

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.

22nd December 2019, Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for Christmas and New Year Masses

There are sheets in the sacristy. Please sign up to ensure all spaces are filled for the Christmas Season Masses. Thank you for exercising your ministry for the benefit of the parish.

Last weekend's collections

The parish collection raised £1782.00. The second collection for the Building Fund raised £882.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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

THANK YOU!!

"Keep Christ in Christmas" stickers.

Margaret would like to thank all who donated to the Let the Children Live charity helping Colombian street children. We raised a total of £290.00.

JESSE TREE A HUGE thanks to all who participated in the Jesse Tree project this year. Literally hundreds of presents as well as nearly £3000 in Silverburn Vouchers were given-- a truly incredible generosity!!

Thanks to your kindness, many youngsters in our parish will have a happy Christmas. May God bless you all !!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Thanks to all who supported the coffee morning/Christmas party last Sunday. Happy Christmas from the youth of the parish!!

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 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.

SPRED Advent Boxes: Please return your boxes over the Christmas period.

For the Attention of All Church Volunteers with Current or Pending PVG Certificates

volunteers planning to do regulated work with children and vulnerable adults *or both*, should complete the Safeguarding Training, **Induction Part 1**. The next session - Diocesan offices, Ince Street, Paisley on: **Monday 20th January at 7pm.**

Safeguarding Training, Induction Part 2:

The new Safeguarding Part 2 Training session, is for volunteers who have previously attended Safeguarding Training Part One, or Safeguarding Training Level one, more than 18 months ago. The next session will be on: **Tuesday 21st January at 7pm St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Clarkston**

Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office to register for either Part 1 or 2

safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk

or **0141 847 6138**

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

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

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

“Annual Safeguarding Report

The annual diocesan safeguarding report will be read out by parish safeguarding co-ordinators in all parishes at Masses on Sunday 12 January 2020.

Paisley diocese and our parish welcome the special responsibility we have for all children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community.

In our Church there are two posters. The first reaches out to survivors of abuse in the Church and invites them to contact our safeguarding team confidentially if they feel able. The Church has confidential and independent professional counselling services available to survivors of abuse within the Church. We are also organising a presentation on **Saturday 9 May 2020** by Fr Dominic Allain about the ‘**Grief to Grace**’ retreat which has helped many abuse survivors to find help and healing, as the testimonies on their website report. <https://www.griegtograceuk.org/>
The second poster highlights our Safeguarding Manual with the contact details of your Parish Co-ordinator and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Please contact your parish safeguarding co-ordinator or the Parish Priest if you have any concerns regarding the abuse or harm of any child, young person or vulnerable adult.

Last year the Scottish Bishops published a new and improved safeguarding manual called ‘In God’s Image’ which includes developments in best practice and implements the recommendations of the McLellan Commission. Our diocesan trainers deliver ongoing training to volunteers, parish safeguarding co-ordinators (PSCs) and clergy. Since October 2016 they have trained 1,314 volunteers, as well as all PSCs and all clergy. Training promotes vigilance and ensures those working with children and vulnerable adults know the Church’s system for reporting disclosures or concerns they may receive.

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). Limited to twenty places.

Christmas Timetable

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)

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 December

Morning Mass 10am

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

Oratory

The Oratory is now closed and will reopen at 10am on Monday 6th January 2020

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!

FR JOE AND FR LAURENT WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF ST JOHN’S A BLESSED, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON!! GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND THANK YOU!!