

# ST NINIAN'S CHURCH, DICKSON AVENUE, DUNDEE DD2 4DA

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR–A. 03<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2023

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

### St Clement's

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

### FEAST AND MEMORIAL

Thu 07<sup>th</sup> Dec: St Ambrose - Memorial

Fri 08<sup>th</sup> Dec: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity

### NEXT SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023:

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR – B

### SICK & ANNIVERSARIES:

*Please pray for all sick in our parish especially Bishop Robson & his mother Marjory, May McGeary, Cath Adam, Catherine Reid, Kathleen Wilson, Alice Smith, Jim Gibson, Lusia, Brian Murphy, Lizzie Ward, Claire Walker, Fr Johny's sister Rosily, Monsignor Basil O'Sullivan, Esther Sinclair & Bill Butter. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them.*

*Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died Eileen Marra & Michael Gilmore and whose anniversaries occur about this time Liz Ashwood, Norah Gibson, Cathie Walker & Brenda Blandford.*

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

**COFFEE/TEA:** Please enjoy your coffee/tea after the Sunday Holy Mass in the Church Hall.

**200 Club Winners:** 19/11/23 No. 46 A.M. Galligan;  
26/11/23 No. 29 K. Will.

Collection from **Cake & Candy: £90.00**

**Monthly Church cleaning** will be done on **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** after the Mass at 10.00 am. You are welcome to join.

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

### **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/>

**Christmas Play by Children:** They are going to stage a no-rehearsals Christmas performance during the 9.30 am Mass on 17<sup>th</sup> December. If any children wish to

participate, please fill the parent consent form and return today itself or by 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas Giving Tree:** It's time once again for our Giving Tree which is in 'full leaf' at the back of the church. If you can afford to help, please take a label, and return your gift **unwrapped by 10<sup>th</sup> December**. As usual, the gifts will be given to the school for distribution to families.

### **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. 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at St Marys, Kinnoull, Perth. Please register for this confidential healing retreat at [Margaret.clarke@griegtograceuk.org](mailto:Margaret.clarke@griegtograceuk.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. The world leaders should take responsibility for the damage caused by climate change especially affecting the smallest and most vulnerable countries. 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!*