

ST CLEMENT'S RC CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR – B. 10TH DECEMBER 2023

Sunday Mass: 11.00 am
Weekday Mass: Tue & Thu: 09.00 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

FEAST AND MEMORIAL

Wed 13th Dec: St Lucy - Memorial

Thu 14th Dec: St John of the Cross - Memorial

NEXT SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER 2023: THIRD 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 & Sheena Macleod. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently Sandy Lonie & Stanislaw Skibinski and whose anniversaries occur about this time Gordon Frank Hendry, Alan Charles Hendry, Cecilia Louch.

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

Contributions:

*Sunday Collection: £297.50
Many thanks and God's blessings to all for your generosity.*

200 Club (St Ninian) Winners: 03/12/23 No. 140 E. Davies.

Tea and Coffee being served today in Hospitality area.

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

Poinsettia plant: It will be much appreciated if you donate Poinsettia plants for church before Christmas.

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 17th December**. As usual the gift will be given to the school and distributed to the families who would appreciate our support.

CC's St Ninian: Next Thursday 14th is CC's last Thursday night of 2023. A special Christmas Afternoon Tea will be served -please txt Margret by Tuesday, if you'd like to attend. 077917 461640

Eco News: 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: On Wednesday, we were joined by parishioners from Auchterhouse, Fowlis, Liff, Lundie and Muirhead Churches and St John's Cross Church, Dundee for a beautiful ecumenical Advent Service, organised and devised by Maureen Ruddy. Fr Johney was supported in this prayerful service by Rev. Donna Hays and Rev. Grant MacLaughlin. The service comprised of prayers, readings, reflections, hymns and a candle lit procession which was particularly lovely. **Thanks to everyone who came along and helped to make our Ecumenical Advent Service a wonderful success.** Go to the blog to see a slideshow of the service.

<https://stninianandstclement.org/ecumenical-advent-service/>

Family Carol Service: A family carol service will be held on **Tuesday 19th December in St Ninian's at 6.30pm**. Children's choir from St Ninian's school will be joining us. Do come along for what will undoubtedly be an uplifting Christmas celebration.

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 healing retreat at Margaret.clarke@griefftoGraceuk.org See poster for more details and flyers are available at the back of the church.

Cecilian Choir will be singing their usual Festival of Christmas music on **Sunday 17 December 2023 at 3.00 p.m. in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee**. Entry is free but there will be a retiring collection for the Cathedral to help defray the costs of this Festival.

Annual Safeguarding Statement to the Diocese of Dunkeld is available on the notice board and have attached along with the Newsletter via email.

As a diocese, we will always pursue the highest safeguarding standards. We readily accept the responsibility to work together to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from abuse or harm. As ever, a significant part of this commitment is our responsibility to remember those who have been harmed or abused by a member of the Church.

PSALM RESPONSE:

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help!

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 eveningsciaomargaret@icloud.com by Thursday.

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