St 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.

23rd December 2018 4th Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Collections

Last week's collection for the parish, including standing orders paid via the bank, was £1584.00. The collection for the Legacy Fund raised £874.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.
The second collection this weekend is for the Parish Legacy Fund.

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

Mrs Maureen McGuire RIP.
Requiem Mass **Friday 9.30am.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The parish is in need of some volunteers.
1. Cleaners for the church, hall and tearoom. If interested. Please come along after Mass on Tuesday or Thursday morning or have a word with Margaret Costello.
2. Hallkeeper(s). This person(s) would be responsible for the general upkeep of the hall. If interested, have a word with Father Joe and he can give more details. ***Our parish has always had a great reputation for volunteering.***

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER MINISTRIES DURING THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

There are sheets on the notice board in the porch. Would Readers and Eucharistic Ministers please sign up to ensure all Masses over the Christmas period are covered. (The Sunday Masses are as according to the usual rotas).

STALL

We have an impressive collection of beautiful and tasteful Christmas cards, gifts, nativity sets, etc. Why not stop by for a look after Mass?

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

The Youth of the parish would like to thank everyone who supported the Christmas Coffee Morning. Special thanks to Fr Joe and Fr Laurent.
See you February 2019.

Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule:

We extend a warm welcome to you all this Christmas season and invite you to become part of our diocesan family. Everyone is welcome, regardless of where you are at in your life… we all belong to the one family of Christ our Saviour. Taking place at a church near you! Please find your parish Christmas and New Year Mass times here… https://rcdop.org.uk/news/christmas-mass-schedule

ST MARGARET'S ADOPTION SOCIETY: If you have ever thought about adoption and would like to know more, please contact our office for a chat with one of our friendly and experienced staff on **0141 332 8371** or email **info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk**

WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS listing all parishes and Mass times in the dioceses of Paisley, Glasgow and Motherwell are on sale in the stall, priced £3.20.

New. St Mirin's Fund: The Diocese of Paisley has set up a Fund to disburse the funds of the Episcopal Charities and the Bishop's Fund. The Fund team, chaired by Canon Peter McGarry, will make around £10,000 worth of grants annually to projects in the diocese or led by parishioners of the diocese that help to build up the Kingdom of God or alleviate special need. Applications considered quarterly. To make an application go to our diocesan website and download the forms.

Mass at the Chaplaincy: Mass at the Chaplaincy Center has now finished with the end of term. Mass will resume on Monday 7th January 2019 at 12.30. Thank you.

Carols in the Cathedral – Bishop John invites you to the annual Diocesan Christmas carol service for all the family on **Thursday 27th December** at **3pm** in St. Mirin's Cathedral. Come along and join in on the festive cheer! There will be tea, coffee and mince pies in the cathedral hall after the service and a selection box for the children.

SPRED Advent Boxes

Please take away your SPRED Advent Boxes and bring them back as full as you can early in the New Year. SPRED is our Special Religious Education Group for our parishioners with special needs and meets in twenty-one groups around our diocese, also reaching out to our local special needs schools, through 200 volunteer parishioners. Last year your Advent Boxes brought in an amazing £12,000 through the diocese. We will be holding our annual SPRED parish collection in February which, last year, raised £23,000. Thanks again for your generosity which is helping this wonderful organisation in our diocese to spread and grow from strength to strength.

Alpha at St Bernadette, Erskine: The next session of Alpha starts on **Wednesday 6th February** at **7:00pm** and will finish on Wednesday 10th. April. This will include an Away day on Saturday 16th. March. The Alpha Course is a 10-week program which has three important elements, Food, Talk and Discussion. If you would like to know more about the Alpha Course, please come along to an Introductory Session on Wednesday 16th January at 7:00pm in St. Bernadette's, Erskine. If interested, please contact Andy Milwain at andy.alphaerskine@gmail.

ST LUKE'S SCHOOL SHOW

St Lukes High School are putting on a musical show in Eastwood Theatre on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th January. ''Popstars'' is a musical of song and dance. Tickets- adult £8 concessions £6. Leaflets at the back of the church or information can be obtained via Eastwood Theatre webpage.

FR JOE, FR LAURENT AND DEACON DENIS WISH ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S A HAPPY, BLESSED AND PEACEFUL CHRSITMAS!!

Hospital Chaplaincy Services Please remember to let our hospital chaplains know if you or a relative are going into hospital or have been in hospital for any length of time. Our chaplains do not get to see everyone and very much appreciate you letting them know directly.

For the RAH you can contact Mgr. Tormey at staidan@rcdop.org.uk or tel: 01505 320 900 or for the IRH Mgr. Gallagher at stpatrick@rcdop.org.uk or tel: 01475 720223.

There is always a priest on call 24/7 for emergency call outs, in which case families can ask the nursing staff on the ward to contact the on-call priest.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY 6.30PM

VIGIL MASS 7.00PM

CAROLS 11.30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

MIDNIGHT MASS

11.00AM

26TH &27TH DECEMBER

MORNING MASS AT 10.00AM

FRIDAY 28TH DECEMBER 9.30AM**

29TH DECEMBER 10.00AM, 4.30PM

SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER

10.00AM, 12 NOON, 6.30PM

MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER 10.00AM, 8.00PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY 11.00AM

2ND JANUARY ONWARDS 9.30AM (NORMAL TIMETABLE RESUMES)