

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass, Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday, 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday, 5 p.m.
Other Weekdays, 10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday
- 9.45 to 10 a.m.
- 4 to 4.30 p.m.
- 5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

*Wednesday is the Solemnity of St Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland.
Saturday is the Memorial of St. Francis Xavier.*

The holy season **Advent** marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. It is a short season that prepares us for the celebration of the birth of Christ. It is also a penitential season with its own gentle austerity that challenges us to attend to the care of the poor at Christmastide. This year's Christmas collection will be for SCIAF in its support of Syrian refugees.

The coming year's **Offering Envelopes** are available for collection at the back of the church. We thank all those who use these envelopes in aid of the parish.

The **phone line** has been repaired. Our thanks to the engineers who worked in the coldest of weather and to John Watssman for resetting the internet connection. John has been of great help to Fr. MacKinnon in recent years.



We pray for the Faithful Departed, especially those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Marion Cumming, Betty Vance, Marion McCarthy, Patrick Curran, John Brady, David Buchanan, Peter Ryan, John Kerr, Margaret Barron and Penny Kennedy.** We pray also for the eternal peace of **Sarah Prince.** May God our loving Father welcome her home. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayer is offered to Dr. Patrick and to all who loved Sarah best. As November draws to an end, we remember all our loved ones. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

The **Bishop** will be here to for Masses on the 11/12th December. It will be an informal visit.

Holy Communion will be taken to the housebound of the parish from Monday to Wednesday of this week.

The **Carmelite Christmas cards** are available for sale at the back of the church. Please remember that these beautiful cards are the Sisters' primary source of income.

At this time of the year, there is much paper work to do with the Diocese. Fr. MacKinnon tends to gravitate to the Bohemian rather than the Mandarin. So please bear with him!