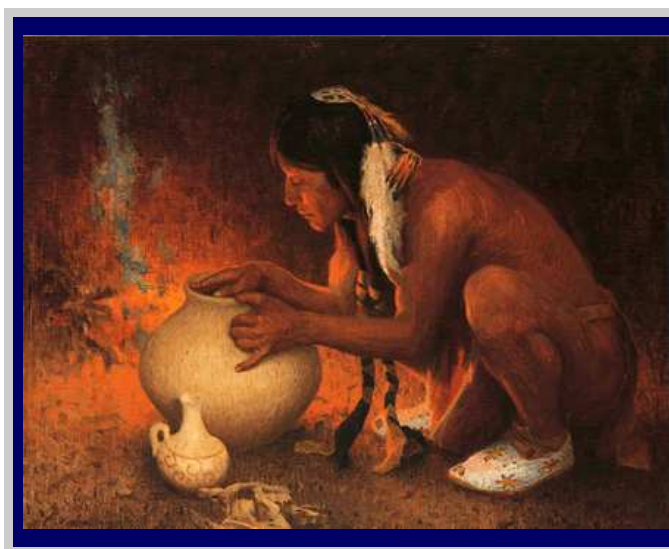


St Leo's Bulletin 1st Sunday of Advent 2011 Year B (The year of Mark's Gospel)

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Isaiah said: 'Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands. Make us aware of your presence with us, as we move through this season of preparation for Christmas, and as we live in the journey of our lives preparing for life with you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Introit

I lift my soul to you, I trust you, Lord my God.
No-one who waits on you will ever be put to shame.

Verse

Teach me how to live, Lord, show me the way,
Steer me towards your truth, you my saving God,
you my constant hope.

I lift my soul to you, I trust you, Lord my God.
No-one who waits on you will ever be put to shame.

Penitential Act

Kyrie, eleison: **Kyrie, eleison.**

Christe, eleison: **Christe, eleison.**

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The Liturgy of the Word

Reading: Isaiah 63: 16b-17; 19b; 64:2-7

Psalm 79

Response




God of hosts, bring us back; lead us and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might, come to our aid.
God of hosts bring us back; lead us and we shall be saved.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore you; look down from heaven and see, O visit this vine and protect what your right hand has sown.
God of hosts bring us back; lead us and we shall be saved.

Lay your hand on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength, O Lord, fill us with life, we call on your name.
God of hosts bring us back; lead us and we shall be saved.

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9



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Let us see, O Lord, your mer - cy and_ give us your sav - ing help.

Gospel Mark: 13: 33-37

At 11.00 Mass the names of the two children to be confirmed are read out. There follows a short homily then there is the Renewal of Baptismal Promises : The rejection of sin and the Profession of Faith.

At 11.00 Mass there is 'The Laying on of Hands' - a prayer is said and then everyone prays in silence.

Then the priest says:

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by water and the Holy Spirit
you freed your sons and daughters from sin
and gave them new life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of right judgement and courage,
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.

Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Karen and Ewan come forward and they are signed on the forehead with chrism as the priest says '... be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit'

The **Intercessions** follow.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts: as people bring down the gifts of bread & wine we sing:

Come, O divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away.

Sweet Saviour, haste: come, come to earth: dispel the night and show thy face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. Come, O Divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away.

O Thou whom nations sighed for, whom priests and prophets long fore-told, wilt break the captives fetters, redeem the long lost fold.

Sweet Saviour, haste:

Sanctus: New St Andrew

Memorial: We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection until you come again, until you come.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

St Andrew Agnus Dei: Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

And together
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Invitation:
Father, I pray for them, may they be one in us, so that the world may
believe it was you who sent me, it was you who sent me.

hymn
The love I have for you, my Lord, is only a shadow of your love for me;
only a shadow of your love for me, your deep abiding love.

My own belief in you, my Lord, is only a shadow of your faith in me,
only a shadow of your faith in me, your deep and lasting faith.

My life is in your hands, my life is in your hands.
My love for you will grow, my God, your light in me will shine.

The dream I have today, my Lord, is only a shadow of your dreams for
me, only a shadow of all that will be if I but follow you.

The joy I feel today, my Lord, is only a shadow of your joys for me,
only a shadow of your joys for me, when we meet face to face.

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Weekday Mass 10.00 with Morning Prayer. **Sunday Masses:** Vigil on
Saturday at 6.00, then Sunday at 9.30 and 11.00 Confessions—
Saturday evening 5.30 and on request. Tea in the hall after masses on
Sunday.

Parish offerings for last Sunday: Gift Aid 1st Offering: 238.00 Ordinary 1st Offering: £227.00. 2nd Offering for Assisted Parishes £178.00
Thanks also for donations to the parish Jubilee fund and for the £508.00 made at the Accessory Night

Parish choir meets Monday 7.00—8.00

The Parish Jubilee Fund continues to grow - and the yearlong program of events will be announced soon. **Gold** — unwanted broken silver and gold chains, odd earrings etc etc etc are welcome since they could swell our jubilee fund. Thanks to those who have already contributed.

