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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, 11:30am and 5:00pm.
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.

12th January 2020, Baptism of the Lord, Year A

Last weekend's collections
The parish collection raised £1724.00. The second collection for Justice & Peace *raised £902.00*. Thank you for your generosity.
Today the second collection is for the Legacy Fund.

Funeral this week
Victor Davidson -- Requiem
Wednesday 15th January at 9.30am.

SPRED Advent Boxes: Please return your SPRED Advent boxes as soon as possible.

Sacred Heart Companions Prayer Group will meet in the oratory on Tuesday 14th January from 1pm to 2pm. All welcome to come join in prayer.

Oratory
The Oratory has re-opened for daily private prayer.
To ensure continual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, we need to fill two slots-- 1pm to 2pm each Friday and also 7pm to 8pm each Friday. One of the best New Year resolutions we can make is to spend more time in prayer. Why not consider taking one of these slots? *If interested, have a word with either Fr Joe or Fr Laurent. The Oratory is open to everyone for prayer daily Monday to Friday from 10am until 9pm. The keycode is 1560.*

Lourdes Discipleship Pilgrimage (18-21yrs) - Would you like to be involved in our Paisley Diocese Lourdes 2020 Pilgrimage, **26 June to 2 July** as young adults? You will join other young Catholics (18-21 years) for spiritual and pastoral, service and social initiatives in our new Lourdes Disciples Programme. Maybe you've been to Lourdes with Youth to Lourdes or just want to experience the Lourdes 'miracle' for yourself. If you're interested or would like more information please email Fr. Gerry McNellis (stninian@rcdop.org.uk). Limited to twenty places.

Dinner Dance to raise funds for the Diocese of Paisley Pilgrimage to Lourdes:
Saturday **22nd February 2020**, Greenock Town Hall, 7pm (for 7.30pm).
Tickets cost £35 (includes 3 course meal, fizz on arrival and live band). Dress formal. For tickets and further information please email **lourdes.rcdop@gmail.com** or phone **07950483042.**
Includes return bus from Renfrewshire/East Renfrewshire. Donations of raffle prizes and auction items greatly appreciated.

Marriage Matters
(www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)
The Baptism of the Lord (Isaiah 42:1–4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17) You are my chosen one.
Today, Isaiah and Matthew talk of Jesus being 'the Chosen One' and 'the Beloved'. So often, we are aware of the times when our partner annoys us. We need to develop sensitivity so that when we are tempted to be critical, we remember that this is my 'chosen one' and look for ways to affirm our partner, our 'beloved'.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL CHURCH VOLUNTEERS WITH PVG CERTIFICATES OR PENDING PVG CERTIFICATES:
volunteers doing or planning to do regulated work with children and vulnerable adults *or both, should* complete the Safeguarding Training, **Induction Part 1**. The next session will be held in the Diocesan offices, Incle Street, Paisley on: **Monday 20th January at 7pm.** *Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or **0141 847 6138** to register.*

Safeguarding Training, Induction Part 2:
The new Safeguarding Part 2 Training session, is for volunteers who have previously attended Safeguarding Training Part One, or Safeguarding Training Level one, more than 18 months ago. If you attended Safeguarding Training Level One in 2016 or 2017, you should put your name forward for Safeguarding Training Part 2. The next session will be on:
Tuesday 21st January at 7pm St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Clarkston
Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or **0141 847 6138** to register.

Pro-Life Mass: This month's Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, **15th January** in Blessed John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals G5 0YT. There will be Adoration at 6pm, followed by Rosary at 7pm and Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome. The celebrant will be Fr Joseph McAuley.

Prayer Group: Are you aged between 18-35 years old? St Francis and St Clare welcomes you to an evening of prayer, intercessions and a wee something to eat together on **Thursday 16th of January at 7-9pm** in the Diocesan offices, Incle Street, Paisley.
We look forward to welcoming you to our prayer group. Thank you!

Diocesan Priesthood: Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood in 2020? The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information please contact Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Mass at UWS:
Masses have resumed at St Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High St, Paisley.
Sundays 5pm, Mon – Thurs 12.30pm

Annual Safeguarding Report
The annual diocesan safeguarding report will be read out by parish safeguarding co-ordinators in all parishes at Masses on Sunday 12 January 2020. Paisley diocese and our parish welcome the special responsibility we have for all children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community.

In our Church there are two posters. The first reaches out to survivors of abuse in the Church and invites them to contact our safeguarding team confidentially if they feel able. The Church has confidential and independent professional counselling services available to survivors of abuse within the Church. We are also organising a presentation on **Saturday 9 May 2020** by Fr Dominic Allain about the **'Grief to Grace'** retreat. 'Grief to Grace' has helped many abuse survivors to find help and healing, as the testimonies on their website report. https://www.grieftograceuk.org/

The second poster highlights our Safeguarding Manual with the contact details of your Parish Co-ordinator and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Please contact your parish safeguarding co-ordinator or the Parish Priest if you have any concerns regarding the abuse or harm of any child, young person or vulnerable adult.

Last year the Scottish Bishops published a new and improved safeguarding manual called 'In God's Image' which includes developments in best practice and implements the recommendations of the McLellan Commission. Our diocesan trainers deliver ongoing training to volunteers, parish safeguarding co-ordinators (PSCs) and clergy. Since October 2016 they have trained 1,314 volunteers, as well as all PSCs and all clergy. Training promotes vigilance and ensures those working with children and vulnerable adults know the Church's system for reporting disclosures or concerns they may receive.