

# 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.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019

### 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (Year C)

#### COLLECTIONS

##### Last weekend's collections

The parish collection raised £1792.00. The second collection this weekend for SPRED raised £903.00. *Thank you for your generosity.*

***This week's second collection is to support the Sick and Retired Clergy of the diocese.***

#### **FUNERALS THIS WEEK**

No funerals this week.

**Lenten Reflection s3-s6:** Net Ministries will be hosting an afternoon of activities for S3-S6 pupils on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2-6pm** at the St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street, Paisley. Please bring along a completed consent form which you obtain from your Parish or school. For more information please contact Fr. John Morrison [vocations@rcdop.org](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org)

**Lent Day for Primary School Children:** The Diocese of Paisley will be holding a Lenten reflection day for Primary school pupils in p 4,5, 6 +7 on **Sunday 10th March 2019 at St. Francis', Port Glasgow 2-6pm**. To attend the event, facilitated by the Salesian Sisters, the children must bring with them a consent form. This can be obtained from your parish, school or by contacting Fr. John Morrison e-mail: [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk)

#### **THURSDAY EVENING MASS**

The Paisley Grouping of SSVF is holding their monthly meeting here in Saint John's on Thursday evening. Accordingly, Thursday evening Mass will be at 7pm and not 6.30pm, as in Lenten timetable.

**SCIAF BOXES** are available in the white envelope packs at the doors of the church. Feel free to take one and put your spare coins in over Lent.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. The time of parish Masses on Ash Wednesday are 8am, **10am**, 1.45pm (primary schools coming to church) and 7pm.

#### **LENTEN TIMETABLE**

##### **Weekday Masses**

Mon, Wed, Fri	8am, 9.30am.
Tues, Thurs	9.30am, 6.30pm
Sat	10.00am

##### **Stations of the Cross**

Mon, Wed, Fri	6.30pm
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##### **Confessions**

Tues	6.10pm
Sat	10.30am, 4.00pm

**Diocesan Counselling for Catholics Married in the Catholic Church:** For information or advice please email in confidence [counselling@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:counselling@rcdop.org.uk)

**Saint Margaret's Adoption Society:** are currently looking to recruit prospective adopters. If you have ever thought about adoption as a way to grow your family 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](mailto:info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk).

### **LEGACY FUND COLLECTION**

Thanks to the many parishioners (over a hundred!!) who expressed an opinion about continuing the Legacy Fund for another year. The consensus is an overwhelming majority to keep it going. Of all replies, there were seven who for varying good reasons thought it should stop but there were one hundred and four (!) who want it continued and accordingly new envelopes are ordered for this.

That said, remember no one should EVER feel under any pressure to contribute to the parish financially, especially if they are a bit short themselves-- as can happen to all of us at times!! Whist the bills have to be paid, repairs done and parish maintained, it's your attendance and praise of God with your brothers and sisters that is and always should be most important.

**Lenten Station Masses:** This is the second year of our Lenten Station Masses where our diocese imitates the ancient practice of the Church in Rome, where the Pope would celebrate Mass in a different parish church on each of the days of Lent. To prepare ourselves for the Celebration of Easter Bishop John will celebrate Station Masses with the people in our MATN cluster areas. At each Mass he will use the readings of the day to preach a short catechetical homily, *Walking with Mary*, on the spirituality of Lent: on Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, on Simplicity, Chastity and Obedience, and on Reconciliation. Please come along to your cluster Mass, or maybe your Lenten discipline could be travel with the bishop and attend all of them! See poster in the church porch for dates. All Masses are at 7pm.

**Diocesan Music Day:** The Diocesan Liturgy Commission will host a day for musicians and singers on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** from **11.30-2.30pm** in St Mirin's Hall to prepare for the Easter Triduum. There will be input on each of the three days of the Triduum, with suggestions and materials for these celebrations. All welcome to attend.

**World Youth Day 2022:** Registration is now open for World Youth Day 2022 in Lisbon, Portugal. Details of cost and dates will be advised soon. To register, please visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/news/world-youth-day-2022-lisbon-for-a-lifetime-experience>

### **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse -**

Following on from the request of Pope Francis last year the Catholic Church in Scotland is holding its first annual Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse this **Friday 8 March**. Various initiatives will be adopted across parishes, such as: a special Mass, offered for those who have suffered from abuse; Stations of the Cross; a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. Please keep this intention in your prayers

### **New Fertility Care Scotland Clinic in Paisley**

From Monday 11 February, Fertility Care will run a clinic in our Diocesan offices on Monday evenings from 7 – 9pm, running alternate Monday thereafter. They teach the Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Fertility Regulation, which helps couples achieve or postpone pregnancy in a natural way and they can help couples optimize their chances of conceiving. The service is free and confidential, and no appointment is necessary. Come and visit. Phone: 0141 221 0858 E-Mail: [info@fertilitycare.org.uk](mailto:info@fertilitycare.org.uk) Website at [www.fertilitycare.org.uk](http://www.fertilitycare.org.uk) Facebook [www.facebook.com/fertilitycarescotland](https://www.facebook.com/fertilitycarescotland) and Twitter [www.twitter.com/billingsscot](https://www.twitter.com/billingsscot)

**Online Retreat:** An online retreat has been organised with daily prayer. There will be weekly retreat meetings taking place at St. Columba's Church, Renfrew. Tuesdays during Lent at 7pm. **Begins 5<sup>th</sup> March**. All welcome.

### **Rite of Election - New Members of the Church:**

Please keep the new members of our Church in your prayers as they journey through their Rite of Election to the Easter Vigil-the usual time to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) with Adults. Prayer for Christian Initiation of Adults - *Father, you give your Church constant growth by adding new members to your family. Help us put into action in our lives the baptism we have received in faith* (Roman Missal)

**REMEMBER, ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE—NO MEAT OR MEAT PRODUCTS; ONLY ONE MAIN MEAL AND TWO SMALL SNACKS.**