

# Saint 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: 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.

### ST JOHN'S HALL ROOF

The tenders have now been returned and the Diocese has accepted the lowest tender from 'City Gate Construction (Scotland) Ltd' to carry out the roofing works to the hall along with other remedial works.

These are:- New Pitched Zinc Covered Roofs. New Ceilings where facilitating works undertaken and water ingress damage sustained. New floor coverings to the main hall. Remedial and upgrading works to the electrics.

Works are due to commence late January 2017 and are scheduled to be complete late spring 2017.

Many thanks to all for your continued support of donations to the second collection building fund

### ST MARGARET'S ADOPTION SOCIETY'S

A letter from Bishop John is available which he has written following his recent visit to their Centre for the Family.

There will be a collection for the work of the society throughout Christmas. The box is at the crib. Please be generous.

### ST LUKE'S HIGH SCHOOL –“BACK TO THE 80'S

The show takes place in Eastwood Park Theatre on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £8/ £6.00 for concessions and £25 for a family ticket. 0141 577 2430

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Could your child be due free meals? Use the link below to apply online. There are also paper copies available at the back of the church which you can complete and hand in to the council offices. Or, contact a member of the pupil support team at your school if you need more information.

<http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/clothing-grant>

### NEW PARISH CALENDAR

The new parish calendar is now available. Please take them home, give them to family and friends who may appreciate them. They are FREE! Thanks to the local businesses who sponsored the calendar and to those who sponsored daily intimations. My thanks to all those who helped arrange the calendar.

### WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR

The latest western catholic calendar is now available for sale in the piety stall priced £3.20. This book contains information about Mass times in all parishes in the west of Scotland-Dioceses of Paisley, Motherwell and Archdiocese of Glasgow.

### 100 CLUB DRAW DECEMBER WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> £140 No. 98 M Coffield 2<sup>nd</sup> £70 No 116 Ase Smith  
3<sup>rd</sup> £70 No 3 Maria Straiton 4<sup>th</sup> £20 No 146 J & M Trainor  
5<sup>th</sup> £20 No 135 Grace Young

Winnings can be collected from the Sacristy after Mass. Please note that any prizes not collected will be paid back into funds.

Thank you for your support in 2016.

### SACRED HEART COMPANIONS

The Prayer group will meet in the Oratory on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January from 1-2pm.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE SCOTLAND

The Scottish Catholic Justice and Peace Commission is part of the Pontifical Council *Justitia et Pax*. It campaigns on behalf of the Church against renewal of Trident, for fairness for asylum seekers and refugees and for action against climate change and for the environment. It also networks with local parish groups and advises our Bishops on social justice, international peace and human rights. Its office supports two employees.

This collection will take place after Holy Communion. My apologies for the confusion with the date of the envelope for this collection. It should have been this week.

### SSVP BUS

For many years now the SSVP have provided a bus to take elderly/less mobile parishioners to 12'clock mass on a Sunday. The uptake of this service has greatly reduced over the past few years and has now reached a point when it is no longer financially viable to continue. The SSVP proposes to discontinue the service at the end of January.

### THE SCOTTISH SAFEGUARDING SERVICE

Is an agency of Bishops' Conference Scotland, has released new Safeguarding Training as part of a suite of several levels of training to assist and inform all who are involved with vulnerable groups in our parishes. Level 1 is a 90 minute safeguarding training session for volunteers and forms a mandatory part of safe recruitment which also includes membership of the PVG Scheme (or a PVG Update). Safeguarding Training Level 1 for the Diocese of Paisley, is being offered in: **St Mirin's Church Hall on Wednesday 1st February 2017 at 7pm**  
To register, please e-mail [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk) or telephone [0141 847 6138](tel:01418476138) stating your name and parish, by 25 January, 2017.

**Diocesan Gathering: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Abortion Act –** 2017 marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act in the United Kingdom. To mark this, Bishop John would like to invite all our parishes and schools to send **two representatives** to a meeting being held on **25<sup>th</sup> January 7-9pm** in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall. Bishop John would like two parishioners from St John's to attend this important meeting. Please speak to Fr Paul if you are interested.

### PARISH POST

Please check whether there are Christmas cards waiting for you in the parish postal boxes before they are removed after Monday.

### ST JOHN'S PARISH CHILDREN'S PARTY

This takes places today at the South and Levern Church hall 2-4pm for children who have already signed up for it. Hope you enjoy yourselves. Many thanks to everyone who has organised this event.