



# Parish Newsletter

St Fillan's, King St, Newport-on-Tay  
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Queen St, Tayport



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## Second Sunday of Advent 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

*Let us adore the Lord, the King who is to come. Year: A(I). Psalm week: 2. Liturgical Colour: Violet.*

**First reading: Isaiah 11:1-10. A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse.**

**Responsorial Psalm: PS 71. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.**

**Second reading: Romans 15: 4-9. Christ is the saviour of all men.**

**Gospel: Matthew 3:1-2. The one who follows me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

### HOLY MASS TIMES

**Our Lady Star of the Sea:** Saturday Vigil 5pm, Monday 10am, Friday 10am.

**St Fillan's:** Sunday 10:15am, Wednesday 10am,

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Mass at St Fillan's, 7pm.**

**The Lights of Advent.** This week we light the **second purple candle**, called the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation. It symbolizes Faith and reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Whilst the light from the candles reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the World who comes into the darkness of our struggles, it also reminds us that we ourselves are called to be a light to the world as we reflect the Light of God's love and grace to others.

### \*\*\*\*\*CHRISTMAS GREETINGS WITH DONATIONS TO SHELTER SCOTLAND\*\*\*\*\*

Instead of sending Christmas cards to fellow parishioners, spending money on cards and stamps, why not place a Christmas Greeting in the Parish Newsletter and make a donation for the homeless? Simply write out your greeting and put it with your donation in the box at the back of the church. Your message and your donation do not need to go together; you can email your greeting to the editing team [via [jkmcj@hotmail.com](mailto:jkmcj@hotmail.com)] or donate directly via the charity's website [<https://scotland.shelter.org.uk/donate>]. Doing this will allow you to authorise Shelter to claim back tax if you can Gift-Aid it.

Would you like to write a special greeting for friends and family you cannot meet in person? There is no limit on the number of greetings you can add, as long as you make a donation each time. You can then post or email the page with your Christmas Greeting for them or send the link to the Facebook or Webpage where the Greetings will be posted.

### \*\*\*\*\*NEW: CALLING ALL CHILDREN ARTISTS: DRAW A PICTURE FOR THE GREETINGS PAGE\*\*\*\*\*

What picture would you draw to tell the Christmas story? If you'd like to take part, post your picture into the box with a donation for Shelter. Shelter is a charity which supports people who, like Mary and Joseph, have no home of their own on Christmas night.

Artwork will be photographed and published with the newsletter. The size of the image printed may vary depending on the number of images received. Colours will show up on the web jpeg versions and can be expanded to allow Artwork to be seen in full glory but line drawings will likely be most effective on the printed page. You can work in miniature, but we can also reduce large images so even the smallest hands can join in the fun of making our greetings pages festive.

The Parish will send all donations to Shelter Scotland [<https://scotland.shelter.org.uk/>].

**Greetings will appear on Sundays 18th and 25th December.**

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/NewportTayportCatholic/](http://www.facebook.com/NewportTayportCatholic/) **Parish WhatsApp:** 07484 170812.

**Hospital Chaplaincy:** Ninewells, Victoria and Roxburghe House. Please call the duty chaplain on 07821 624124

**Special Prayers:** We pray for those who have died recently; for those who are sick and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time, especially Mary Elizabeth Murphy. We pray for those caring for the sick, those mourning the loss of loved ones or struggling to cope with difficulties in their lives. We pray especially for peace, for the victims of war or natural disasters and for persecuted Christians throughout the world.

**To request prayers in the Newsletter please contact Mgr. Pat or Fr Jude or leave your request through Fr Jude's letterbox.**

**"Persecuted and Forgotten?"**, a recent report published by Catholic charity **Aid to the Church in Need**, found that in 75% of the 24 countries surveyed, persecution of Christians has increased. Africa saw a sharp rise in terrorist violence, with more than 7,600 Nigerian Christians murdered between January 2021 and June 2022. The report also found that in countries as diverse as Egypt and Pakistan, Christian girls are routinely subject to systematic kidnapping and rape. For full reports see <https://acnuk.org/news/international-uk-report-shows-persecution-of-christians-is-getting-worse/> and <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/45925>

### **Saints & Feastdays**

Wed. 7th: **St Ambrose of Milan**, Bishop, Doctor, Patron of the Scots College in Spain *Memorial, White*  
Thur. 8th: **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** **Solemnity, White**  
Fri. 9th: **St Juan Diego**, Religious, Patron of Indigenous People *Memorial, White*

**St Ambrose** (c.340-397) was born in Germany to a Roman family and was educated at Rome. When the bishopric of Milan fell vacant, St Ambrose tried to pacify the conflict between Catholics and Arians over the appointment of a new bishop. He was a layman and not yet baptized (at this time it was common for people to remain for years as catechumens), but he was coerced by the people and by the emperor to become the bishop himself. He was baptized, ordained, and installed as bishop within a week, on 7 December 374. He was a strong and popular pastoral leader, a true shepherd and teacher of the faithful. He was unimpressed by status and when the Emperor Theodosius ordered a massacre in Thessalonica, St Ambrose forced him to do public penance. He was a key figure in the conversion of St Augustine.

The doctrine that the **Virgin Mary was conceived without original sin (The Immaculate Conception)** was almost universally believed over the centuries but was only formally defined as a doctrine of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1854. This doctrine is not generally accepted by Orthodox and Protestant churches; it is, however, accepted by Islam, though the theological details are very different.

The First Saint of the Americas, **St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin** (1474-1548), was a native Aztec who embraced Christianity as an adult. Our Lady appeared to him and he dedicated the rest of his life to solitary prayer and work at the site of the apparitions, near Mexico City.

**Diocesan Advent Retreat:** This will be held in the Pastoral Centre at **St Mary's Forebank**, Dundee, on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, from 10am to 3pm**. Bring a packed lunch. All are welcome.

**Online Advent Retreat:** For the four weeks of Advent, The Ignatian Spirituality Centre offers you material for **daily prayer**, in the form of Scripture, Music, Pictures and Reflection. <https://www.onlineprayer.net/advent-retreat/>

### **Sunday Vespers and Benediction at 4pm during Advent:**

Second Sunday of Advent, 4<sup>th</sup> December, in Our Lady of Good Counsel, Broughty Ferry.

Third Sunday of Advent, 11<sup>th</sup> December, in St Mary's, Forebank.

**Cecilian Choir Annual Carol Concert** on 18<sup>th</sup> December, at 3pm in St Andrew's Cathedral.

**THE SUNDAY CAFÉ.** All welcome to stay after Sunday Mass for coffee/tea and a chance to chat with fellow parishioners. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help occasionally, please contact Angela Morton. Phone/text 0792 3931147 Email: [angela3morton@gmail.com](mailto:angela3morton@gmail.com)

**Praying with the Pope in December:** We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation. <https://www.praywiththepope.net/popes-intentions/>

**Prayer:** May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek Him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find Him.