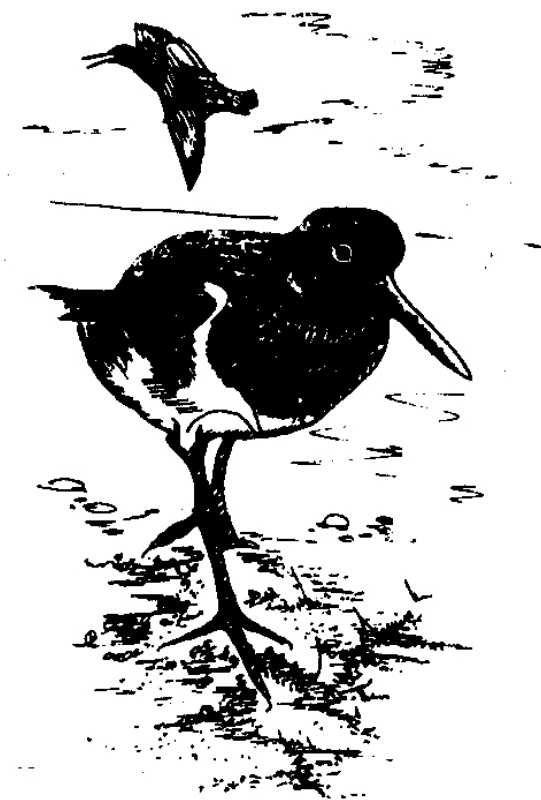


# THE OYSTERCATCHER



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**ST BRIDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**KELVINSIDE, GLASGOW**

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St Bride's is a Church in the Catholic tradition. The main act of worship on Sundays is the Sung Eucharist at 10.30 a.m., which is followed by coffee and fellowship in the Crypt.

On weekdays the services are as follows:

<b>Mon:</b>	Evensong 5.30 p.m.	The Eucharist 6.00 p.m.
<b>Wed:</b>	Evensong 5.30 p.m.	The Eucharist 6.00 p.m.
<b>Thur:</b>	Mattins 9.30 a.m.	The Eucharist 10.00 a.m.

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## FR SYDNEY WRITES ...

There is always something slightly electrifying about the beginning of Advent. In part this is because it points us to Christmas, which is the great family festival, observed by almost all but honoured perhaps by few. Even though the bright lights and the accelerating festivities are a major obstruction to the Feast of the Incarnation, and give more of the midwinter bacchanalia, there is a general build-up for the season.

Within this increasing tempo, there however is a deeper quiet and poise. Advent is a time for looking at the great themes of Death, Judgment, Hell and Heaven, all seen through the prism of the Incarnation of Jesus. This is what gives reality and significance to our lives, which are otherwise seen as random streams of Being, intermingled with insignificance and triviality. The incarnation however is all about God.

This is where we see the dimensions of time and space compressed into a fertilizing cell within the womb of Mary, and then expanding to define western civilization as a whole and the impact of its culture and technology on the world, even if that influence has become debased by subsequent distortions. As the west has abandoned its faith, so its influence has also waned in the presence of competing doctrines of being and uses of power. Certainly the development of the competing western doctrines of communism and Nazism/ Fascism have proved to be unmitigated disasters, which were definitely not validated by making the trains run on time, or the construction of the autobahns.

But we are now faced with a further upheaval, into which our faith must speak, and whose ramifications we cannot predict. If trade and prosperity have come to rely so heavily on the creation of credit – i.e. the onward lending of our savings, not once but many times over, then this prosperity was relying on the creation of stores of value and media of exchange at the flick of a pen or the touch of a return button. And this gives us an interesting comparison, for God did create everything, including energies and atoms, out of nothing – and it has grown and prospered, even to the extent that God has immersed Himself in it with total dedication in the incarnation of Jesus. By contrast, the credit crisis is also a crisis of faith, in that the massive empires of wealth are founded on people's expectations that promises to pay the bearer of a note of credit would be honoured without question: but how do you honour or put your faith in an electrical charge, representing a financial account in a computer?

