

## 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.

## 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

### YOUTH CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

TODAY Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

### Last weekend's collections

The parish collection raised £1748.00. The second collection for the Building Fund raised £798.00. 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** A HUGE thanks to all who participated in the Jesse Tree project this year. Thanks to your generosity, many youngsters in our parish will have a happy Christmas. God bless you all !!

### 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](mailto:stninian@rcdop.org.uk)). Limited to twenty places.

**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.

### 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

### **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](mailto:info@spucscotland.org) TODAY!

**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](mailto:Courage@rcdop.org.uk)

**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.

**Carols in the Cathedral:** A diocesan annual event. It is a lovely way for all of the families to come together as a diocesan community and worship in song the birth of Our Saviour Jesus Christ. **St Mirin's Cathedral, Friday 27th December at 3:00pm.** Refreshments in the hall afterwards, all Welcome!

**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](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk)

**Mass at UWS:** Please note that weekday and Sunday Mass are now suspended until **Monday 6th January**

**This month's Pro-Life Mass:** is on Wednesday, **18th December** in Blessed John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals G5 0YT. There will be **Adoration at 6pm**, followed by Rosary at 7pm and **Mass at 7.30pm**. All welcome. The celebrant will be Fr Eddie Highton OFM.

**Are you aged between 18-35? St. Francis and St. Clare** warmly invites you to an **evening of prayer**, intercessions and formation and a wee something to eat and drink afterwards. Come and see! Everybody welcome. **Thursday 19th December 7-9pm** in the **Diocesan offices**, Ince Street Paisley  
Thanks you !

## **Christmas Timetable**

### **Confessions**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 10am and 6.30pm

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10am and 4.00pm

*All Day Confessions in St Mirin's Cathedral*

*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

Morning Mass 10.00am

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

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

### **31<sup>st</sup> December (Hogmanay)**

Morning Mass 10.00am

Last Mass of Thanksgiving in 2019  
9.00pm

### **1<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

First Mass of 2020 11.00am

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Morning Mass 10am

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

Normal timetable for Sundays and weekdays resumes