

Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 14th December
at 7pm in St Bride's



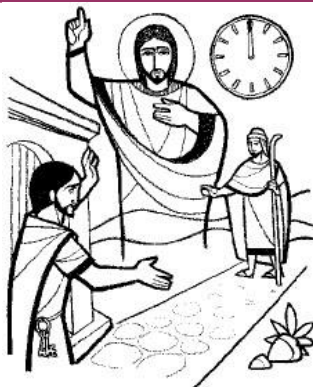
All welcome; please bring your friends
and neighbours to join us.

Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Instead of sending Christmas cards to
parishioners....why not place a Christmas
greeting in the newsletter and make a
donation to SCIAF in place of spending
the money on cards and stamps?

Simply write out your message and
place it in an envelope with your
donation and hand it in to the sacristy
or to one of the priests. Messages will
appear on Sundays 10th, 17th and 24th
December.

Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.



Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

First Sunday of Advent

3rd December 2017

Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Year B

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Welcome to the Coastal Parishes of

St. Thomas', Arbroath;

St. Anne's, Carnoustie

and St. Bride's, Monifieth

Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5 p.m. in St. Bride's

Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Anne's

Mass at 10.45 a.m. in St. Thomas'

Mass at 11.30 a.m. in St. Bride's

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Thomas': Mondays 6.15 to 6.45 p.m.

St. Anne's: Wednesdays 6.15 to 6.45 p.m.

St. Bride's: Saturdays 4 to 4.30 p.m.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 4th December

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m. St. Bride's: Mass at 10.15 a.m. St. Thomas': Mass at 7 p.m.

Tuesday 5th December

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; St. Thomas': Mass at 10 a.m.; St. Bride's: Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Wednesday 6th December

St. Thomas': Mass at 10 a.m.; St. Mary's Home: Mass at 6.30 p.m.; St. Anne's: Mass at 7 p.m.

Thursday 7th December *Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; St. Thomas': Mass at 10 a.m.; St. Bride's: Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Friday 8th December *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; St. Thomas': Mass at 10 a.m.; St. Bride's: Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Saturday 9th December

St. Thomas': NO MASS; St. Bride's: 9.30 a.m.

Please pray for those who are sick: Bishop Vincent Logan, Jane Higgins, Betty McGinty, George Hill, Eddie Lebida, Jessie Low, Kathleen Taylor, Susan Chalmers, Alison Oakes, Debbie McArthur, Baby Isobel McCaskey, George Kelbie, Cathie McLean, Ailsa McIntosh, James McDonald, Agnes McDonald, John McKee, Laura Bennett, Robert Meikle, Cathie Walls, Duane Joseph, Father Luke Fong, Frank Osborne, Annie McCormack, Marie Fenton, William Docherty, Annie McKenzie, Helen Lukas, Joan and Mick Gartland, Janet Howie, Helen Blyth, Moira Fallone, Irene Burton, Ria Beattie, Norma McAra, Riley Johnston, , Marion Jones, David Allardice, Adam Rennie, Margaret Spink, Tom Tait, Ina Stuart, Teresa Ritchie, Kim Scott, Gerard Lukas, Baby Oliver Glancy, Frances Toshney, Isabel Carroll, Peggy McGhee, Wendy Wilcox, Andy Butcher, Marjorie Robson (Bishop Stephen's mother), Vera Swifte, Mgr. Basil O'Sullivan, Father Jim McCruden.

those who have died recently: Barry Thomas, Margaret Neil, Marco Caira, Hamish Donaldson.

and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: John Gray, Mabel Ireland, Mary Law, Peggy Johnston, Alexander Ireland, Jim Hollywood, Alfred D'Osmay Bennett, William Gimson, Deacon David (Dee) McFarlane, Bill Johnston, Frank Devlin, Angela Jones, Thomas Wynne, Andy Douglas, Wilfred Graham, Mary MacKillop, John Malanaphy, Peter Millan, John Wright, Aileen Roy, Margaret Conway, Elizabeth Connor, Barbara Watson, Willie Anderson, Kate Graham, John Smith, Annie McLean, Annie Fleming, Margaret Murray, Tess Walker, Filomena Bruce, Eddie Mylles, Father Edmund Purcell.

Seniors Christmas Lunches A reminder that these take place in **St. Anne's on Wednesday 6th December and in St. Bride's on Sunday 10th December.** If you haven't already signed up, please do so today!

Organist Introductory Course Mary Veal with input from Canon Kevin and Sheriff Kevin Veal is running a 4 week course for those who are interested in learning how to move from piano to organ playing. More details on the posters in the foyers.

Finance News Many thanks for your continued generosity in the parishes. The offertory collection for last Sunday were: St. Bride's: £715; St. Anne's: £360 ; St. Thomas': £438

The final special collection for this year will take place this weekend. It will be for the **Poor Mission Fund.** This is the fund the diocese has to assist those parishes which are in financial difficulties.

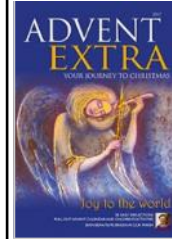
St. Bride's Kitchen A recent check found that there is a lot of cutlery and crockery missing from the hall kitchen. With the Seniors Christmas Lunch, fast approaching, could those who have borrowed stuff from the kitchen, please return it as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Thank-You! To all those who came along last week to our Mass to give thanks for Fr. Peter's ministry in our parishes. Thanks also to the ladies from St. Anne's for preparing the refreshments.

Cecilian Choir Annual Festival of Carols takes place on **Sunday 17th December at 3 p.m.**, in the Cathedral. All welcome.

Christmas Masses Details of the Christmas Masses in the coastal parishes will be next week's newsletter.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year in which our guide will be Mark the Evangelist. We welcome to St. Thomas', **Father Paul Capaldi** who will celebrate Mass this morning, while I am in Birmingham attending an ordination with the bishop.



"Advent Extra" - This magazine comes highly recommended by Father Ronnie McAinsh CSsR, the Provincial of the Redemptorist Fathers at Kinnoull. It is a guide through the season of Advent and contains a daily reflection; articles, children's activities and much more. **Copies priced £1.50** are available in each of our churches.

Advent Penitential Service This year we will have a penitential service with individual confessions for the coastal parishes on **Monday 18th December at 7 p.m.** in St. Anne's. As well as Fr. Joseph and myself there will hopefully be two visiting priests hearing confessions. What better way to prepare for the birth of our Saviour, than by going to confession!

Choir for Midnight Mass in St. Thomas' If you would like to sing with the choir at Christmas Midnight Mass in St Thomas', please note that there will be rehearsals on **Wednesdays 6th, 13th and 20th December at 7pm** in the choir loft at St Thomas'. No previous singing experience is required! All parishioners from our 3 coastal parishes will be made most welcome.

Advent Memory Tree Once again in St. Anne's we are placing a memory tree at the back of the church to raise funds for *Crisis at Christmas Scotland* for the homeless. Across the country, thousands of people will spend Christmas on the streets. For a small donation you can write the name(s) of your loved one(s) on one of the hearts and hang it on the memory tree and at the same time help those who will not have anywhere to stay this Christmas. The names of those on the tree will be remembered in prayer. There are posters in the foyer which outline the work carried out by this worthy charity.

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A Celebration of Christmas for all ages will be held on **Sunday 17th December in the hall, after Mass at St. Thomas.** This is a great opportunity for all parishioners to join in a fun afternoon when we share some food (we ask that folk bring a "sharing" plate) some party games (for children and adults) and join in the carol singing. Please come along and make this a great afternoon. If anyone has any questions they can ask Ida or Mary who can usually be found in the hall after Mass.