The issue becomes one of credibility on a global scale. If currencies can be destroyed by hyperinflation and economies can be destroyed by the collapse of faith in trade and exchange, the Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ cannot be destroyed or undone: it can only be acknowledged or denied. And each response

has its own ramifications. In this sense, we look forward to the Feast of the Incarnation as one of truth rather than rumour, and of hope rather than wishful thinking. It is love in action in the most vulnerable form possible, contrasted with the self-promoting but collapsible global structures of power and of control. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us first and gave Himself for us. May you all have a truly happy and blessed Christmas.

**Sydney Maitland**

## **PATRICK LAUDERDALE RIP**

Over the last several months we have been praying in St Bride's for Patrick Lauderdale who, as I think all will know, is my father. The prayer has been continuous, and may have sounded like the vain repetition of names. At the age of 97, what were we really to expect, and so how were we to pray?

Well, he died in hospital on the evening of Tuesday 2 December 2008. Full of years and very frail, he was yet lucid to the end, and having been summoned during that morning – “If you want to see him, you had better come now” – I arrived at his bedside during the evening and was able to pray a commendation of his soul to God. He was surrounded by his children and was aware of their presence; he had received the last rites and had done so in full knowledge of what they signified. And yes, he was aware of me as I came to him, and of my prayers for him.

As we pray for a holy and happy death, rest in peace and the perfect vision of the glory of God, we may do so not really knowing what to expect. It is not for us to judge his salvation yet we may dare to be confident of the Lord's mercy.

But beyond this are the prayers of many, including St Bride's. There is great efficacy in prayer, and in this I have seen it for myself – that the Lord has indeed answered mightily and graciously, and has given a blessing to be prized. I would therefore like to thank you for your prayers for my father who was indeed blessed in his final hours. I would urge that we do not grow weary of prayer, even in extremity, for God does hear and answer, often in ways we cannot imagine.

And so to God be the Glory.

**Sydney Maitland**

**The Bishop and Vestry are pleased to announce that the Revd Canon James Milne, Rector of St Margaret's, Lochee in the Diocese of Brechin, has accepted the appointment as Rector of St Bride's.**

**Fr Milne is 35 years old and a graduate of the University of Wales and the University of Edinburgh. He was ordained Deacon in 1998 and Priest in 1999. He was Curate at St Mary Magdalene's, Dundee, before moving to St Margaret's in 2001. Since then he has served on various boards and committees within the Scottish Episcopal Church.**

**We hope that the new Rector will be able to take up his appointment at the end of February, but we will have a chance to welcome him to St Bride's before then, as he has accepted the Vestry's invitation to preach at the Sung Eucharist on St Bride's Day, Sunday 1 February 2009.**

### **ANNE BROWN    10th APRIL 1936 – 22nd NOVEMBER 2008**

The cornerstones of Anne's life were her family, Drummond, the three girls and her grandchildren for whom she had a great affection and of whom she was very proud; and then St Bride's Church where Drummond had been a deacon.

The sacraments were focal points and it was appropriate that her funeral should have been a requiem mass.

Anne was warm hearted, generous and supportive of family and friends. Drummond and Anne's hospitality in Gardner Street was noteworthy. She had strong opinions about almost everything and was ready to express them quite forcefully.

Her skin condition and the associated arthritis were a handicap but like most things she coped with them with humour, and did not let them dominate her life. In middle age she blossomed again, learning to drive despite living on one of the most perilous streets in Glasgow. She took adult education classes, she went to concerts and travelled abroad with evident enjoyment and enthusiasm.

Her more recent and much more serious illnesses she took in her stride and to me, at least, she never seemed sorry for herself.

When she realised that she was dying she maintained that same confidence, founded on a deep faith.

May she rest in peace.

**Ivan T. Draper**

## THE HOLY BOUGH

In mediaeval times, people would make a double hoop of a pliable wood such as willow making a spherical object with four sides of evergreens such as holly, rosemary, bay box or yew. A symbol of the Holy Family or the Christ Child was placed in the centre on a bed of moss. Gradually the bough became decorated with ribbons, gilded nuts, fruits and other adornments including mistletoe. The local priest would bless the Holy Boughs for his parish in a special ceremony. The bough was then hung just inside the entrance to the house. Any visitor during the Christmas season was kissed under the bough to show that any ill feeling had been forgotten. This is similar to the Kiss of Peace practised in many churches today.

