

## Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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### LITURGICAL SERVICES

HOLY MASS: Weekdays at 9:30am; Saturday at 10:00am, Vigil for Sunday at 4:30pm; Sunday at 10:00am, 12:00 noon and 6:30pm.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION: Saturday after 10am Mass. Between 4:00pm and 4:25pm, and after the Vigil Mass.

ROSARY: Weekdays in the Church/Oratory after Mass; Friday 3:00-4:00pm in the Oratory.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: From 10:00am to 9:00pm each weekday in the Oratory.

### 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

#### WIN A CAR – GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS

##### LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS

Phoenix cars have kindly donated a Suzuki Celerio 1 Litre 5 door car to raise money to pay for the new hall roof. Many thanks to John Mc Guire for his generosity. Tickets are £5 per ticket. The other prizes are 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £1000, 3<sup>rd</sup> £500, 4<sup>th</sup> £250. If you have taken or received raffle tickets to sell, please return them by the 5<sup>th</sup> October by the very latest. The draw takes place on the 7<sup>th</sup> October. Please make a final push to sell these tickets.

#### RAFFLE TICKETS SENT TO PARISHIONERS HOMES

Please return these sold or unsold as soon as possible. Many thanks for your help.

#### RCIA

Our programme for bringing people into the church will begin on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Tea room. If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic please speak to Fr Paul.

#### PARISH MISSION

With the parish mission closing on Sunday, I would like to thank you for all your hard work and support of the mission. So many of you gave of our time, houses, cars, talents over the 9 days of the mission. I know the missionaries all thought it was a wonderful time and I know lots of you enjoyed it too.

#### UCM-BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The UCM are preparing a Book of Remembrance for all deceased members of the Diocese. Any names should be sent to Marian Colquhoun at [billcolquhoun@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:billcolquhoun@yahoo.co.uk). There will be an annual Mass in November each year which will take place in St Laurence's Parish. The next Mass is on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 12noon.

#### MONTHLY DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS AND HOLY MASS -

##### FRIDAY 29 September 2017 - 7 p.m.

Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions and Holy Mass will take place on Friday 29 September 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in **St Fillan's Church**, Main Street, Houston, Johnstone, PA6 7EL and will be celebrated by Father Joe Burke. The Divine Mercy devotions will begin with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy chaplet followed by Holy Mass. Light refreshments will be available afterwards. All are welcome. We would like to thank St Margaret's church for hosting the Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions and Holy Mass for the past few years and for the very warm welcome given by all in the parish.

#### FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL CHURCH VOLUNTEERS WITH PVG CERTIFICATES

- The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group has recommended that *all* volunteers doing regulated work with children and vulnerable adults *or both*, should do the Level 1 training by the end of 2017 and, with the agreement of Bishop John, this will now be implemented as diocesan policy. The next training sessions will take place in: St. Fergus', Paisley on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** at 2pm

St. Colm's, Kilmacolm on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** at 7pm  
St. Conval's, Linwood on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** at 7pm  
Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk) or **0141 847 6138** to register for a training session. There will be limited space at each session, therefore volunteers should register up to one week before the date of the training session.

#### SPECIAL COLLECTION

This week's special collection will be for the Parish Building Fund.

#### THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

##### 29TH JUNE- 6TH JULY 2018

The Diocesan pilgrimage is open to all, however any pilgrim with an acute medical condition or who is taking regular prescription medication will be asked to complete a medical form. This allows us to ensure that we have a team of nurses and helpers willing to assist you. It also lets us order the correct number of wheelchairs for the pilgrimage.

We are still awaiting the full details and booking forms for the pilgrimage. If you would like to be placed on the mailing list please contact Anne Louise 01475 638132

#### FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Holy Family Parish in Port Glasgow will hold their traditional Forty Hours Devotion from 1-3 October, Sunday through Tuesday. A Holy Hour at 6 p.m. will conclude each day's adoration. Different priests of the diocese will speak to us each evening. The recently ordained Fr. Matthew Carlin will speak on Sunday evening, followed by Canon Michael McMahon (St. Conval's Linwood) on Monday evening and, finally Fr. Eoin Patton (St. Francis Port Glasgow) on Tuesday evening. Please join Holy Family Parish during these days of prayer.

#### YOUTH TO LOURDES 2018

We are currently in the process of arranging the Youth Lourdes Pilgrimage for 2018. The Pilgrimage will leave Scotland on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018. We will arrive in Lourdes on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June. We will arrive back in Scotland on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July. The pilgrimage is open to anyone in the present s3, s4, s5 or s6. The cost this year is £550.00. The deposit to reserve a place is £60. If deposits are paid, however, by or on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October we will be able to offer a reduced price of £510.00 #earlybirdoffer. Places are reserved only upon payment of the deposit and the return of the application form.

Our first group meeting will be at St. Patrick's, Greenock on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. If you like to know more please contact Fr. John Morrison at St. Patrick's Greenock on 01475720272 or e-mail [johnmorrison1976@gmail.com](mailto:johnmorrison1976@gmail.com).

