

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, 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.

1st March 2020, 1st Sunday of Lent (A)

Last weekend's collections

The parish collection raised £1592.00. The second collection for the Legacy Fund raised £889.00.

Today's second collection is for the Building Fund.

Next Sunday 8th March Special Collection -- Sick and Retired Clergy

We remember our Sick & Retired Priests of the diocese with great love and affection. We have eighteen retired priests, still active in prayer and witness: one living in Rome, two in Chile, six in houses throughout the diocese, three in parish presbyteries, and six at the Residence of the Little Sisters along with Bishop John Cunningham. We thank God for the gift of these priests and keep them in our prayers. In 2019 our three special collections and Friends Campaign and rental income raised £78,985, which represents 37% of our expenditure of £211,116. i.e. a shortfall of £132,131, of which £93,359 was met by the Sick & Retired Priests Designated Fund Investment income.

PRIMARY 4 MASS OF COMMITMENT

Our Primary 4 children from both Saint John's and Saint Mark's Primaries will officially enrol at today's 10am Mass to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they continue to prepare for these great Sacraments.

St John's PTC will host the teas and coffees in the hall after Mass this weekend. Please come along if you can.

RCIA RITE OF ELECTION The adults of our diocese who have been preparing the last eight months to be received into the Catholic Church this Easter will officially enrol to do so this afternoon in the cathedral. Praise God, our parish has two candidates wishing to become full members of the Church. Please keep them and their families in your prayers this Lent as they enter their final phase of preparations.

Lenten Station Masses: Bishop John will again be celebrating Station Masses around the diocese this Lent. Please come to your local Mass on **Thursday 5th March in St Thomas', Neilston at 7pm.** Station Mass is simply Mass with the Bishop that replicates the ancient custom of the Popes to go out to 'station parishes' around Rome leading up to Easter. Bishop John's homilies will be a catechesis on the meaning of the Creed as a simple summary of what Catholics believe.

nb NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON THURSDAY EVENING.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS FAIRTRADE EVENT

St. Mark's Primary and St. John's Primary would like to invite you all to join them in celebrating 25 years of Fairtrade on Monday 2nd March. The Fairtrade committees of both schools are joining together to host a celebration of Fairtrade. The event will take place in the church hall 1.45-2.30pm on the 2nd March. Feel free to come along, enjoy a tea or coffee and find out a little more about Fairtrade.

St Marks Primary Parent Partnership are hosting a fun, family fundraiser in the church hall on Friday 13th March from 7pm until 10pm. Tickets are priced £5 for adults, £3 for children with a family ticket costing £10. Tickets on the door or in advance from Anna Marie, 07897405000. We would also gratefully accept any donations for our raffle. Thank you.

Parish Lenten Timetable

To give everyone the opportunity to spend extra time with God in prayer this Lent, extra Masses and Services will be held in the church. Remember, one of the very best ways to use Lent well is to give extra time to God in prayer. Please try to avail yourself of any of these opportunities.

Our parish Lenten timetable is as follows:

Sundays

Masses as normal 10am, 11.30am and 5pm

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Masses at 9.30am and 6.30pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays

Masses at 8.00am and 9.30am

Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

Saturdays

Mass at 10am, Sunday Vigil Mass 4.30pm

Confessions: at 10.30am and 4pm

The Oratory is also open Monday to Friday from 10am until 9pm for personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The code for the door is 1560.

Healing Service: Sunday 1st March 2019 at 2pm – Saint Columbkille's Parish Hall, Kirkwood Street, Rutherglen, G73 2SL. Speakers, Father Joe Balmer and Joe Livingston. Sacrament of Reconciliation available. Music + Tea and Coffee.....All welcome.

Lenten Reflection Day for s3-6: a reflection day for young adults (S3-S6) on **Sunday 1st March** at St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street, Paisley. All attendees will be required to bring a signed consent form. Please contact Fr. John Morrison tel: 01418895056 or email vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The Pilgrimage takes place from 26 June -2 July 2020. For more information please contact Fr Gerry McNellis stninian@rcdop.org.uk

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.

