



The Parish of St Gregory & the Oratory of St Charles Christmas Services 2018

Monday 31st December.

Mass to bring in the New Year at 11.30pm in St Gregory's.

Tuesday 1st January 2019. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 9.30am in St Gregory's.

Mass at 11am in St Charles.

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.

Food Banks at Christmas- Foodbank appeal. Thanks to everyone for their continued generosity. Whatever you can give goes to those who need it.

St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society - Collection for the Crib on behalf of them. There will be a box in front of the Crib when it is built for donations for this charity.

Monday 31st December. Hogmanay Watchnight Service At Glasgow Cathedral, Cathedral Square, 2 Castle Street, Glasgow, G4 0QZ on Thursday, 31 December 2015 at 11.00 pm

Special Intentions- please remember in your prayers-

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

Deceased- Roseleen McGuinness, Sr Bernard OSF, Patricia McKearns, Dougie McDowall, Sebastian Baczynski, Terry Meighan

Anniversaries- Patrick Moran and Jane Kelly.

St Charles Borromeo, Pray for them

COLLECTIONS IN ST. CHARLES'-Sunday 16/12/18:
 Offertory £143.58 - 2nd Collection £143.70 (St Nicholas Care Fund)
 Hall Hire £90. St Anthony's Box (Oct - Dec 16th) £173.25

The Oratory of St. Charles Borromeo.

Sunday 30th of December 2018.

Feast of the Holy Family Year C.

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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.

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The Pope's Monthly Intentions- Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Today's Responsorial Psalm: **They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

This week in the Parish

Today: Feast of the Holy Family. Mass at 10am in St Gregory's. **Mass at 12pm in St Charles.**

Monday: Mass at 9.30am. **Mass to welcome the New Year at 11.30pm in St Gregory's.**

Tuesday: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Mass at 9.30am in St Gregory's. **Mass at 11am in St Charles.**

Please note there is no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today.

Wednesday: No morning Mass. Mass in Mandarin at 1.30pm. Evening Mass at 7pm.

Thursday: Mass at 9.30am.

Friday: Service of the Word and Holy Communion at 9.30am in St Gregory's **Mass at 10am in St Charles.**

Saturday: 9.30am Mass, followed by confessions until 10.30am.

Confessions from 5.15 -5.45pm. Mass at 6pm.

Next Sunday: Feast of the Epiphany. Mass at 10am in St Gregory's. Mass at 12pm in St Charles. Mass for Chinese Community at 1.30pm.

Second collection for Justice and Peace.

Lectio Divina sheet accompanies your bulletin this week.

Congratulations to all who fulfilled their many roles and responsibilities in the parish over the celebration of Christmas, well done to all.

The Chinese Community are collecting things for a new baby to support the Cardinal Winning Pro-Life initiative. If you want to support that too, you would be most welcome.

Faith Forum: Exploring Catholic Doctrine: Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Keen to learn more about the Church's magisterial teachings? Come along to the Glasgow Faith Forum's fortnightly series of talks in 2019:

10 Jan - The Most Holy Trinity (Archbishop Tartaglia);

24 Jan - Creation (Fr Jamie McMorrin);

-7 Feb - The Incarnation (Canon Luiz Ruscillo);

21 Feb - Ecclesiology: Models of the Church (Fr Nick Welsh); -

7 March - The Life of Grace (Fr David Barrett);

21 March - The Four Last Things (Fr Michael John Galbraith).

These sessions will take place at 7.30pm at Turnbull Hall, University of Glasgow Catholic Chaplaincy 13-15 Southpark Terrace, G12 8LG. All young people welcome.

**"URBI ET ORBI" MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
CHRISTMAS 2018**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Christmas!-To you, the faithful of Rome, to you, the pilgrims, and to all who are linked to us from every part of the world, I renew the joyous proclamation of Bethlehem: "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace among those whom he favors" (Luke 2:14). Like the shepherds who first went with haste to the stable, let us halt in wonder before the sign that God has given us: "A baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" (Luke 2:12). In silence, let us fall to our knees and worship.

What does that Child, born for us of the Virgin Mary, have to tell us? What is the universal message of Christmas? It is that God is a good Father and we are all brothers and sisters.