Oliver Cromwell banned Christmas and all its related celebrations, including the Holy Boughs. However, people still hung up rough bunches of seasonal evergreens as a reminder. They were undecorated and usually hung in the kitchen where people could say they were drying herbs. The kiss was still exchanged. Many of the Christmas traditions were not reinstated in their original forms. In the eighteenth century, the name changed becoming Holly Bough or Bunch or Mistletoe Bough and Kissing Bunch. The kiss became more of a tradition than goodwill and peace.

I shall try to make one to hang in the church porch where we can remember that now is the time to make up our differences.

## CHURCH FUND RAISING CANDLES

The candles are on the chest at the back of the church priced at £2.50. You will see that I have found a box of the correct size to hold them. These boxes are available from Clinton's Card Shops. Make sure you have some candles for those last minute presents, for people you have forgotten or give something to you and you have nothing for them.

**Eileen Maitland**

## SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD

**Across** 1 Obligatory, 6 Privet, 7 Ivory, 9 Fleets, 10 Tea, 11 Very, 14 Open, 15 Rye, 16 Udders, 17 Sodom, 18 Seadog, 20 Bystanders

**Down** 1 Oar, 2 Lively, 3 Gather, 4 Thirsk, 5 Roof-Tops, 6 Proverbs, 8 Yearning, 9 Friendly, 12 Summit, 13 Odds On, 14 Ornate, 19 Ops

### CHURCH DECORATIONS, FLOWERS AND CLEANING

The large jar for donations towards flowers for Christmas is now at the back of the church. I am appealing for the loan of a high stand for flowers for Christmas. We have the two stands used at the high altar and the Lady Chapel but the only other high stand is at the front door. We have one low stand but we need to have at least one other tall one. Please see me if you are able to help.

We shall be decorating the church on Tuesday 23 December from 11.00 a.m. If you are unable to come on the Tuesday but would like to help, please contact Eileen who will be able to arrange access at other times. All are welcome to share in making the church look clean and beautiful for Christmas.

Flowers in November were provided by Mary Sillitto, Alison Gifford, Jonathan Lord and Angela Lord.

**Eileen Maitland**

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'm sure we are all delighted to know that we have a Rector Elect for St Bride's and are looking forward to meeting him (or her) before too long. I hope that someone more capable than me will, before long, write a suitable "thank you", but we would like to say now a most sincere thanks to Fr Sydney – yes, ably helped by his wife and the "back-room boys" - for all he has done for St Bride's over the past year. He has steered the ship very well and always obviously very happily. Always at the end of the Service we were greeted with a smile and pleasant conversation. We never required his "spiritual" help outside the church, but I'm sure that when anyone required it he would give them great comfort.

Thank you Sydney for everything.

**David & Maureen Graham-Service**

Another of those little milestones which the Editor enjoys so much. Observant readers will have noted that this is *Oystercatcher* number 240, which represents twenty years of unbroken monthly publication from January 1989 to December 2008. To celebrate, the Ed has got his paws on a new photocopier!

## VESTRY REPORT

At its meeting on 2 December the Vestry welcomed Mr Terry Lillie, who was attending his first meeting since his appointment as Treasurer.

The Vestry considered proposals for the replacement of the hot water system in the kitchen and toilets. It was agreed that further information was needed before a decision could be made. Action was in hand to repair the external lights along the north wall and to rectify an electrical fault in the Crypt.

It was reported that the announcement of the appointment of the new Rector was being delayed because of the need for routine Disclosure procedures. It was hoped that an announcement could be made within the next fortnight.

Refurbishment work had begun in the Rectory and it was hoped to have everything completed before Christmas.

