



St Columba Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday, (7th) January 2024: The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Year B: Psalter Week 1: Youth Mass

Sunday, (7th) 9:30am: The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Year B: Pro Populo
6:00pm: The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Year B: Ambrose Given RIP

Wednesday, (10th): 10:00am: Feria: Michael Larkins, Anniversary

Saturday, (13th): 10:00am: Feria: Calvin Amalraj Raja Intentions

Please remember in your prayers the intentions of St Columba's Parish, the sick, and all **who have passed away recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. Especially, Alex Beveridge (2019), Victoria Harazim (2013), Mike Gibson (2014) and Sheila Goodfellow (2009). Requiescant in Pace.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Recitation of the Holy Rosary before every Mass. Confessions will be heard by appointment.

Finances for: 24th December 2023: £180.52; Gaza Appeal: £497.58. 31st December 2023: £351.35

Eucharistic Ministers: 7th January 2024: Ngozi Amu and Francesca Gault.

Welcomers, 7th January 2024: Youth Group Volunteers

Readers, 7th January 2024: 1st Reading: Youth 2nd Reading: Youth

Teas/Coffee, 7th January 2024: Tamara and Eunice

Cleaning, Monday 8th – Saturday 13th January 2024: Nkem and Vanessa

Youth Group: Every Monday - 6.00-8.00pm – Contact Andrea for further information.

P4-P7 Club: Every Wednesday – 6.30-8.00pm – Contact Stephanie for further information.

Praise & Worship: 3rd Friday of the Month – 7.00-8.15pm

Crafty Chatters: Last Friday of the Month – 7.00-9.00pm

Notices

A Second Collection Today for Justice and Peace please be generous as usual.

The National Commission for Justice and Peace Activities in 2023: Climate Change/ COP28- • Hosted an “Ecological Conversion as Missionary Conversion” lecture given by Professor Stan Chu Ilo where he shared his experience of the devastating effects of climate change on some of the poorest communities in the world. This was held in the Eyre Hall in Glasgow. • Worked collaboratively with SCIAF and SCES on Laudato Si Schools development sessions for teachers, supporting schools on their Laudato Si Schools journey to “change for good” by embedding the goals of the Laudato Si encyclical. • Celebrated the Season of Creation, the theme of which was “Let Justice and Peace Flow”. • Joined faith and environmental groups for a Global Day of Climate Action in Edinburgh coinciding with COP28. Nuclear Disarmament • Joined the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, along with Scottish Christians Against Nuclear Weapons (SCANAW) for a peace witness event at Faslane, home of the Trident nuclear submarines. • Attended the Festival of Survival exploring the connection between nuclear disarmament and climate justice. This event included an address by Archbishop Nolan. • Became members of the Scottish Government Cross Party Group on Nuclear Disarmament. Social Justice and Poverty • Collaborated with the Church of Scotland on the Fair Pay in Social Care campaign, including coordinating the signing of the Faith Leaders’ Declaration for Fair Pay. • Met with Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, MSP Michael Matheson, to advocate for fair work and fair pay in social care. • Endorsed the ongoing initiative to implement a Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) in Scotland, led by The Poverty Alliance. • Attended the joint churches briefing event, “Faith, Compassion and Security” on the Christian relevance of supporting the Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG). Human Migration • Became members of the Scottish Government Cross Party Group on Migration. • Participated in a solidarity gathering at Dungavel Immigration Detention Centre to mark Refugee Week 2023. • Worked with other faith groups through Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees (SFAR) to help support refugees and asylum seekers to integrate into the community. Catholic Social Teaching (CST) • Visited five secondary schools to speak to senior pupils about CST and its relevance to social and political issues. • Met with Headteachers and Deputy Headteachers at leadership conferences and spoke about teaching CST in schools and the work of Justice and Peace Scotland. • Facilitated a parish project for Caritas pupils on CST and human trafficking, helping participants to learn more about these issues while growing in the spirituality of their faith. • Visited diocesan and parish Justice and Peace groups to talk about the work of The National Commission and related CST.

The Diocesan-wide Genesis to Jesus Bible Study starts the week of 15 Jan. To register simply go to www.ogilvie.rcda.scot/events to or email me at ogilvie@rcda.scot. Please see the flyer below or access it by clicking the blue button.

NET Youth Retreat, Saturday 13 January 2024 10.30am-17.15pm The Immaculate Conception Parish are hosting a 1-day retreat for youth - P6 to S6+ on Saturday 13 January 2024. It's being led by the world-famous National Evangelisation Team (NET). Their mission is: Inspiring young people to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. In a world where there are countless distractions, adolescents today have become disconnected from their faith. That's why at NET Scotland we are passionate about evangelising through witnessing faith, sharing hope and inspiring young people. “NET Scotland is exactly what we need to bring the faith to life among our young people. The young missionaries are inspiring and credible witnesses of faith to their peers. The Gospel is presented in a contemporary yet authentic way, inviting young people to love Christ and His Church” - Archbishop Leo. The average age of the NET team is approximately 20. They have taken a year out of their lives to visit Scotland and work with youths in central Scotland. On Saturday 13 January 2024 we have persuaded them to visit Aberdeenshire. They relate so well to young people. Their retreats are really a shockingly enjoyable and a memorable experience. It's not to be missed.