This truth is the basis of the Christian vision of humanity. Without the fraternity that Jesus Christ has bestowed on us, our efforts for a more just world fall short, and even our best plans and projects risk being soulless and empty.

For this reason, my wish for a happy Christmas is a wish for fraternity. Fraternity among individuals of every nation and culture. Fraternity among people with different ideas, yet capable of respecting and listening to one another. Fraternity among persons of different religions. Jesus came to reveal the face of God to all those who seek him.

The face of God has been revealed in a human face. It did not appear in an angel, but in one man, born in a specific time and place. By his incarnation, the Son of God tells us that salvation comes through love, acceptance, respect for this poor humanity of ours, which we all share in a great variety of races, languages, and cultures. Yet all of us are brothers and sisters in humanity!

Our differences, then, are not a detriment or a danger; they are a source of richness. As when an artist is about to make a mosaic, it is better to have tiles of many colors available, rather than just a few! The experience of families teaches us this: As brothers and sisters, we are all different from each other. We do not always agree, but there is an unbreakable bond uniting us, and the love of our parents helps us to love one another.

The same is true for the larger human family, but here, God is our "parent," the foundation and strength of our fraternity. May this Christmas help us to rediscover the bonds of fraternity linking us together as individuals and joining all peoples. May it enable Israelis and Palestinians to resume dialogue and undertake a journey of peace that can put an end to a conflict that for over 70 years has rent the land chosen by the Lord to show his face of love.

May the child Jesus allow the beloved and beleaguered country of Syria once again to find fraternity after these long years of war. May the international community work decisively for a political solution that can put aside divisions and partisan interests, so that the Syrian people, especially all those who were forced to leave their own lands and seek refuge elsewhere, can return to live in peace in their own country.

My thoughts turn to Yemen, in the hope that the truce brokered by the international community may finally bring relief to all those children and people exhausted by war and famine. I think too of Africa, where millions of persons are refugees or displaced and in need of humanitarian assistance and food security.

May the Holy Child, the King of Peace, silence the clash of arms and allow a new dawn of fraternity to rise over the entire continent, blessing the efforts of all those who work to promote paths of reconciliation in political and social life. May Christmas consolidate the bonds of fraternity uniting the Korean Peninsula and help the path of rapprochement recently undertaken to continue and to reach agreed solutions capable of ensuring the development and well-being of all.

May this blessed season allow Venezuela once more to recover social harmony and enable all the members of society to work fraternally for the country's development and to aid the most vulnerable sectors of the population. May the new-born Lord bring relief to the beloved land of Ukraine, yearning to regain a lasting peace that is slow to

come. Only with a peace respectful of the rights of every nation can the country recover from the sufferings it has endured and restore dignified living conditions for its citizens.

I am close to the Christian communities of the region, and I pray that they may develop relationships of fraternity and friendship. Before the child Jesus, may the inhabitants of beloved Nicaragua see themselves once more as brothers and sisters, so that divisions and discord will not prevail, but all may work to promote reconciliation and to build together the future of the country.

I want to mention, too, all those peoples that experience ideological, cultural and economic forms of colonization and see their freedom and identity compromised, as well as those suffering from hunger and the lack of educational and health care services.

A particular thought goes to our brothers and sisters who celebrate the birth of the Lord in difficult, if not hostile situations, especially where the Christian community is a minority, often vulnerable or not taken into account. May the Lord grant that they, and all minorities, may live in peace and see their rights recognized, especially the right to religious freedom.

May the little child whom we contemplate today in the manger, in the cold of the night, watch over all the children of the world, and every frail, vulnerable and discarded person. May all of us receive peace and consolation from the birth of the Saviour and, in the knowledge that we are loved by the one heavenly Father, realize anew that we are brothers and sisters and come to live as such!

GET READY FOR LENT 2019-This year our WEE BOX appeal focuses on Lydia and her family from Uganda. Learn about this year's WEE BOX appeal and how you can join in at our Lent training taking place across Scotland. **Lent Parish Volunteer Training Glasgow** - Saturday 26th January, 11am. SCIAF Office, 19 Park Circus, G3 6BE- 0141 354 5555
In writing: SCIAF, 19 Park Circus, Glasgow, G3 6BE or email sciaf@sciaf.org.uk

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 QUEH 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?

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.