A paper from Mr Douglas Briggs regarding the proposed Lower Crypt development was considered, and it was agreed that this should be revisited when the new Rector had taken up his appointment. A certain amount of essential maintenance work would be required in any case, and it was agreed to identify the work which could not be delayed.

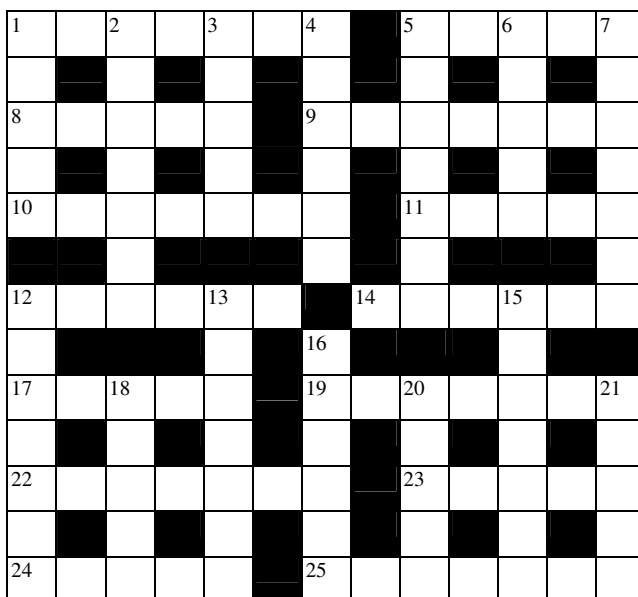
Arrangements for Advent and Christmas were discussed and confirmed.

The next Vestry meeting will be on Wednesday 21 January.

**Jonathan Lord**  
**Secretary to the Vestry**

**The Vestry is concerned that funeral instructions deposited by some members of the congregation with the former Rector may not have been passed on, and that it may not be possible to access these instructions if needed at short notice. The Vestry therefore requests any members of the congregation who have lodged such instructions to give Fr Maitland a duplicate copy in a sealed envelope. These will be kept in the Church safe and only accessed if needed.**

## ST BRIDE'S CROSSWORD



### Across

- 1 Mix glen and find country (7)  
 5 Summoned (5)  
 8 Well done! (5)  
 9 No heat of battle here (4,3)  
 10 Ruled (7)  
 11 River found in industry without effort (5)  
 12 A sailor's way overseas (6)  
 14 Priest (anagram) (6)  
 17 Vestments that help the clergy? (5)  
 19 Widen (7)  
 22 He of the 40 thieves (Arabian Nights) (3,4)  
 23 ... frutti (ice cream and fruit) (5)  
 24 The French can become dirt free (5)  
 25 Pardoned (7)

### Down

- 1 Very hot "Days" (5)  
 2 Girl ace (anagram) (7)  
 3 Fruit of the oak tree (5)  
 4 Determine to put detectives in river (6)  
 5 Instrumentalist (7)  
 6 Pulled to get married (5)  
 7 Constraint (7)  
 12 Ancient (7)  
 13 Those who are teetotal do (7)  
 15 Composes (7)  
 16 Are bad (anagram) (6)  
 18 One of the "Seven Deadly Sins" (5)  
 20 Of the eye (5)  
 21 Diana could be a water nymph (5)

**Compiled by Lily Bland**  
**Solution next month**

## **CHRISTMAS AT ST BRIDE'S**

**Sunday 14 December**

**3.00 p.m.** Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

**Sunday 21 December**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**10.30 a.m.** Sung Eucharist with sermon

**Wednesday 24 December**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**11.30 p.m.** The First Eucharist of Christmas Day

– sung with sermon and Blessing of the Crib

**Thursday 25 December**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**10.30 a.m.** Sung Eucharist with sermon

**Sunday 28 December**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

**10.30 a.m.** Sung Eucharist with sermon

**Sunday 4 January**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**10.30 a.m.** Sung Eucharist with sermon

## **ACTIONAID NEWS**

Owing to persistent drought in the Narok development area of Kenya, some of the families have been forced to migrate in search of more favourable places where they could get food, water and pasture for their livestock.

