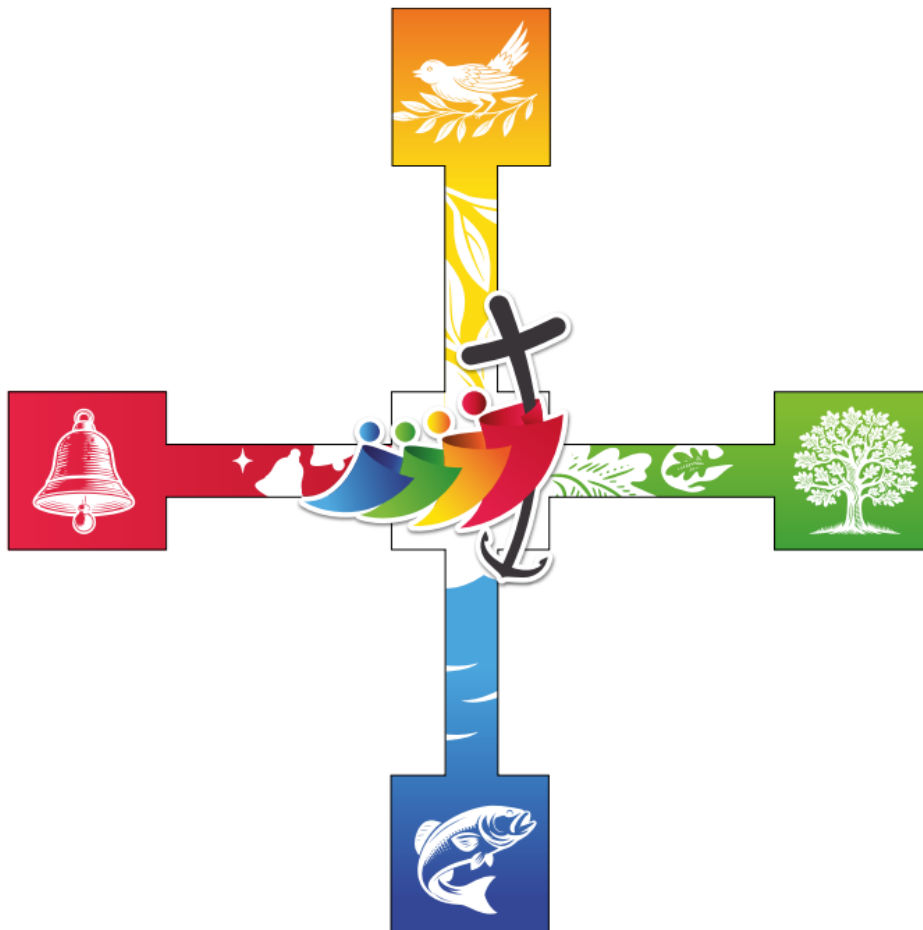


St Leo's Bulletin December 29th Feast of the Holy Family 2024
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stleothegreat.org.uk stleothegreatfacebook Mass Sunday vigil:
Saturday at 6.00p.m. Sunday 10.30 a.m. Weekday Mass 10.00
Confessions on Saturday at 5.30 p.m. and on request.

Tuesday evening Mass for Peace at 6.00.
Wednesday New Year's Day and Feast of Mary, Mother of God.
10.30

Feast of the Holy Family

The Holy Year



In the name of God the Father, in the name of God the Son,
in the name of God, the Holy Spirit, in the name of God.

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Act of Penance

The Gloria



We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the first Book of Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked for him from the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there for ever.'

And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord.' And he worshipped the Lord there.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 83



How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning for the house of the Lord.
My heart and soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.

The sparrow finds a home, the swallow a nest for her brood;
she lays her young by your altars, O Lord, my King, my God.

They are happy who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

They are happy whose strength is in you, they walk with ever growing strength.

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A reading from the 1st Letter of John: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel verse

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, O Lord, your servant is list'ning, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2: 41-52

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.' And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, we bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered
death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
& his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

During the Preparation of the Gifts

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;

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St Leo's Choir: thank you for the extra contribution in singing for Christmas.

