues 11th Dec - St Gregory's, Wyndford. Wed 12th Dec - St Columba's, Woodside\***

**Thursday 13 December 2018, 7:30pm -"Feed the Minds"** Annual Charity Carol Concert - Wellington Church-On Thursday 13 December 2018 at 7.30 pm in Wellington Church, 77 Southpark Avenue, Glasgow, G12 8LETickets [www.wellingtonchurch.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.wellingtonchurch.eventbrite.co.uk) For further information please contact: 0203 752 5800.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December- AGAP Reel Kids Parents & Tots Cinema Club.** Meets on 2nd Friday of every month at 11am in St Mungo's Retreat, 52 Parson St, Glasgow, G4 0RX. Next screening: Friday 14th Dec and the film is "*The Polar Express*". For parents with young children to enjoy a film with their little ones and chat afterwards. Please register to attend: 0141-552-5527 or [info@agap.org.uk](mailto:info@agap.org.uk) or through Eventbrite [www.agapglasgow.eventbrite.com](http://www.agapglasgow.eventbrite.com).

**Sunday 16th December 2018 at 3.00pm. -Carols for Peace:** Come and join us at this annual event, which is held in the Banqueting Hall of Glasgow City Chambers, where we will pray for peace in our world, but particularly Bethlehem, our Twin City. Enjoy refreshments afterwards in the Satinwood Suite overlooking George Square in all its Christmas Splendour, where the Crib still has a place of prominence. Everyone is welcome to attend this very important event in the calendar of Glasgow Churches Together and Glasgow City Council.

**Sunday 16 December and Wednesday 19 December 2018-"Light up a Life"** Remembrance Service in aid of Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice - St Andrew's Cathedral "Light up a Life" Remembrance Services in aid of the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice in St Andrew's Cathedral, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY on **Sunday 16 December at 3.30pm** and **Wednesday 19 December 2018 at 7.00pm.** You will be warmly welcomed by the hospice team and will share a service of festive songs and readings. These are ticket-only events. Tickets are free but there is a suggested donation of £5 on the door. To reserve a ticket, please go to [www.princeandprincessofwaleshospice.org.uk](http://www.princeandprincessofwaleshospice.org.uk). If you have any questions, contact Sarah Morgan on 0141 429 9858 or [Sarah.morgan@ppwh.org.uk](mailto:Sarah.morgan@ppwh.org.uk)

**Thursday 20th December - Advent Day of Confessions:** Priests will be available to hear Confessions in Saint Andrew's Cathedral on Thursday 20th December from 7.45am until 5.45pm.

**Vocations Discernment Evenings: Archdiocese of Glasgow** Vocations are holding discernment evenings of catechesis, adoration and fellowship at Turnbull Hall, Southpark Terrace G12 8LG. These evenings will take place on 11th January; 8th February; 8th March; 12th April and 10th May at 7pm. For further details contact [ross.campbell.2@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:ross.campbell.2@glasgow.ac.uk) or telephone Father Campbell on 0141 339 4315.

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**ST MARGARET'S ADOPTION SOCIETY** -We are currently looking to recruit prospective adopters. If you have ever thought about adoption as a way to grow your family and would like to know more, please contact our office for a chat with one of our friendly and experienced staff on 0141 332 8371 or email [info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk](mailto:info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk)

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**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** takes place in St Columba's every Mon at 7pm and Veneration of the Relic (in the parish house). Padre Pio Healing Mass takes place – 1st Mon. of month at 7.30pm after the prayer meeting (in church). Please come along with your petitions

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**FIND – Weekly Event for 16-25 Year Olds** – New weekly event for young adults. WED. EVENINGS: 6.30PM @ Pauline Books, 36 St Enoch Square, G1 4DF Contact us: [youth@rcag.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcag.org.uk) / 0141 226 5898 /07496 876910