When the field worker visited the village where Saningo Esho (one of our sponsored children) lives, he could not be found. It is thought that his family must have moved on because of the drought situation.

Although Saningo was unavailable, he and his family are still benefiting from ActionAid's work in Narok. They are trying to find him, and hope to have some news in the near future. He must be about eleven years old now, as he was seven when we started our sponsorship. He was then able to go to school for two hours daily, which he enjoyed very much.

We also have a second child, Masiany, who I believe is younger than Saningo and is now also at school.

In the years that we have been sponsoring ActionAid, they have worked very hard installing a water project for some of the villages and opening schools, basic though they are, for the children.

I have been asked to thank you all very much for your continued generous support, without which ActionAid could not continue with their vital work. It is much appreciated.

I hope to send a cheque for £180 very soon, this being the second part of our annual donation. I must thank you all once more for the money which is left in the ActionAid plate each week, which has helped considerably towards the £180. I haven't got sufficient yet, so please keep all that small change coming. If you prefer to pay by cheque, whatever the amount, please make it payable to St Bride's Church. I then give the money and cheques to our Treasurer and receive one cheque for the total sum made payable to ActionAid from St Bride's. This saves a great deal of office work.

Thank you all once more for your kindness and generosity towards these children. Your donations will help provide drinking water and maybe pencils and paper for their school.

**Betty Wright**

*St Bride's Episcopal Church*

69 Hyndland Road, Glasgow G12 9UX

*Festival of  
9 Lessons and Carols*

*Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>*

*at 3.00*

St Bride's Choir  
and Friends

Followed by Mulled Wine & Shortbread

*All Welcome*

<b>Music List - December 2008</b>			
<b>7</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>The Second Sunday in Advent</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> <i>Cabena Mass in the Dorian Mode</i> Psalm 85, vv 1-2, 8-13 Davies <i>God be in my Head</i> Hymns 55, 137, 501, 3
<b>14</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>The Third Sunday in Advent</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> <i>Oldroyd Missa Ave Jesu</i> Psalm 126 Attr. Redford <i>Rejoice in the Lord</i> Hymns 12, 294, 501, 6
		<b>15.00</b>	<b>Service of Nine Lessons &amp; Carols</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>The Fourth Sunday in Advent</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> <i>Batten Short Communion Service</i> Psalm 89, vv 1-4, 19-26 Waters <i>I sing of a maiden</i> Hymns 18, 161, 501, 186
<b>24</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>23.30</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> <i>Sumsion in F</i> Psalm 96 Arr. Bach <i>O little one sweet</i> Hymns 29, 32, 30, 39
<b>25</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> <i>MacMillan St Anne's Mass / Shaw</i> Psalm 98 TBC Hymns 26, 36, 22, 25
<b>28</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>The First Sunday of Christmas</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> <i>MacMillan St Anne's Mass</i> Psalm 148 TBC Hymns 21, 40, 28, 37

Hon. Assistant Priest:  
Sydney Maitland

Organist & Choirmaster: David Spottiswoode  
Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Dr Stuart Campbell

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**DECEMBER 2008**

	<b>Monday 1</b>	<b>Tuesday 2</b>	<b>Wednesday 3</b>	<b>Thursday 4</b>	<b>Friday 5</b>	<b>Saturday 6</b>
	17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	19.00 Vestry meeting	17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	10.00 Eucharist	17.00 Russian Orthodox service	09.00 Russian Orthodox service
<b>Sunday 7 Advent 2</b> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Monday 8</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Tuesday 9</b>	<b>Wednesday 10</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Thursday 11</b> 10.00 Eucharist	<b>Friday 12</b>	<b>Saturday 13</b>
<b>Sunday 14 Advent 3</b> 10.30 Sung Eucharist 15.00 9 Lessons and Carols	<b>Monday 15</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist 19.30 BBC SSO Club	<b>Tuesday 16</b>	<b>Wednesday 17</b>	<b>Thursday 18</b> 10.00 Eucharist	<b>Friday 19</b>	<b>Saturday 20</b>
<b>Sunday 21 Advent 4</b> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Monday 22</b> 17.30 Evensong 18.00 Eucharist	<b>Tuesday 23</b> 11.00 Cleaning and decorating	<b>Wednesday 24 Christmas Eve</b> 23.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Thursday 25 Christmas Day</b> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Friday 26</b>	<b>Saturday 27</b>
<b>Sunday 28 Christmas 1</b> 10.30 Sung Eucharist	<b>Monday 29</b>	<b>Tuesday 30</b>	<b>Wednesday 31</b>	<b>Thursday 1 Jan</b>	<b>Friday 2 Jan</b>	<b>Saturday 3 Jan</b>

