

ST CLEMENT'S RC CHURCH

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(Serving Priest: Fr. Johnny Raphael CST)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR – C; 01ST DECEMBER 2024

SEASON OF ADVENT

Sunday Mass: 11.00 am

Weekday Mass: Tue: 09.00 am

Thu: P6 & 2 Class Mass: 09.30 am

**Sat: Holy Adoration, Benediction & Mass
in the Church Hall 09.00 am**

ST. NINIAN'S

Vigil (Saturday): 5.00 pm

Confession (Saturday): 4.15 – 4.45 pm

Sunday Mass: 9.30 am

Weekday Mass: Mon, Wed & Fri: 10.00 am

Fri: Funeral Mass: 12.30 pm

FEASTS/MEMORIALS

Tue 3rd Dec: St. Francis Xavier - Memorial

Sat 7th Dec: St. Ambrose – Memorial

**NEXT SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER: 2ND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT – C**

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, Mary Watt, Marlene Walker Rosily (Fr Johnny's sister), Trica Henderson, Margaret Dodera & Frank Conway. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them.

Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died, especially John Pacione & Ann Gunning, and whose anniversaries occur this time Rosaleen Mills.

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

Sunday Collections:

10th November: £232.50, 17th November: £215.16 &

£100.00 for Education: 24th November: £190.75

**200 Club (St Ninian) Winner: 24/11/2024; No: 147 L.
Russell**

Tea and Coffee being served today in Hospitality area.

Flowers: *Please donate towards the flowers. There is now a donation box in the hospitality area.*

A Special Collection for the Poor Mission Fund will be taken up next weekends.

THE CHRISTMAS WISHING TREE is in the porch. Please take a tag and donate a gift / token for our Christmas appeal which will be given to the less fortunate in our community. We would also appreciate any unwanted gifts you may have to give to the school for the children to re donate to their parents. Can they be returned to the church for **15th December 2024**

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS: Raffle tickets are available in the hospitality area @ £1 a strip. Prizes include Christmas Hamper, Bottles spirit and wines, sweets, toiletries plus lots more.

CAROLS AT ROXBURGHE ARRANGEMENTS

A huge thank you to the volunteers who agreed to sing Carols and Christmas songs for patients in Roxburghe House on Thursday 5 December. It is still not too late to join us. Can everyone please meet at the front door of Roxburghe House at 2.20pm. I have to be there earlier to have my keyboard

Pac checked but I will come and find you at 2.20pm Let's dress cheerily and help uplift spirits! We should be ready for home by around 3.15pm. Maureen.

ADVENT SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS PIES

Tuesday **3 December** at 7pm in St Ninian's What better way is there to take a step back, just for 40 minutes, from the frantic onslaught of preparing for Christmas in this secular world than taking part in our Advent Service. It will help us all slow down, find heartfelt spiritual peace and bring us closer to each other and to the Babe of Bethlehem. As Christians Together, and similar to last year, a few of our friends from Fowlis & Liff, Lundie & Muirhead and Auchterhouse churches are joining us along with their minister, Rev. Donna Hayes. Please make a special effort to come so that we are sure to give them a warm St Ninian's welcome, find Advent Joy followed by friendship over a 'cuppa' and a Christmas pie. Thank you. Maureen Ruddy

St Ninian's & St Clement's PARISH ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE: Tuesday 17 December at 6pm.

Building a Synodal and Missionary Church in the 21st Century. On the Feast of Christ the King, Pope Francis signed a 'note of accompaniment' stating that the synod's final document is to be accepted and implemented by bishops worldwide The Pope made clear that Catholic bishops throughout the world, guided by this final document, are to lead their churches and communities in building a synodal and missionary church in the 21st century. The Final Document can be accessed here: <https://www.synod.va/en/news/final-document-of-the-xvi-assembly.html>

Diocesan Advent Retreat: There will be a Diocesan Advent Retreat Day at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, St Mary's Forebank, Church Hall, Forebank Road, Dundee, DD1 2PB on Saturday 7 December from 10am until 3pm. The keynote address will be given by Bishop Andrew McKenzie. Come and enjoy an Advent day with us. Sign up for a place at StAndrew@dunkelddiocese.org.uk or leave a message on 01382 275539. Please bring a packed lunch.

Requiem Mass for Bishops Stephen's Mum who died on the 8th of November: The **1pm Mass on Wednesday, 4th December** will be for Bishop's mother. All are welcome to come – priests and people in the diocese.

Annual Safeguarding Statement to the Diocese - November 23rd / 24th 2024: Please read the updated safeguarding statement on our website: <https://stninianandstclement.org>

St John's RC High School Christmas Concert: The family of St John's would like to invite you to our annual Christmas Concert. Please see poster for details.

PSALM RESPONSE:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

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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