Radioalba.org for the week of December 29th

The Morning Hour

07.00: Morning Prayers for Holy Family; Monday and Tuesday of Christmastide , Feast of Mary, Mother of God/New Year. Thursday - Saturday of Christmastide

7.15: A morning prayer with young people

7.22: Canon Bob Hill comments on the Epiphany
and Margaret Chapman gives an introduction to the daily readings from the Liturgical Calendar for Scotland.

7.26: Captains Les and Emma Heal share their Christmas greetings

7.30: In our Magazine, Fr Tom Magill speaks about the coming of the good news, and the presence of God; Marian Pallister, chair of Pax Christi reflects on our being pilgrims of hope ;Pope Francis initiates the Jubilee.

Lunchtime

12.00/6.00: In our Glasgow Churches Together service the Rev Chris Foxon leads us in Christmas Reflection and Prayer

12.15/6.15 The Office of Readings with passages from the Letter to the Ephesians and from an address given by Pope Paul 6th at Nazareth

12.30/06.30: Elizabeth Adam with Newsnatter 2025

01.00/7.00: In our Glasgow Churches Together service the Rev Chris Foxon leads us in Christmas Reflection and Prayer

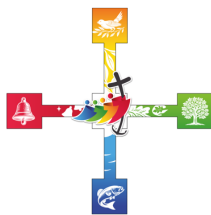
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2.00 - 5.00: Christian music hourly

The Evening Hour - repeated hourly from 8.00 - 10.00

8.00: Evening Prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family and for Christmas 8.20: Our Magazine 8.50: Night Prayer



ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW

“Oh to be a child at this time of the year. What excitement! What expectation! What longing the children have for Christmas. They teach us what Advent is all about: because Advent is a period of waiting, and they wait with such longing for they *can't* wait for Christmas to come.

For children of course Christmas is all about toys and treats, gifts and games. Adults know that it takes more than these to satisfy the deep longings of our heart. So we too wait.

And as we wait: we hope for peace and justice; we yearn for bitterness and strife to cease; we long for an end to suffering and sickness, to sadness and sorrow.

Our wait is for a world touched by the presence of God: for a better world than we have today - where the teachings of Jesus inspire us all to be kind and caring people.

Each year our wait for Christmas rekindles our hope, and reminds us that Christ has already come into the world, that Christ in fact is present in the world, and that the seeds of Christ's goodness have been planted in our hearts and in the hearts of so many.

We long for those seeds of goodness to bear fruit, and for God's presence in the world to make the world the better place we wish it to be: Just as children can't wait for Christmas, we can't wait for the longings of our heart to be fulfilled.”

Despite all the problems in the world may we continue to celebrate Christmas with joy. I wish you every blessing for Christmas and New Year.

With my prayers and best wishes,

+William Nolan Archbishop of Glasgow

PENTAHARPS : On Sunday 29th of December 2024, at 2.00
Pentaharps will present a concert of Christmas music in St. Andrew's cathedral at 2pm. From the Annunciation carol to We three kings, an hour of familiar and not so well known Christmas music played on clarsachs. All welcome. Donations gratefully received.

RCAG Young Adult Sessions: St Mungo's City Pilgrimage Walk. Sat 11th January 2025, 10am – 3pm. Join RCAG Youth and other young adults to celebrate the City's Patron Saint whilst walking off some of those mince pies. 16–30-year-olds welcome. Pilgrimage Walk – Mass – St. Mungo's Cathedral Visit – Drygate.
www.tinyurl.com/stmungo25



Pax Christi Scotland chaplain Fr Jim Clarke s.x.
explores the concept of the Jubilee Year that we now enter -
invited by Pope Francis to become Pilgrims of Hope.

“And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to his property, and each of you shall return to his clan.”

The theme is “Pilgrims of Hope” and is a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.

Pilgrimage is a journey of purpose. It is a voyage in faith with the hope of encountering God in a deeper and more intimate way. But like every journey, we return and with a pilgrimage we are being charged to return, better, more in tune with God's will and more committed to the Kingdom that God so desires.

