

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 December 2019, First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

MASS OF ENROLMENT

Our Primary 7s from both schools will enrol at the 10am Mass this weekend to receive the sacrament of Confirmation next May. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Last weekend's collections

The parish collection raised £1699.00. The second collection for the education Office raised £972.00. Thank you for your generosity.

This week's second collection is for the parish Building Fund.

Funerals this week

Anna Curran - Requiem Mass Friday

MISSION BOXES Would anyone who took a wee coin box for the Missions in October, please return them so that monies can be counted and given to the Missions.

"Keep Christ in Christmas" stickers.

Margaret will be selling the stickers in the porch after Masses. All proceeds go to the Let the Children Live charity to help Colombian street children.

HANDMADE ROSARIES AND JEWELLERY

Mrs Feriale Nasr, one of our parishioners, will be selling some beautiful handmade rosaries and jewellery in the hall after Masses this weekend. All proceeds raised will go to supporting an orphanage school in the Lebanon. This is an excellent chance to buy a Christmas gift and at the same time support a very worthwhile cause. Why not pop in for a look?

YOUTH CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

will be on Sunday 15th December after the 10am Mass. Tea, coffee, home baking, raffle and a visit from Santa Himself!! Tickets cost £2 for adults and children come free. Please come along to join us—we look forward to welcoming you!

JESSE TREE The hugely successful Jesse Tree project has started. Cards with gift ideas for needy local parish children are available at the Sacred Heart altar. Please feel free to take one but only if you are sure of buying a gift so as not to leave any child short. Please return gifts WITH TAG ATTACHED by no later than next Sunday 8TH December at the very latest to enable them to be sorted and distributed to families well in advance.

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, as well as in our local special needs schools, through 200 volunteer parishioners. Last year your Advent Boxes brought in an amazing £12,000. 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. Along with our *Friends Fundraising campaign* and our annual collection our Advent Boxes pay for just over 50% of this ministry.

Retreat Day for Primary School Pupils: The Diocese of Paisley will be hosting a retreat day for primary school pupils in p4-7 at **St. Cadoc's, Newton Mearns** on Sunday 1st December 2-6pm. The retreat day will include activities, Mass and the chance to meet new friends. All participants must bring a signed consent form. Consent forms can be obtained from your parish, primary school or by contacting Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel 0141 8895056.

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 (stninan@rcdop.org.uk). Limited to twenty places.

Lourdes Discipleship Group: A meeting will be held in St. Ninian's Church Hall, Gourock on **Sunday 1 December at 2.30 pm**. Those eligible for the Pilgrimage Group should be between 18-21. The Pilgrimage takes place from 26 June -2 July 2020. For more information please contact Fr Gerry McNellis stninan@rcdop.org.uk

SPUC - Volunteer Speakers Required: SPUC (Scotland) has a network of local volunteers who work hard pro-actively raising awareness of the pro-life movement across parish communities in Scotland. Our local speakers motivate and inspire other parishioners to support SPUC's work, playing an active part in building a culture of life in Scotland. Would you like to be a part of our volunteer team, helping to spread the Gospel of Life? Would you like to join a national movement while being a local ambassador for the most voiceless member of the human family - the unborn? If so, email info@spucscotland.org TODAY!

CHANCE TO QUESTION PROSPECTIVE MPs
Barrhead Churches have organised a Hustings for Wednesday 4th December at 7pm in the Salvation Army Church. This is a chance to meet the four candidates to be our next MP: Labour's Carolann Davidson, Paul Masterton from the Conservative Party, Andrew McGlynn from the Liberal Democrats and the SNP's Kirsten Oswald. **If you'd like a question asked please email Andy Braunston, minister of the URC via RevdAndyBraunston@gmail.com**

Evening Prayer and Benediction: St Margaret', Johnstone, will celebrate Evening prayer of the Church and Benediction on **Sunday 1st December at 6.00pm**. The music will be led by the **Schola Benedicti**. All welcome to attend this celebration of the start of Advent.

20-40 Network Christmas Drinks and Ceilidh Night
Aged 20-40? Our events are a great place for meeting fellow young Catholics. Don't worry about coming on your own, you'll quickly make friends as you learn the ceilidh moves together. Sat 7th December, 8pm, Avant Garde, Glasgow. Just email 2040network@gmail.com to register for a free ticket or join our mailing list to find out about future events if you can't make this one.

Diocesan Courage Apostolate for Catholics with Same Sex Attraction: Paisley Diocese has a Courage Chapter of pastoral ministry for those with same sex attraction, who are looking to live faithfully their Catholic faith. Courage is an international apostolate with over 100 Chapters worldwide and is endorsed by the Holy See. It aims to help members find peace through fellowship, prayer, the Sacraments and an desire Church's vision of chastity. It helps you find the Church's life of peace, and grace to grow in Christian maturity. For information or advice please email in confidence our chaplain at Courage@rcdop.org.uk

Migrant Help: A very big thank you for the overwhelming response to our appeal for 'Migrant Help'. 2 van loads of items have been collected from the Diocesan offices and taken away to help those families who are victims of modern day trafficking. The generosity from all those who donated is very much appreciated.

St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Center: Please note there will be **no 5pm Sunday Mass on 1st December**. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Charis Conference 2019: Charis, the new service for Catholic Charismatic Renewal worldwide, is holding its national conference in St Mirin's hall on **Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December**. Speakers are Jean Luc Moens, moderator for Charis (appointed by Pope Francis), Kenny Borthwick, Presbyterian minister in Wester Hailes and Bishop John Keenan. Cost for full weekend is £20 (pay at the door) Each day begins at 10am. Further information from tresanded1214@gmail.com

All night vigil of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Reparation and in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary: Opening Mass 8pm Friday 13th December 2019 -Closing Mass 6am Saturday 14th December 2019. **St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY.** For information contact: email liam.coyle1@ntlworld.com Phone 07806517383 or Facebook – Glasgow Vigils Events. All welcome