St Joseph's, Clarkston Parish Mission 2nd, 3rd & 4th March

We would like to invite everyone to our Parish Mission being held in the church between 7pm - 9pm each evening from Monday to Wednesday. Hosting the Mission are Sister Sally Hyland (Sisters of St John of God in Dublin) and Father Bernard Fox (Mill Hill Missionaries) who are both excellent speakers. The theme is **God is Love**. There will be a presentation and talk each evening. Further information will be available on the St Joseph's Clarkston Parish Facebook page and weekly parish bulletin.

20-40 Network Supper Club: a supper-club networking event at The Butterfly and the Pig on **7th March at 7pm**. Tickets are £28 for a two-course meal from a fantastic menu plus coffee. Email 2040network@gmail.com to buy a ticket

Adult Formation: All are invited to a series of three Scripture talks in St. Conval's, Linwood, starting with tea/coffee at 6.30pm, talk from 7.00-8.30pm.

3rd March - Lent - Cycle A (particularly useful for RCIA);

31st March - Liturgies of Easter Triduum.

Adult Formation Survey: The Diocese of Paisley is committed to Adult Formation and wants to gather together views on preferred topics and styles of presentation. Please complete our survey on the Education page on <http://www.rcdop.org.uk> by 30th April. Thank you.

St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre at UWS: In addition to our program our Masses there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Thursdays during term time 4-5pm**.

Retreat Day for Primary School Pupils: a retreat day for primary school pupils in P4-7 at **St. Mary's, Greenock on Sunday 15th March 2-6pm**. Consent forms can be obtained from your parish, primary school, downloaded from the Diocesan website or by contacting Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel 0141 8895056.

NEW READERS' ROTA Due to a few errors on the current readers' rota, a new one has been printed. Readers please pick up a copy from the sacristy.

SAFEGUARDING - For the attention of all volunteers with pending or current PVG certificates

Induction Part 1. These sessions will be held in the Diocesan offices, Incle Street, Paisley on:

Monday 9th March at 7pm,
Tuesday 5th May at 10.30am,
Tuesday 25th August at 7pm.

Safeguarding Training, Induction Part 2: for volunteers who have previously attended Safeguarding Training Part One, or Safeguarding Training Level one, more than 18 months ago. The next sessions will be on:
Thursday 5th March at 7pm St. Mary's Parish Hall, Greenock,
Monday 30th March at 10.30am in Diocesan Offices, Incle Street, Paisley,
Tuesday 12th May at 7pm St. Ninian's Parish Hall, Gourock,
Monday 8th June at 7pm St. Joseph's & St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Wemyss Bay.

Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or **0141 847 6138** to register.

Taize Evening: for our youth (s1 upwards) at St. Fergus, Paisley on **Tuesday 10th March at 7pm**. Led by Bishop John and two volunteers from the Taize community in France. Under 16s should bring a completed consent form. These can be obtained from your parish or by e-mailing Fr. John Morrison - vocations@rcdop.org.uk.

40 Days for Life Glasgow: What are you going to do for Lent? Please come to our prayer and fasting 40 Days for Life Vigil outside of the QUEH during Lent and offer a rosary for a culture of life here in Scotland and around the world. 8am-8pm daily. Pope St John Paul II said 'What is urgently called for is a general mobilisation of consciences and a united ethical effort to activate a great campaign in support of life. All together, we must build a new culture of life' Evangelium Vitae para 95 For more information contact; Ogilvie1615@outlook.com

'Unplanned' – the movie: Lent Programme. See 'Unplanned', the movie they don't want you to see. A film based on the book telling the true story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood Employee of the year, who repented of her involvement in this gruesome business, and turned her life around. The film has changed many hearts in countries where it has been shown....but cinemas in Scotland, which show multiple films depicting violence every year, have refused to show this. **Showing in Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 162 Broomfield Road, Balornock, Glasgow G21 3UE. Sunday 1st March, 2pm or 7.45 pm** (after 6pm mass and buffet)

Parish SSVP Please note our parish St Vincent de Paul **is no longer taking clothes**. If you have any clothes you wish to donate, please give them to Mary's Meals or any other local charity. Thank you.