

St. Peter's Hamilton

Second Sunday of Advent

7th December 2025

Our Parish Mission

All are welcome in this place

Behold Love's amazing grace

All are welcome

Bring your hopes, bring your dreams

Mercy flows and love redeems

All are welcome! All belong!

6.22am

On Saturday morning we will celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas. Here is a wee bit about him:

Saint Nicholas is known for his generosity, kindness, and legendary miracles, such as secretly giving gold to a poor father to save his daughters from slavery. His reputation for giving and compassion made him the patron saint of children, sailors, and merchants, and his stories are the foundation for the modern figure of Santa Claus. He was a 4th-century Greek bishop who lived in Myra (modern-day Turkey) and is celebrated for his devout Christian life and care for the poor.

We have three weeks till Santa Claus comes.

More importantly three weeks till the Messiah, the Baby Jesus comes. Are we prepared for his coming that is why we have Advent to get ready for this great celebration

The Second Sunday of Advent is a Christian observance focusing on preparing for Jesus's arrival through reflection and repentance, led by the message of John the Baptist. Key traditions include lighting the second purple candle on the Advent wreath, symbolizing peace, and reading scripture from Luke about John the Baptist urging people to "prepare the way of the Lord".

Key aspects of the Second Sunday of Advent:

Preparation and Repentance:

It is a time for Christians to examine their hearts, repent for sins, and make a conscious effort to make space for Jesus in their lives.

John the Baptist's Message:

The readings focus on John the Baptist's call to repentance

and his role in preparing the way for Jesus. This includes his message that the ax lies at the root of the trees and that every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down.

Symbolism of the Advent Wreath:

The second purple candle is lit, representing peace.

Some traditions also call this candle the Bethlehem Candle, symbolizing faith.

Theme of Peace:

The theme for the day is peace, and the message includes preparing for the coming of Christ's kingdom, which is a kingdom of justice, harmony, and peace.

Universality of Salvation:

The gospel readings highlight that Jesus's salvation is for all people, both Jews and Gentiles.

Our Weekly Programme

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: 10am Mass

Wednesday: 10am Mass

Thursday : 10am

Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday: 10am Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday to Friday 9.30am-9.55am

This Week's Rota

Readers

4pm Vigil: B. Cornes

9.30am: T. Kennedy

11am: L. McIntosh

Eucharistic Ministers

4pm Vigil: S. Boyle, A. Conway & M. Halbert

9.30am: C. Bonnar, M. Devanney & K. O'Neill

11am: S. Cunningham, K. Grant & K. Flynn

Weekday 10am Mass Readers Rota

Tuesday: P. Davies

Wednesday: B. Cornes

Thursday: P. McKeown

Friday: J. McCluskey

Saturday: A. Devlin

Please pray for the following:

Sick:

Ellen Blair, Margaret Callaghan Doreen Cleary,

Michael Ritchie, Neil Boyle, John Rielly Molly Strang,
James Clark, Fr. Michael McLaughlin,
Patricia Henderson, Joanna Maier (Connecticut USA),
Therese Gilgunn Tressy Callaghan, Suzanne McMurray, Mary
Coyle, Lesley Watson (Spain) Maureen McHugh,
Margaret Burke, Marie White, Kathleen Daly,
John McGuire, Jill Brown, Karen Pritchatt,
Louise Newton, Faith Lyndsey, Jill Brown,
Marie McGuire, James Morton, Paul Kearney,
Thomas Daly, Andrew McCluskey,
Premature Baby Vincent McDowell, Faith Lindsay, Paul
Kearney, Kathleen Daly, Thomas Daly Jnr,
Bill Allan, Gudren Berk (Germany) , and all our sick.
Recently Dead: Annabelle Sullivan, Simon Harley
(St. Mary's Greenock), Father Patrick Gaffney Cssp,
Month Minds & Anniversaries: Lucille Barkley, Beatrice
McGhee, Jimmy Kelly, Niamh, Niall, & Derek James Rooney,
Ann McClafferty, Joe Healy, Elizabeth Johnston

Please if you could make sure all month minds and
anniversaries are handed in no later than Wednesday Night.
If they come in after that they will be read out at Mass on
Sunday. If the recently dead come in after the Wednesday
deadline they too will be read out at Mass on the Sunday.

After 6 years

St Peter's Parish is heading to the panto! Are you
coming?

Jock and the Beanstalk at the Glasgow Pavilion

Friday 2nd January 2026 at 7pm

Price: £36 for adults, £33 for under-16s and over-60s.

Price includes transport from St Peter's Church.

Bus times:

17:30 - depart St Peter's

22:00 - depart Pavilion

(Timings to be confirmed)

How to sign up:

A sign-up sheet is available in the porch.

You can also scan the QR code or use the link below to
register:

Jock and the Beanstalk Panto Friday 2nd of January
2026 - Fill in form

Its that time of the year again:

Christmas Foodbank Appeals

Christmas Shopping List

Mince Pies, Tinned Ham, Christmas Pudding, Christmas Cake, Box of Biscuits, Selection Box, Box of Chocolates, Bar of Chocolate, Snacks & Nibbles, Christmas Crackers, Mash Potatoes, UHT Milk, Tea bags, Coffee, Diluting Juice.

Christmas Toiletries List

Shampoo, Shower Gel, Bubble Bath, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Mouthwash, Bar of Soap, Liquid Hand Soap, Disposable razors, Ladies Deodorant, Mens Deodorant, Shaving Foam or Gel.

Christmas Toy Appeal

New Board Games, New Jigsaw Puzzles, New colouring books & Crayons New Books.

Thank you for your kindness again.

Fr. Frank

Calendars

are available in the side chapel.

At brilliant prices. Come in and see.

Breakfast with Santa

We are Looking for Tombola Prizes

for this event on 13th December

Hacking: A new router has been installed. The next part of the work will begin in the next couple of weeks. Hopefully we will have the live stream up before Christmas, I will keep you up to date

Road Works: Hopefully the road works will be finished soon. I hope so! Come early to get parked.

Powerpoint Remote Control:

I am also looking for Volunteers to move the power-points on during the Sunday Masses,
Vigil 4pm, 9.30am & 11am.

It is very easy to operate, if we get enough volunteers for each Mass we would put a wee rota together. It would take a wee bit of pressure off me.

Gift Aid

If you wish to sign up for Gift Aid. It is a great way to help the parish financially, costing you absolutely nothing. If you wish to sign up contact myself or Doreen Lee and we will give you the form and hand it back as you can and we can get it organised. As I said it costs you nothing, but helps the parish so much.

**Baptism/Wedding Meetings: THURSDAY 6pm & 7pm. JUST
TURN UP**

The Bulletin is available by email

**I can't thank you enough for your generosity to the Parish. I
really appreciate it. Please keep it up, Once again Thank
You.**

Fr. Frank

