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ome; please bring your friends  
nd neighbours to join us.

hments in the hall afterwards.

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.

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



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

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

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

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

3rd December 2017

Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent  
Year B

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and St. Bride's, Monifieth

### Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5 p.m. in

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 6.30

St. Anne's: Wednesdays 6.15 to 6.30

St. Bride's: Saturdays 4 to 4.30

### MASSSES THIS WEEK

#### Monday 4th December

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30a.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 9.30 a.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.

Baby Isobel McCaskey, George Kelbie, Cathie McLean, Ailsa McIntosh, James Agnes McDonald, John McKee, Laura Bennett, Robert Meikle, Cathie Walls, Duane Luke Fong, Frank Osborne, Annie McCormack, Marie Fenton, William Docherty, Helen Lukas, Joan and Mick Gartland, Janet Howie, Helen Blyth, Moira Burton, Ria Beattie, Norma McAra, Riley Johnston, Marion Jones, David Rennie, Margaret Spink, Tom Tait, Ina Stuart, Teresa Ritchie, Kim Scott, Gerard Oliver Glancy, Frances Toshney, Isabel Carroll, Peggy McGhee, Wendy Wilcox, Marjorie Robson (Bishop Stephen's mother), Vera Swifte, Mgr. Basil O'Sullivan, McCrudden.

**Have died recently:** Barry Thomas, Margaret Neil, Marco Cairra, Hamish Donaldson.

**Whose anniversaries fall at this time:** John Gray, Mabel Ireland, Mary Law, Peggy Alexander Ireland, Jim Hollywood, Alfred D'Osmay Bennett, William Gimson, Deacon McFarlane, Bill Johnston, Frank Devlin, Angela Jones, Thomas Wynne, Andy Wilfred Graham, Mary MacKillop, John Malanaphy, Peter Millan, John Wright, Aileen Conroy, Elizabeth Connor, Barbara Watson, Willie Anderson, Kate Graham, Johnie McLean, Annie Fleming, Margaret Murray, Tess Walker, Filomena Bruce, Eddie Purcell.

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

**Introductory Course** Mary Veal with input from Canon Kevin and Sheriff Kevin Veal is a 6 week course for those who are interested in learning how to move from piano to organ. For more details on the posters in the foyers.

**Thanks** Many thanks for your continued generosity in the parishes. The offertory collection was: St. Bride's: £715; St. Anne's: £360 ; St. Thomas': £438

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

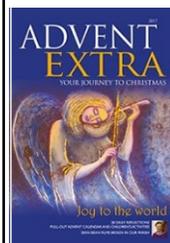
**Kitchen** A recent check found that there is a lot of cutlery and crockery missing from the kitchen. With the Seniors Christmas Lunch, fast approaching, could those who have borrowed from the kitchen, please return it as soon as possible. Many thanks.

**Thanks** To all those who came along last week to our Mass to give thanks for Fr. Peter's service to our parishes. Thanks also to the ladies from St. Anne's for preparing the refreshments.

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

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

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** 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.

**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 will have 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 then please ask Ida or Mary who can usually be found in the hall after Mass.