## ROTAS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Counting</b>
<b>7 December</b>	Veronica Matthew Betty Wright	Christopher Black Andrew Lockyer
<b>14 December</b>	Jeannette Fenyő June Roach	Anne Currie Michael Rae
<b>21 December</b>	Anne Currie David Fergus	Jonathan Lord Alison Gifford
<b>28 December</b>	Jan Carlisle Brian Carlisle	Mary Sillitto Elizabeth Black

## READINGS AT THE SUNG EUCHARIST

<b>7 December</b> <i>Advent 2</i>	Isaiah 40, v 1-11 2 Peter 3, v 8-15 Mark 1, v 1-8
<b>14 December</b> <i>Advent 3</i>	Isaiah 61, v 1-4, 8-11 1 Thessalonians 5, v 16-24 John 1, v 6-8, 19-28
<b>21 December</b> <i>Advent 4</i>	2 Samuel 7, v 1-11, 16 Romans 16, v 25-27 Luke 1, v 26-38
<b>24 December</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	Isaiah 9, v 2-7 Titus 2, v 11-14 Luke 2, v 1-14
<b>25 December</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>	Isaiah 52, v 7-10 Hebrews 1, v 1-4 John 1, v 1-14
<b>28 December</b> <i>Christmas 1</i>	Isaiah 61, v 10 – 62, v 3 Galatians 4, v 4-7 Luke 2, v 15-21

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## KALENDAR FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

### December

1	Mon	Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland ( <i>tr from 30th</i> )	Churches in Scotland
2	Tues	Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637	Deacons
3	Wed	Francis Xavier, Missionary	East Indies
4	Thur	Clement of Alexandria, c 210	North Africa
5	Fri	Feria	Vocations
6	Sat	Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c 326	Grace of generosity
7	<b>Sun</b>	Advent 2	Church and Congregation
8	Mon	Conception of Mary, Mother of the Lord	Heaven in ordinary
9	Tues	Feria	The College, Cumbrae
10	Wed	Feria	Amnesty International
11	Thur	Feria	National Health Service
12	Fri	Feria	The housebound
13	Sat	Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304	Scandinavia
14	<b>Sun</b>	Advent 3	Church and Congregation
15	Mon	Feria	The Rector-designate
16	Tues	Feria	Politicians
17	Wed	O Sapientia	O Holy Wisdom
18	Thur	Feria	O Lord of Lords
19	Fri	Feria	O Root of Jesse
20	Sat	Feria	O Key of David
21	<b>Sun</b>	Advent 4	O Morning Star
22	Mon	Thomas, Apostle	O King of the Nations
23	Tues	Feria	O Emmanuel
24	Wed	Christmas Eve	Travellers
25	Thur	Christmas Day	Grace of reverie
26	Fri	Stephen, Deacon and Martyr	The persecuted
27	Sat	John, Apostle and Evangelist	The hot tempered
28	<b>Sun</b>	Christmas 1	Church and Congregation
29	Mon	Holy Innocents	Victims of adult aggression
30	Tues	Josephine Butler, 1905	Prostitutes
31	Wed	John Wycliffe, priest, 1384	Bible Study Group
<b>January</b>			
1	Thur	The Naming of Jesus	Peace & Justice among nations
2	Fri	Seraphim of Sarov, 1833	St Mary's Cathedral
3	Sat	Feria	Commerce and Industry
4	<b>Sun</b>	Christmas 2	Church and Congregation