#### OCTOBER VISIT OF THE FATIMA STATUE TO PAISLEY DIOCESE

The Fatima Pilgrim Statue, touring Scotland in this centenary year of the apparitions of Our Lady, will be in Paisley Diocese

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from 7<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October. On the Feast of the Holy Rosary, Sat 7<sup>th</sup> October, 4.30pm, Bishop John will welcome the Pilgrim Statue to St. Mirin's Cathedral in a Welcome Service with Holy Rosary, followed by the Vigil Mass celebrated by Canon Oliver at 5.30pm. Bishop John will celebrate Mass at 12noon on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October in the Cathedral. The Statue will remain in the Cathedral for special services and personal devotion through the following week. It will be taken to Christ the King, Howwood for the last Fatima Vigil of the Centenary Year, Thursday 12th October, and remain for the weekend. Its last stop will be in the Chapel of the Little Sisters' Holy Rosary Residence on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **CREDL**

Any students from Paisley Diocese studying the Certificate in Religious Education by Distance Learning (**CREDL**) who require seminar assistance can contact Marianne Boland on **0141 847 6130** for more information.

#### **4<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE**

**Saturday 21 October 2017, 9 am – 6 pm, St Augustine's Church, 12 Dundyan Road, Coatbridge ML5 1DQ**

**FREE BUS FROM ST MIRIN'S CATHEDRAL**, Leaving St Mirin's at 8.15 am – returning from St Augustine's Church 6.30 pm

The Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland are hosting the above conference and welcome all people of good will to attend. A full day of Catechesis with six workshops in the morning and afternoon giving an opportunity to learn more about your Faith and Devotion to the Divine Mercy of Christ. Guest speakers include: Fr Peter Prusakiewicz, John Deighan and Fr Michael Pabianczyk. Bishop John Keenan is leading a workshop in the afternoon.

Register: <http://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/catholicchaplaincy/divinemercury/conference/#/registration>. Please register early as places are limited. If you wish an application sent to you please telephone Helen Border at [01505-336269](tel:01505-336269).

#### **CLERGY CHANGES IN THE DIOCESE**

Canon Jim Duggan, Parish Priest of Saint Joseph's Clarkston moves to become Parish Priest of Saint Charles Paisley, lead Chaplain to St Andrew's Academy, Paisley and Chaplain to Accord Hospice

Rev John Morrison steps down as Parish Priest of Saint Patrick's, Greenock

Monsignor Gerry Gallagher, Parish Priest of Saint Ninian's, Gourrock moves to become Parish Priest of Saint Patrick's, Greenock

Rev Gerry McNellis, Parish Priest of Saint Mary's Paisley moves to become Parish Priest of Saint Ninian's, Gourrock

Rev Jude Okorie, Administrator of Saint Fergus and Saint James, Paisley moves to become Parish Priest of Saint Mary's, Paisley

Rev John Morrison, former Parish Priest of Saint Patrick's, Greenock moves to become Chaplain to the University of West of and Parish Priest of Saint Fergus and Saint James, Paisley

Rev Stephen Baillie, former Parish Priest of Saint Charles Paisley, moves to become Parish Priest of Saint Joseph's Clarkston and lead Chaplain to Saint Ninian's High School

Rev Matthew Carlin, newly ordained, appointed Curate to Saint Mirin's Cathedral, and Assistant Chaplain to Saint Andrew's Academy, Paisley

Rev Jonathan Whitworth, newly ordained, appointed Curate to Saint Joseph's Clarkston, and Assistant Chaplain to St Ninian's High School

#### **GUARDIAN ANGELS- Feast Day 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER**

"Angels are servants and messengers from God. "Angel" in Greek means messenger. In unseen ways the angels help us on our earthly pilgrimage by assisting us in work and study, helping us in temptation and protecting us from physical danger.

The idea that each soul has assigned to it a personal guardian angel has been long accepted by the Church and is a truth of our faith. From the Gospel of today's liturgy we read: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that "the existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith (328)." From our birth until our death, man is surrounded by the protection and intercession of angels, particularly our guardian angel: "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life (336)." The Church thanks God for our helpers, the angels, particularly on this feast day and September 29 which is the feast of Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, archangels.

Be alert in your every action as one should be who is accompanied by angels in all your ways, for that mission has been enjoined upon them. In whatever lodging, in whatever nook or corner you may find yourself, cherish a reverence for your guardian angel. In his presence do not dare to do anything you would not do in mine. Or do you doubt his presence because you do not see him? Would it really help if you did hear him, or touch him, or smell him? Remember, there are realities whose existence has not been proven by mere sight.

Brethren, we will love God's angels with a most affectionate love; for they will be our heavenly co-heirs some day, these spirits who now are sent by the Father to be our protectors and our guides. With such bodyguards, what are we to fear? They can neither be subdued nor deceived; nor is there any possibility at all that they should go astray who are to guard us in all our ways. They are trustworthy, they are intelligent, they are strong — why, then, do we tremble? We need only to follow them, remain close to them, and we will dwell in the protection of the Most High God. So as often as you sense the approach of any grave temptation or some crushing sorrow hangs over you, invoke your protector, your leader, your helper in every situation. Call out to him and say: Lord, save us, we are perishing. —St. Bernard"

<http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2015-10-02>

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