

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.

5th January 2020, Epiphany of the Lord

Last weekend's collections

The parish collection raised £1712.00. The second collection for the Legacy Fund raised £778.00. The Christmas collection came to £2346.00. Thank you for your generosity. *Today the second collection is for Justice & Peace.*

Funerals this week Ann McFarlane --
Requiem Wednesday 8th January 9.30am

SPRED Advent Boxes: Please return your SPRED Advent boxes over the Christmas period.

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.

SSVP

Copies of the Christmas edition of the **SSVP OZANAM NEWS** are available at the back of the Church. Please **borrow, read and return a copy** so that the "News" can be shared with other parishioners

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: Please note that weekday and Sunday Mass resume on **Monday 6th January**

THANK YOU!!

Father Joe and Fr Laurent wish to thank everyone who gave them cards, gifts and especially prayers for Christmas—your kindness and support is truly overwhelming and very much appreciated. May God bless you all!!

Church Cleaning and Decoration On behalf of the whole parish a huge thanks to the small army of volunteers who put in the hours cleaning, decorating and beautifying the church for the Christmas celebrations. To all those who helped in any way, your generosity of time, especially at this hectic time of the year, is so very much appreciated!!

"Keep Christ in Christmas" stickers.

Margaret would like to thank all who donated to the Let the Children Live charity helping Colombian street children. We raised a total of £290.00.

JESSE TREE A HUGE thanks to all who participated in the Jesse Tree project this year. Literally hundreds of presents as well as nearly £3000 in Silverburn Vouchers were given-- a truly incredible generosity!!

Thanks to your kindness, many youngsters in our parish will have a happy Christmas. May God bless you all !!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Thanks to all who supported the coffee morning/Christmas party. Happy Christmas from the youth of the parish!!

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 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.

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, Ince 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.

Oratory

The Oratory re-opens on Monday 6th January at 10.00am.

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? The Oratory is open to everyone for prayer daily Monday to Friday from 10am until 9pm. The keypad code is 1560.

"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.griefftograceuk.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.

FR JOE, FR LAURENT AND DEACON DENIS WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S EVERY BLESSING FOR 2020!! GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND THANK YOU!!