

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: Saturday after 10:00am Mass, Between 4:00pm and 4:25pm, and after the Vigil Mass.

ROSARY: Weekdays in the Church/Oratory after Mass; Saturday before 10:00am Mass; Friday 3:00-4:00pm in the Oratory.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: From 10:00am to 10:00pm each weekday in the Oratory.

21st December 2014, 4th Sunday of Advent

Last Week's Collection-£1925

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve, 24th December:

Carol Service at 6.30pm, **Vigil Mass of Christmas at 7.00pm.**

Carol Service at 11.30pm, **Midnight Mass 12midnight.**

Christmas Day:

Holy Mass will be celebrated at **10.00am and 12.00 noon**

N.B. no Evening Mass on Christmas Day.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Monday 22nd December at 3.00pm. The choir, who led us in sung vespers earlier this year, the Schola Benedicti, will lead us in a series of carols and advent hymns together with readings to prepare us for Christmas. All welcome. Mince pies and mulled wine in hall afterwards.

JESSE TREE

We will continue until today 21st December and gifts will be distributed to needy children. Many thanks for your help.

CHRISTMAS MAIL

Simply pop the card under the first letter of the recipient's surname and check under the first letter of your surname for any cards awaiting you.

STIRLING 2015: SCOTTISH CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

More information and Application Forms available from: Facebook: Diocese of Paisley Youth, youth@rcdop.org.uk, and www.rcdop.org.uk,

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Our Diocesan Synod on Laity and Evangelisation will be held in Eastertide 2016. An initial step is to establish a Preparatory Commission. Its remit, prior to the actual Synod in 2016, is to facilitate prayer, catechesis and consultation throughout the diocese. It will also organise, by the establishment of a Secretariat and Directory, how the Synod is to be run. Bishop John will appoint the members of the Preparatory Commission but he wishes the process to be as inclusive as possible. Therefore, all parishioners are invited to nominate potential participants. Although no further education or formal qualifications are necessary it is essential that participants can understand Church documents. Prior knowledge of such documents is not a prerequisite but the ability to quickly grasp them is. Half of the Preparatory Commission will be lay people. If you would like to nominate a lay person, religious, deacon or priest to the Preparatory Commission then please write to Bishop John Keenan at The Diocesan Offices, Cathedral Precincts, Inle St, Paisley, PA1 1HR by 31st December 2014. Please state (i) The nominee's name (ii) why you are recommending him/her (iii) the nominee's contact details (iv) the nominee's parish (v) your name. Bishop John will establish the Preparatory Commission by the end of January 2015.



By clicking on the Amazon banner on our website, the parish is given a percentage of the purchase price.

YOUTH COFFEE MORNING

Our last coffee morning of the year takes place today after 10 o'clock Mass. There will be entertainment, tea, coffee, cakes. Adults £1.50, children free. Hotdogs £1 each. You can also try your luck with our raffle-Hampers, chocolates and much more. A very special guest will be coming to see everyone, Only if there is lots of singing!

PARISH CALENDAR 2015

Is now on sale in the foyer or stall. Price is £3. Thank you to our sponsors, parishioners who took out intimations and to the caritas group from sixth year, St Luke's who helped put the calendar together.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

Please take a card home with you. It contains all the Masses and Confession times for Christmas. Please take some for your friends and families.

DIocese OF PAISLEY-CAROLS IN THE CATHEDRAL

A Christmas carol service for all the family will be held on Sunday 28th December 2014 at 4pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral. Carols will be led by the diocesan choir. Special collection for SPRED Paisley and Diocesan Youth Funds.

ST MARGARET'S ADOPTION SOCIETY

Please take one of their collection boxes home for their annual collection for their work promoting adoptions. Please return it after Christmas.

FR MICHAEL HUTCHISON

Welcome to Fr Michael Hutchison who will be with us until 5th January.

ORATORY

The Oratory will be closed from 10pm Friday 19th December and reopen Monday 5th January 2015 at 10am. Thank you for your dedication to this important area of our parish.

PARISH CRIBS AND CHRISTMAS TREES

Thank you to the volunteers who set up the amazing crib inside the church, and to Maple joiners who built the outdoor crib last year, and erected it again this year. Many thanks to everyone who turned up on Monday evening to decorate the Christmas trees and church for Christmas.

FEAST OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Our parish feast day is on Saturday 27th December. Mass will be celebrated at 10am with teas in the hall afterwards.

WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR

The new calendar is now on sale in the piety stall priced £3. This contains all mass times and other information about parishes in the west of Scotland.

BLESSING OF BABY JESUS FIGURES AND CRIBS

This will take place after the homily at each Mass today. Please bring your baby Jesus figures or cribs to the front of the church when invited to do so.