

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.

23rd February 2020, 7th Sunday of the Year (Year A)

Last weekend's collections

The parish collection raised £1707.00. The second collection for the Legacy Fund raised £885.00. Today's second collection is for the Legacy Fund.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. The times of parish Masses with distribution of ashes are: **8am, 9.30am, 6.30pm**. There will also be services in all our schools for the children of the parish to receive their ashes.

Remember, Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence—no meat or meat products and one main meal only.

LEGION OF MARY are hosting an Auxiliary Rally this afternoon, 23rd February, in the parish hall from 2pm to 4pm. Teas and coffees provided. All welcome.

Lenten Station Masses: Bishop John will again be celebrating Station Masses around the diocese this Lent. Please come to your local Mass on **Thursday 5th March in St Thomas', Neilston at 7pm**. Station Mass is simply Mass with the Bishop that replicates the ancient custom of the Popes to go out to 'station parishes' around Rome leading up to Easter. Bishop John's homilies will be a catechesis on the meaning of the Creed as a simple summary of what Catholics believe. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions available from 6.00pm.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS FAIRTRADE EVENT MONDAY 2ND MARCH

St. Mark's Primary and St. John's Primary would like to invite you all to join them in celebrating 25 years of Fairtrade on Monday 2nd March. The Fairtrade committees of both schools are joining together to host a celebration of Fairtrade. The event will take place in the church hall at 1345 - 1430 on the 2nd March. Feel free to come along, enjoy a tea or coffee and find out a little more about Fairtrade.

20-40 Network Supper Club Aged 20-40? We are hosting a supper-club networking event at The Butterfly and the Pig on **7th March at 7pm**. Tickets are £28 for a two-course meal from a fantastic menu plus coffee. Thereafter you can mingle in the bar with a live band and you have complimentary entry to the neighbouring Buff Club. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet other young Catholics so please come along. Just email 2040network@gmail.com to buy a ticket.

40 Days for Life Lenten Prayer & Fasting Vigil: On Saturday 22nd of February the 40 Days for Life Lenten Prayer and Fasting Vigil for an end to abortion will commence with the celebration of Holy Mass at 1pm in St Andrew's Cathedral. It will be the Feast of the Chair of St Peter. Archbishop Tartaglia will be the celebrant. The 40 Days for Life Vigil will then take place as before from Ash Wednesday 26th February from 8am until 8pm each day outside of the Hardgate Road entrance to the QEUH. The Vigil will close on Palm Sunday 5th April at the QEUH. Please consider what you are going to do for Lent, come and pray for a culture of life here in Scotland and around the world. If you would like more information then please contact Ogilvie1615@outlook.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The Pilgrimage takes place from 26 June -2 July 2020. For more information please contact Fr Gerry McNellis stninian@rcdop.org.uk

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.

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

St Joseph's, Clarkston Parish Mission 2nd, 3rd & 4th March

We would like to invite everyone to our Parish Mission being held in the church between 7pm - 9pm each evening from Monday to Wednesday. Hosting the Mission are Sister Sally Hyland (Sisters of St John of God in Dublin) and Father Bernard Fox (Mill Hill Missionaries) who are both excellent speakers. The theme is **God is Love**. There will be a presentation and talk each evening. Further information will be available on the St Joseph's Clarkston Parish Facebook page and weekly parish bulletin.

St. Margaret's Children and Family Care 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 or contact us on 0141 332 8371 or e-mail info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk.

Healing Service: Sunday 1st March 2019 at 2pm – Saint Columbkille's Parish Hall, Kirkwood Street, Rutherglen, G73 2SL. Speakers, Father Joe Balmer and Joe Livingston. Sacrament of Reconciliation available. Music + Tea and Coffee.....All welcome.

Adult Formation: All are invited to a series of three Scripture talks in St. Conval's, Linwood, starting with tea/coffee at 6.30pm, talk from 7.00-8.30pm.

3rd March - Lent - Cycle A (particularly useful for RCIA);

31st March - Liturgies of Easter Triduum.

Adult Formation Survey: The Diocese of Paisley is committed to Adult Formation and wants to gather together views on preferred topics and styles of presentation. Please complete our survey on the Education page on <http://www.rcdop.org.uk> by 30th April. Thank you.

St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre at UWS: In addition to our program our Masses there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Thursdays during term time 4-5pm.**

Retreat Day for Primary School Pupils: The Diocese of Paisley will be hosting a retreat day for primary school pupils in p4-7 at **St. Mary's, Greenock on Sunday 15th March 2-6pm.** The retreat day will include activities, Mass and the chance to meet new friends. All participants must bring a signed consent form. Consent forms can be obtained from your parish, primary school, downloaded from the Diocesan website or by contacting Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel 0141 8895056.

Lenten Reflection Day for s3-6: The Diocese of Paisley will be holding a reflection day for young adults (s-3-s6) on **Sunday 1st March** at St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street, Paisley. The day will be from **2-6pm** and will include **Mass at 5pm.** Net Ministries will be our facilitators. While the retreat is open to all young people from this age group there is an expectation that any participants in Youth to Lourdes 2020 should be in attendance. All attendees will be required to bring a signed consent form. These can be obtained from your school or your parish or downloaded from the Diocesan website. For more information please contact Fr. John Morrison tel: 01418895056 or email vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Primary 4 Enrolment

Children from St. Mark's and St. John's primary schools will be enrolled for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist next Sunday, 1st March at 10 o'clock Mass.

A Quiet Morning in St. Columba's, Renfrew: All are welcome to a Lent Quiet morning in the Oratory at St Columba's Renfrew from 10.30 - 1 on **Saturday 29th February**, an opportunity for prayer, quiet time and sharing. The morning will end with Mass and a light lunch.

SAFEGUARDING

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL CHURCH VOLUNTEERS WITH PVG CERTIFICATES 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.** These sessions will be held in the Diocesan offices, Incle Street, Paisley on:

Monday 9th March at 7pm,

Tuesday 5th May at 10.30am,

Tuesday 25th August at 7pm.

Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or **0141 847 6138** to register.

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. If you attended Safeguarding Training Level One in 2017 or early 2018, you should put your name forward for Safeguarding Training Part 2. The next sessions will be on:

Thursday 5th March at 7pm St. Mary's Parish Hall, Greenock,

Monday 30th March at 10.30am in Diocesan Offices, Incle Street, Paisley,

Tuesday 12th May at 7pm St. Ninian's Parish Hall, Gourock,

Monday 8th June at 7pm St. Joseph's & St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Wemyss Bay.

Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or **0141 847 6138** to register.

Lent Retreat: A Lenten retreat group will again meet weekly in St Columba's Oratory, Renfrew, starting on **Tuesday 25th February 2020.** Following the theme: 'Journey into Freedom: a Retreat based in the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola' you are invited to meet together from **7 - 8.30 pm** each week to share reflection and prayer. A free Retreat book with readings, pictures and prayer suggestions will be available on the first evening. All welcome.

Charity Quiz Night: There will be a Charity Quiz Night in aid of Flexicare at **7.30 pm** on **Monday, 2nd March** in St Mary's Church Hall, Newton Street, Paisley. Flexicare provides a service for young people and adults (14+) with learning disabilities and autism, living in Renfrewshire. Entrance to the quiz is £3.00 each and there will be a raffle. BYOB and nibbles. All welcome.