

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.

8th December 2019, Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Last weekend's collections

The parish collection raised £1833.00. The second collection for the Building Fund raised £848.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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

"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.

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 **TODAY** Sunday 8TH December at the very latest to enable them to be sorted and distributed to families this week.

SACRED HEART COMPANIONS PRAYER GROUP

There will be an hour of prayer and reflection held in the oratory on Tuesday 10th December, from 1.00 to 2.00pm, followed by tea and biscuits in the tearoom.

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

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.

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.

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.

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!

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!

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

100 Club Draw November Winners

1st Prize - £140 No. 68 Eileen Capaldi
2nd Prize - £70 No. 12 Roseleen Reilly
3rd Prize - £35 No. 47 M Docherty
4th Prize - £20 No. 2 Theresa Wright
5th Prize - £20 No. 38 E Cassidy

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

Christmas Timetable

Confessions

Monday 16th to Friday 20th December 10am and 6.30pm

Saturday 21st December 10am and 4.00pm

All Day Confessions in St Mirin's Cathedral

Friday 20th December, 9am to 9pm.

Christmas Eve

Morning Mass 9.30am

Children's Nativity Play 5.30pm

Children's Mass 6.00pm

Carol Service 8.30pm

First Mass of Christmas **9.00pm**

(Please note, no Midnight Mass this year—it is being replaced by an earlier 9.00pm Mass as suggested by some parishioners. We'll monitor how the new time works out this year.)

Christmas Day

Mass 11.00am

NO EVENING MASS

Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th December

Morning Mass 10.00am

Sunday 29th December

Normal Timetable 4.30 (Vigil), 10.00am, 11.30am, 5pm

Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st December

Morning Mass 10.00am

31st December (Hogmanay)

Morning Mass 10.00am

Last Mass of Thanksgiving in 2019
9.00pm

1st January 2020

First Mass of 2020 11.00am

Thursday 2nd to Saturday 4th January

Morning Mass 10am

Sunday 5th January

Normal timetable for Sundays and weekdays resumes