The Pope has made it clear of how we are called in this Holy Year to act concretely and where to focus

our energy for the sake of the Kingdom. He speaks of the evil of war, the negative effects of the pandemic on individuals, communities and nations and the disaster which is immanent if we do not address the climate issue which spells death, especially to the poorest nations.

After the COVID Pandemic when we learned to pull together, share intelligence and resources and put on a global front to combat this deadly disease, I had hoped that as a world we would see sense. Not so! Ukraine is invaded, Gaza is systematically destroyed, the Sudan faces unprecedented famine, Yemen continues to face multiple crises, including ongoing conflict, economic insecurity and widespread malnutrition

The Geneva Academy to date maintains there are 110 ongoing conflicts in our world. Aligned with this we have the news that 2024 will have been the warmest year since records began, 1.5 Celsius above the pre-industrial level. "Climate catastrophe is hammering health, widening inequalities, harming sustainable development, and rocking the foundations of peace. The vulnerable are hardest hit," said UN Secretary- General António Guterres.

The temptation is to despair, but despair has no place for those who follow the Gospel. Yeah, we can beat our breasts, in tears, at the foot of the cross or we can run with joy from the empty tomb. It depends on our optic and how we view the same glass! The important thing is to move, to take to the streets.

The history of Christian Pilgrimage is about change! The reasons vary from asking for favours, seeking forgiveness, escaping the everyday routine, seeking healing and re- evaluating one's life. And from the first pilgrimage, which was that of the disciples to the empty tomb, to all those timeless ones to Rome, Lourdes, the Holy Land, Compostella...or wherever; it is change that is sought. A new hope, a new vision, a new way, a new dawn, a new peace, both inner and outer,

The Holy Year is an invitation to journey, to move, to go closer to the God of love and peace.

May our journey of Holy Year as pilgrims of hope, see us move away and give peace. 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. A blessed journey.

Jim Clarke, s.x.

Amnesty International and Gaza

Amnesty International has named the situation in Gaza as genocide. On December 19, Human Rights Watch said that in depriving the people of Gaza water, Israel was committing a “crime of extermination, acts of genocide in Gaza”. (<https://www.hrw.org/middle-east/north-africa/israel/palestine>).

Back in September, British Jews wrote an open letter to the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, urging him to take into account the diversity of Jewish opinion on Israel and Palestine, and to widen the range of Jewish organisations that you meet with. The letter said: “We deplore the unfailing backing Israel receives from the supposedly official voices of British Judaism”

It added: “We ask you to reflect on the shame and horror we feel at being represented as approving of the murderous oppression of Palestinians by the self-declared Jewish supremacist state of Israel. To be tarred with the brush of complicity in pogroms connects us, viscerally, to our own historic experience as victims of pogroms. In the light of this alone, we are resolute in our condemnation of Israel’s ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from their lands.

“As Jews, we have a particular responsibility to condemn Israel’s wrongdoing, and to support the right of the Palestinians to live in peace and justice. This is doubly important when the false impression is given that all UK Jews support Israel’s colonisation of Palestine and its present savage attack on the population of Gaza.”

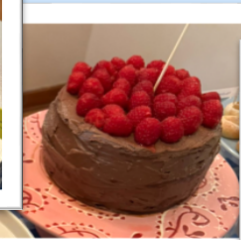
The Archbishop, as head of the established church, was asked to listen to their voices. Who will now listen? We pray that politicians will. And *our* voices must also be added - our first task of 2025.

Social Events at St Leo's

Highlights of 2024

Sunday, 29 Dec 2024
Sunday Mass at 10.30
Saturday Vigil at 6.00

we had a Barbeque



... and a Bakeoff



The Ladies won the Tug o War



Pope Francis on Twitter
@ Pontifex 30 Nov 2024



... and made a lot of Wreaths.



Happy New Year

The Door is open, it is wide open! Come! Let us be reconciled with God, and then we will be reconciled with ourselves and able to be reconciled with one another, even our enemies.

#Christmas #Jubilee2025