

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.

15th January 2017 2nd Sunday of the Year

WORK ON THE HALL ROOF

This begins on Monday morning, with the construction company arriving on site. Please note that the hall car park will be closed Monday- Friday each week until further notice. It may be opened for funerals and weddings taking place during the week.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Recent developments, particularly the reception of refugees and asylum seekers, have begun to see other Christian traditions finding expression alongside the traditional Christian communities of Catholics and Protestants in Scotland. Let's continue to pray that we all be one and work together for this end, willed so dearly by Jesus Himself.

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>

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.

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 or telephone **0141 847 6138** stating your name and parish, by 25 January, 2017.

PAISLEY VOCATIONS

John the Baptist led others to Christ. Could you do the same as a priest, deacon or religious sister? For more information contact Fr. John Morrison on 01475720223 or e-mail johnmorrison1976@gmail.com

DIOCESAN GATHERING:

50TH 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 **25th 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.

OUTDOOR CRIB AND TREE

The crib and tree will remain up until the 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, also known as Candlemas. This was when the Lord appeared publically for the first time, forty days after his birth.

GALA CONCERT

The Glasgow Phoenix Choir are holding a Gala Concert to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of St. Andrew's Cathedral on 28th January 2017. All proceeds going to the 'organ fund'. Tickets £8 from the Cathedral Shop or the Cathedral Office on 0141 204 2409 or email info@cathedralg1.org

SPRED COLLECTION BOXES

Can those of you who kindly took a SPRED box home at the beginning of Advent return them to the parish before 1st March. Many thanks.

GLASGOW'S HEALTH DIVIDE BY PROFESSOR SIR HARRY BURNS

Monday 16th January, 7-9 pm, The Ogilvie Centre, 25 Rose Street, Glasgow G3 6RE. Why are the usual suspects, such as poor diet, not enough to explain Glasgow's persistent health inequalities? Why would a focus on nurturing children bring more long-term health benefits than trying to fix the consequences of social disadvantage? Craighead Conversations reflect on key public issues in Scotland today and ask, 'what's faith got to do with it?' 'what actions will take us to a more just society?' Sir Harry Burns is Professor of Global Public Health at Strathclyde University and former Chief Medical Officer for Scotland. Open to all. Talks are followed by discussion. Free. Donations of £5 welcomed on the night Book at: <https://glasgowhealthdivide.eventbrite.co.uk>

GATHERING FOR CATHOLIC PARENTS

The Parent Involvement Working Group of the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) are organising an event for all interested Catholic parents with children currently at school. This Gathering for Catholic Parents will take place on Saturday 21st January between 10am and 12pm in St. Francis Xavier Church Hall, Taylor Avenue, Carfin. For further information and to book a place please contact SCES by email: mail@sces.uk.com or by telephone: 0141 556 4727 or by completing the online form at sces.org.uk