ZUMBA In the hall from Mondays 7.30.

Toryglen Group: Tuesdays 11.30

Pilates: Wednesday 7.00—8.00

WeightWatchers Thursday 7.00

"Fete and Barbeque. Thanks for the Tombola items — keep them coming, please

The Place of Religion in public life : Professor Nigel Biggar of Oxford University—St Aloysius College Hall. Admission free. **Tuesday 29th November at 7.30.**

St Andrew's Day Vespers with the Archdiocese and Glasgow Churches Together—St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street, Wednesday 30th November 2011 Followed by refreshments. All welcome

The Newman Association (Glasgow):

St Andrew Lite: The Marginalisation of Sainthood —a talk by Michael Turnbull, historian and biographer in Glasgow University Chaplaincy, Turnbull Hall, 15 Southpark terrace, G12 8LG **THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER 7.30 PM.** Admission £3.00.

St Leo's Book Club meets this Thursday at 7.30 in the Carachi's house in Dalkeith Avenue.

Traidcraft next Sunday—Christmas cards.

New Missal: The parish can order personal copies of the new Sunday Missal and expect to receive a significant discount for ordering in bulk. If you are interested please put your name on the sheet in the porch.

Scottish Catholic Observer

Bishop Tartaglia raises concerns as anti-sectarian legislation moves forward.

MSPs push for end to UK ban on a Catholic monarch.

Pope Benedict XVI's trip to Africa – Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation.

Bishop Logan of Dunkeld on financial crisis.

Scottish bishops' tributes, Huntly funeral for former parish priest Bishop John Jukes.

Advent on your phone and computer

Daily extracts from the little "Journey Through Advent" booklet produced by the Archdiocese can be received daily directly to your computer or phone by following the Archdiocesan Twitter feed:

www.twitter.com/archdiocglasgow

or clicking "like" on the Archdiocesan Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofGlasgow

Advent Calendar: The winner of the Advent Calendar was Laura Malone. Many thanks to all who bought a raffle ticket. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Clear Voices: Retreat for men: Thursday 1st December in the Archdiocesan Offices, 196 Clyde Street, G1 4JY Led by Fr Tom Kilbride and Sr Laurentia Carroll OP. Starts with tea/coffee at 10.00 am and finishes with Mass at 1.30pm. Refreshments provided but bring a packed lunch To book a place phone 0141 226 5898 or email re@rcag.org.uk

Family Carol Concert with the Rotary Club of Govan and Salvation Army Govan Citadel Songsters FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER 7.30PM at Sherbrooke St Gilbert's Church, 240 Nithsdale Rd., Pollokshields. Adults £4.00 Children under 16 £2.00 Tickets at door or from Seona Maguire 0141 427 0902 or Anne Thomson at 427 1105 or Ronald Grant 427 3669

The Advent wreath is part of a long-standing Catholic tradition. However, the actual origins are uncertain. There is evidence of pre-Christian Germanic peoples using wreathes with lit candles during the cold and dark December days as a sign of hope in the future warm and extended-sunlight days of Spring. In Scandinavia during Winter, lighted candles were placed around a wheel, and prayers were offered to the god of light to turn "the wheel of the earth" back toward the sun to lengthen the days and restore warmth. By the Middle Ages, the Christians adapted this tradition and used Advent wreathes as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. After all, Christ is "the Light that came into the world" to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God (cf. John 3:19-21). By 1600, both Catholics and Lutherans had more formal practices surrounding the Advent wreath.

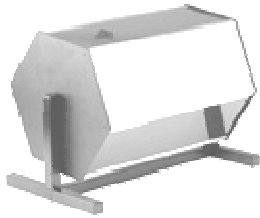
The symbolism of the Advent wreath :The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. Even these evergreens have a traditional meaning which can be adapted to our faith: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and one English legend tells of how the cross was made of holly. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection. All together, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Saviour. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; this Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead. The light again signifies Christ, the Light of the world. Some modern day adaptations include a white candle placed in the middle of the wreath, which represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve. Another tradition is to replace the three purple and one rose candles with four white candles, which will be lit throughout Christmas season.

St Leo's

Sunday 4 Dec 2011

Dear All
We REALLY need donations for the
Tombola.
Please have a think about how you could
help out with some little thing that would
be nice to win.
Of course if you'd prefer to make, bake or
create something for the Fair that would
also be great.



Tombola

12.00pm onwards

Books, Cards
Baking, Christmas
crafts, tea-room



Christmas Fair

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Many thanks to everyone who has already donated to the Jubilee Fund. In a moment of "Blue Peter" inspiration we thought it would be a good idea to let everyone know how fundraising was progressing so here we have the "Totaliser".

The grand total of £15000 represents the approximate costs of all the projects mentioned on the lists on the donation envelopes. A tremendous start has already been made. Please get involved. We hope everyone will find some part of the fundraising plans that they can enjoy.

