

# 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, 12:00 noon and 6:30pm.

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.

## 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019, 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (Year C)

### Last weekend's collections

The parish collection raised £1452.00. The second collection for the Legacy Fund raised £863.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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

***Welcome Home to Fr Laurent!!*** who has been away covering other parishes for the past month. Starting this weekend, Fr Joe and Laurent will also be covering St Cadoc's in Newton Mearns for the next fortnight.

### MARY'S MEALS VISIT

The charity "Mary's Meals" will make its annual visit to the parish on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> August. As always they are happy to take for resale or recycling any unwanted clothes or textiles you may have. ***PLEASE NO FURNITURE OR BRIC-A-BRAC!!***

Donations may be left in the porch of the church. A representative will speak at the Masses and they will sell raffle tickets afterwards if anyone wishes to buy one.

This is a good opportunity for a clear out of those wardrobes!!

### PASSION PLAY

AGAP Theatre presents "A Sign of Contradiction: The Passion Story" by Stephen Callaghan at 7.30pm. The play explores the circumstances surrounding the events of the first Holy Week. We wish the actors and backstage crew every blessing for the performances at the Edinburgh Fringe. Look out for them there!!

### RELICS OF SAINT THERESE OF LISIEUX

The relics will be in Scotland for two weeks in September. They will be in our Diocese from **14 -16<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. The relics will mainly be at St Mary's Church, Greenock from the evening of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September until the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup>. The relics will then be taken to St Mirin's Cathedral on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September until the afternoon of the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019. All welcome to come and pray before the relics of the "Little Flower".

### Funerals this week

Helen McMenamin Requiem Thursday

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to become leaders at the Children's Liturgy. That said, another few volunteers would help fill out our rota. If interested, please speak to Fr Joe.

**Would new volunteers please speak with Mary Hallan concerning PVG certification.**

**World Youth Day 2022:** Registration is now open for World Youth Day 2022 in Lisbon, Portugal. Details of cost and dates will be advised soon. To register, please visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/news/world-youth-day-2022-lisbon-for-a-lifetime-experience>

**St. Margaret's Adoption Society:** Have you ever considered adoption as a way to grow your family? Could you provide a loving, stable family environment for a child who needs a forever home? If you would like to find out more about the adoption process, please visit [www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk](http://www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk) or contact us on 0141 332 8371 or e-mail [info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk](mailto:info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk).

### **The Marriage Counselling service for Paisley**

**Diocese:** is approaching the end of its first year! We'd like to remind you that professionals working in this area (and evidence based studies) all give the same message – "don't leave it too late, get along to discuss professional help if your difficulties are not going away". The first session is a chance for you to meet with the counsellor and then go away and decide if it might work for you as a couple. To see the testimonials of some couples who have used the service please visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/marriage-counselling-service-1> Or contact the counsellor directly for a chat on **01786 469939** or send a brief email to [she.dowds@gmail.com](mailto:she.dowds@gmail.com) There are posters about the service in your church and your parish priest can also give you the necessary contact details.

**For the attention of all Church volunteers with current 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 at **7pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** – St. Cadoc's Parish hall, Newton Mearns. *Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk) or 0141 847 6138 to register.*

**Wheel chair assistance required for Saturday Hospital Vigil Mass at RAH, Paisley:** Once more, in the spirit of Making All Things New, we are appealing for some volunteers to join our rota for wheel chair assistance to enable patients at the RAH to attend the 4pm Saturday Vigil Mass. You will assist a person from the ward to the hospital chapel, stay with them for Mass, and then take them back to the ward. Volunteers need to have or need to obtain a PVG as standard diocesan practice. Can you please contact Monsignor John Tormey for further details on 01505 320 900 or email him at [staidan@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:staidan@rcdop.org.uk). You will be asked to join our rota of helpers, probably helping once every three or four weeks. You are free to change your day with another helper if you can't do the day when it's your turn. We have had some helpers leave the rota recently and we really do need some fresh recruits. Please consider giving some of your time to help those who are ill and who will benefit from your kindness. Thank you.

**Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide**  
Bereavement by suicide is very different from any other bereavement and can give rise to all the emotions following any loss. There can often be many unanswered and unanswerable questions. The SOBS group meets on the **last Wednesday** of every month at Johnstone Day Care Centre, 21 Walkinshaw St, Johnstone, PA5 8AF, from **7pm-8:30pm**. If you have been bereaved by suicide and you think it might help to discuss what you are feeling and meet people in a similar situation, you are invited to come along. If you need help or assistance use our 'Useful Links' section or contact: 0141 849 2200.

## **SUMMER TIMETABLE OF MASSES**

**Problems for Diocese as Visiting Clergy face UKBA Changes to Visas for Ministers of Religion:** Calling on the UK Government to suspend changes to new immigration rules for visiting priests to the UK and to meet with representatives of faith communities to hear their concerns over the visa changes. Please contact your local MP asking them to sign the Early Day Motion. <https://rcdop.org.uk/news/clergy-visas-motions-lodged-in-parliament-please-encourage-your-mp-to-support>

Since the changes to visa rules mean it is now virtually impossible to welcome foreign Priests to the diocese to supply during the summer holidays and allow our local Priests to get a break, it means the local Priests will now have to cover each other. To this end, many parishes in the diocese, where possible, are moving to a summer timetable for Sunday Masses. By working together in this way, the Priests are then able to cover and support each other. Beginning this week, Fr Laurent will be away most of the summer covering other parishes and since our parish church is more than large enough to facilitate such a change, here in St John's we will be moving to a summer timetable, **effective from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July until the end of August**.

**The Mass times here in St John's over the summer will be:**

**Saturday Vigil at 4.30pm**

**Sunday 11.00am and 4.30pm.**

While these time changes allow Fr Joe and Fr Laurent to help cover elsewhere, it is appreciated there are some who will have difficulty with these new Mass times. For those concerned, please remember there will still be a 10am Mass in St Thomas', Neilston, a 12noon Mass in St Charles', Paisley and a 6.30pm Mass in St Cadoc's, Newton Mearns-- all our neighbouring parishes.

These changes highlight both the shortage of Priests and also how the laws of the land are impinging on the smooth running of our parishes. We all need to pray for more Priests and while our local MP Paul Masterton has been particularly strong at raising the visa issues in parliament on our behalf, we all still need to make our voices heard.

Thank you for your understanding.