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Nativity

Sunday 17th December 2017
3rd Sunday of Advent Year B

Sunday Masses

St Margaret's 10.00am
Inveraray,
All Saints, 12.30pm

Weekday Celebrations

St Margaret's
Monday - Saturday
Holy Mass 10.30am

Mass times are subject to change at short notice

Christmas Mass Times
 Carols and readings on Christmas Eve, 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day Mass,
 10am St. Margaret's
 12.30 All Saints.

Confessions;

Sunday 9.30am or on request

Thought for the week

"Joy is a net of love, in which you can catch souls".
 Mother Theresa.

This Sunday the 17th of December Fr. Sandy will be with us from 5-6pm to hear confessions. This is a wonderful opportunity to avail yourself of the sacrament and prepare yourselves spiritually for Christmas.

Christmas Clean, and putting up decorations and the crib will commence after mass on Thursday the 21st of December at 11am. Please come and give us a helping hand.

Please help yourself to our latest copy of Unity. Thanks as always to Marian for her hard work and generosity in putting it together.

S.C.I.A.F. There will be a raffle at the back of the church today for a Christmas cake, with all proceeds going to S.C.I.A.F. Many thanks to Cecilia Rees for baking and donating the cake.

In Advent and the lead up to Christmas when we are spending so much money on material things, it is good for us as Christians to think about those who are struggling, in that light. Pope Francis designated November 19 the first World Day of the Poor. He asked that we act for the poor and interact with them. Here are five things we might do as a parish to meet Pope Francis' request:

- Help MOMA's Christmas appeal by adding a box of biscuits or tin of sweeties to your usual MOMA donation
- Donate warm clothes for the homeless supported by the Simon Community (leave in the porch for a Glasgow run before Christmas)
- Help Grub's Up deliver their Christmas Day Gathering in the Red Cross Hall, Union Street, Lochgilphead between 12 and 2pm. They will provide hot soup and a cold buffet and a delivery service for those unable to leave their home. Contact lynda@argylltsi.org.uk if you can pick up people or deliver food, or if you are an entertainer (or just want to join in).
- Join in our next Bake Share in January: bring baking and a buddy.
- Consider volunteering with the refugees in Calais. Marian can put you in touch with Secours Catholique.

This Advent it is proposed to have an Ecumenical evening discussing different aspects of the film "It's a Wonderful life". Advent is a time of re-evaluating our lives, and to discover that we have so much to be thankful for and to live again. Our next evening is on Thursday 21 December at 7pm. at 7pm in here in St Margarets, All are welcome.

An open invitation is extended to you for a quiet time each Tuesday at 12.30pm in Christ Church, Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead. All are very welcome.

Our prayer group will meet as usual on Wednesday at 7pm in St. Margaret's

Hymns

Entrance 541 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
 Preparation of the Gifts 96 Abba Father send your spirit
 Communion Booklet 4 Advent verses Bread of life
 418 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
 Recessional 297 God's spirit is in my heart

Psalm Response

My soul rejoices in my God