

# THE SEASON OF ADVENT



There will be a number of extra activities available throughout the season of Advent in the Parish.

- ◆ The *Rorate* Mass which is a Solemn, Candlelit, Votive Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be celebrated on Monday at 7.00am in St Columbkille's and Friday at 7.00am in St Mark's.
- ◆ The Divine Office will be prayed publicly every day at the following times:
  - 9.00am Morning Prayer
  - 6.00pm Evening Prayer
  - 9.00pm Night Prayer

The venue of Morning and Evening Prayer will depend upon where Mass is being celebrated, but Night Prayer will always be in St Mark's.

- ◆ At the Tuesday Evening Mass at 7pm in St Anthony's, the homily will be delivered by guest Deacon or Priest, and be on themes relating to Advent. The schedule of guests is as follows:
  - 30th of November: Deacon Michael Ross, of St Columbkille's  
*The Four Last Things in the context of Advent*
  - 7th of December: Fr Martin Eckersley, of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh  
*Advent: a time to be found*
  - 14th of December: Fr Ryan Black, of the Diocese of Paisley  
*Joseph, the Genealogy and the Son of David*
  - 21st of December: Canon Anthony Gallagher, of the Archdiocese of Glasgow  
*Our Blessed Mother in Advent*
- ◆ On each Saturday of Advent, a day of Recollection will be offered for three of our Parish ministries. These days are for parishioners who are currently involved in the various ministries and for people who would like to be involved.
  - 4th of December: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
Delivered by Fr Donald MacLeod, of the Missionaries of Africa
  - 11th of December: Ministers of Music  
Delivered by Fr Stephen McGrattan, of the Diocese of Galloway and Secretary to the Liturgical Commission
  - 18th of December: Ministers of the Word  
Delivered by Fr Sam Burke OP, of St Alberts Catholic Chaplaincy, Edinburgh
- ◆ On the Thursdays of Advent, you are invited to discuss the book: *Jesus of Nazareth: Volume III, the Infancy Narrative*, by Pope Benedict XVI. We will meet after Evening Prayer in St Mark's Church House.
- ◆ A Reconciliation service will be celebrated on Wednesday 15th of December at 6.30pm at St Mark's. A number of Priests will be available to hear confessions.