

ST CLEMENT'S RC CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR – B. 03RD DECEMBER 2023

Sunday Mass:	11.00 am
Weekday Mass: Tue:	09.00 am
Thursday: P4 Class Mass in church hall:	09.30 am
Sat –Holy Mass in the Convent:	10.00 am

ST. NINIAN'S

Vigil (Saturday):	6.00 pm
Confession (Saturday):	5.15 – 5.45 pm
Sunday Mass:	9.30 am
Weekdays Mass: Mon, Wed & Fri	10.00 am
Tue: Sacrament of Reconciliation Service	06.00 pm
Ecumenical Advent Prayer Service on Wed:	07.00 pm

FEAST AND MEMORIAL

Thu 07th Dec: St Ambrose - Memorial

Fri 08th Dec: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity

NEXT SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER 2023: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR – B

SICK & ANNIVERSARIES:

Please pray for all sick in our parish especially Bishop Robson's mother Marjory, Mary Butchart, James Henderson Jnr, Monsignor Basil O'Sullivan, Fr Johney's sister Rosily, Esther Sinclair & Pauline Johnson. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently Dorothy Kindlen and whose anniversaries occur about this time Gordon Frank Hendry, Alan Charles Hendry, Philip Short & Rosaleen Mills

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them: may they rest in peace. Amen

Contributions:

Sunday Collection: **£265.10**
Special Collection for Catholic Education Service: **£102.50**
Many thanks and God's blessings to all for your generosity.

200 Club (St Ninian) Winners: 19/11/23 No. 46 A.M. Galligan; 26/11/23 No. 29 K. Will.

Tea and Coffee being served today in Hospitality area.

Special Collection for the Poor Mission Fund will be next Sunday. Your generous donation is highly appreciated.

Christmas Giving Tree:

It's time, once again, for our **Christmas Giving Tree** It is available in the porch, from today please take a tag (1 or 2). This year we would appreciate donations of sweets, children's toys and vouchers. If you can return your gifts by Sunday 16th December. As usual the gift will be given to the school and distributed to the families who would appreciate our support.

Eco News

In this first week of Advent, what can we do to show we are caring for our common home?

1. **Be aware** of the ecological challenges of our time.
2. **Sign** Pope Francis' [COP28 Petition](#). This petition implores world leaders who are attending COP28 in Dubai, to not just view it as another conference, but as a pivotal turning point and to act decisively for our world's future,

echoing Pope Francis's message in Laudato

Si. <https://laudatosimovement.org/petition-cop28-thank-you/>

Ecumenical Advent Prayer Service and Candle Procession

We come together in prayer, worship and song in preparation for Christmas on Wednesday 6 December at 7pm in St Ninian's. This will be our first parish led Ecumenical Service and part of our Journeying Together programme as we follow the synodal path. We are delighted that visitors from two local Church of Scotland parishes and their ministers have agreed to take part. So please keep this date free so that as many of us as possible can be there to meet and greet our fellow Christians. If you have any family members, neighbours or friends, of another or no religion at all, please invite them along as well and make this a truly service of friendship and belonging as we prepare well to welcome Christ into our hearts this Christmas.

Dunkeld Lourdes Carol Service: Please join for the Carol Service on Sunday 17th December at 3pm at the parish of St Peter & St Paul, Dundee. Please see poster.

Grief to Grace: A healing Retreat restoring Human Dignity for those who are suffering from an Abusive Past from Monday 15th to Saturday 20th April 2024 at St Marys, Kinnoull, Perth. Please register for this confidential healing retreat at Margaret.clarke@griefftograceuk.org See poster for more details and flyers are available at the back of the church.

Loss and Damage: a Call to Action

At COP26 in Glasgow, one of the biggest disappointments was the failure to agree a fund for Loss and Damages. Countries which are most vulnerable to climate change and yet the least responsible, need financial support from industrialised countries who were, and continue to be, responsible for gas emissions. The world leaders should take responsibility for the damage caused by climate change. COP28 in the United Arab Emirates should not be mere talk but take decisive action to create a robust fund to aid those struggling with climate change that threatens their very existence. Let us pray that the hearts and consciences of all participants will be sensitive and open to the cries of the poor and weak let us entrust them to the intercession of St Andrew, our patron saint, on whose feast day COP28 will begin in Dubai.

PSALM RESPONSE:

God of hosts, bring us back: let your face shine on us and we shall be saved!

If you have anything you wish to include in the **Newsletter** Please give it to Fr J. Raphael e-mail stclement@dunkelddiocese.org.uk or contact Margaret Taylor 01382 622703, email evenings ciaomargaret@icloud.com by Thursday.

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