



# St Albert's

## CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY



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Second Sunday of Advent • 10th December 2017

**READINGS, YEAR 1 (A):** Is 40:1-5. 9-11, Ps 84, 2Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8

**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.



Above Marianum, in the Museum Catharijne Convent, Utrecht, from the studio of the Master of Elsloo, 15th Century. Many thanks to Dr Rachel King who gave us an excellent lecture on our Madonna and Child. Dr King is Project Curator at Glasgow Museums and The Burrell Collection, with responsibility for Medieval and Renaissance Art And Design. Her theory is that our Madonna and Child was made for a Dominican Church somewhere in the region between the Rhine the Meuse Rivers and in the period 1520 to 1550. Originally, it would have been covered in gesso and brightly painted and would have formed the centre piece of what is known as a Marianum, which in the late 15th and 16th century was a popular Dominican object of devotion to Our Lady of Rosary. The Marianum would have been suspended above and altar or choir which means that our Madonna and Child was designed to be viewed from below. In fact, it is likely that it came to us from Bornhem, near Antwerp, where we had a house after the reformation, which would further support Dr King's theory.

### TODAY'S GOSPEL, MK 1:1-8:

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight--" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wed 13 Memorial of St Lucy

Thur 14 Memorial of St John of the Cross

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### CHRISTMAS EVE (SUNDAY)

Masses at 9am, 10am and 12 noon

First Vespers of Christmas at 5.30pm

Midnight Mass at 11.30pm

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

Masses at 9am, and 10.30am

Second Vespers of Christmas at 5.30pm

#### ST STEPHEN'S DAY

Mass at 12 noon

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE (SUNDAY)

9am, 10am, 12 noon

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mass at 12 noon

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year 2 (B):** Is 61:1-2. 10-11, Lk 1:46-50. 53-54, 1 Th 5:16-24, Jn 1:6-8.19-28

The text of the Mass can be found on the cards near the entrance of the Chapel and at no 479 in the hymnal.

## COLLECTION FOR ST CATHARINE'S

As in previous years, there will be a special collection for St Catharine's Homelessness Project this Advent. It will be taken on the Second and Third Sundays of Advent (10th and 17th December), that is today and next Sunday.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The collections taken up at Christmas go to Parish Funds and not to the Dominican Community. If you would like to make a donation to the Dominican community this Christmas please use the special envelopes with the blue label available in the Chapel porch. By using these you can also gift aid your donation. Thank you for your generosity and year round support of our ministry and mission.

## COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2018 are available for collection in the Garden Room. If you would like to start using Envelopes please speak to Fr Dermot.

## HELPING REFUGEES

Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees run a local, joint-faith integration project for refugees in Edinburgh called the Edinburgh Weekend Club. They are currently looking for three more volunteers to support their work with the refugee and asylum seeker community.

<http://www.sfar.org.uk/we-are-recruiting-again/>

## JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

Experience Taizé prayer at Sacred Heart Church on Monday (11th, 18th) December: 7:15- 8:15pm. All welcome.

### DIVINE OFFICE & MASS TIMES

#### Monday – Friday:

Morning Prayer	8am
Mass	1.15pm, 5:15pm
Evening Prayer	after 5:15pm Mass

#### Saturday:

Morning Prayer	8:30am
Mass	12pm

#### Sunday:

Morning Prayer	8:30am
Mass	9, 10, 12noon, 7.15pm
Evening Prayer	5:30pm

#### Confessions

Wednesdays after 1.15pm Mass until 2pm. Also available on request.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Parents are reminded about the children's liturgy at the the 10am Sunday Mass. This liturgy is there to support parents in bringing their children up in the faith. The children go out for the readings and sermon, and learn about the Gospels. The children are supervised but parents are very welcome to join in. Also, the Garden Room is open during the Sunday Masses, which allows for children to take a break during the Mass if needed. If the door to the Garden Room is closed, it will normally be on the latch. If the weather is inclement, the Garden Room can also be accessed via the sacristy.

## CHILDREN'S CLASS

There will be a special class for children on the theme of Advent on this Sunday 10th December at 11.15am in the Student Common Room.

## WAYS OF PRAYING

This is an introductory course during Lent in the Garden Room and Chapel which is open to anyone who is interested in broadening their prayer life. The course runs over four evenings: each evening will include an introduction to ways of praying from different traditions and an opportunity to practise them in stillness and silence. The facilitators, Alison Moody and Anne Claveirole (9 o'clock mass) are members of the Epiphany Group (see <http://www.epiphanygroup.org.uk>). There are leaflets at the back of the chapel for further information; you can also contact Anne on 0131 229 1622.

## 2018 DATES FOR THE SERIES "HOLY GROUND" MONDAYS, GARDEN ROOM, 7PM

22nd January: Kate Banks on David Jones, poet & artist. 12th February: Linden Bicket on George Mackay Brown, poet. 5th March: Richard McLauchlan on R S Thomas, poet. 19th March: Dermot Morrin on The Agony in the Garden, Mantegna & Bellini. 14th May: Noel O'Regan on "Singing the Catholic Reformation".

## CATECHESIS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

On Fridays 15, 22 December, at 7pm Archbishop Leo will offer a period of catechesis, followed by a short time of prayer, and finishing with a time for socialising. These sessions will take place in the Cathedral and are for young people aged between 16 and 29.

## BOOK GROUP

The next meeting is on this Thursday 18th January 2018 at 7.30pm in The Library, St Albert's Catholic Chaplaincy, 24 George Square, when *Heart of Darkness*, the novella by Joseph Conrad will be discussed. This is a much shorter read for the New Year at about 100 pages. New and occasional members welcome.

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