

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.

24th November 2019, Christ the King (Year C)

EDUCATION FORTNIGHT

This is the time of the year when we give thanks and pray for our schools and all those involved in them. The weekend we have special participation at all Masses by our parish schools and also a special collection to help fund the Bishops' Education Office. St Luke's High will participate at the Vigil Mass, St Mark's Primary at the 10am and St John's Primary at the 11.30am Masses.

Special Collection – 23rd & 24th November:

This collection supports the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) which promotes and protects our Catholic schools in issues of national significance, and supports our schools, parishes and dioceses. The national office supports two employees. In 2017 this collection and our Friends Campaign raised £17,469, which represents 59% of our diocesan expenditure of £29,500, resulting in a shortfall of £12,031, which had to be made up from diocesan reserves.

Last weekend's collections

The parish collection raised £1622.00. The second collection for the Legacy Fund raised £863.00. Thank you for your generosity.

This week's second collection is for the Bishops' Education Office.

MISSION BOXES Would anyone who took a wee coin box for the Missions in October, please return them so that monies can be counted and given to the Missions.

St Luke's Christmas Fayre will take place in the school on Thursday 28th November, 6-9pm. There will be a variety of stalls along with tombola, raffles, music and dance. Entry for adults £1, children free.

JESSE TREE The hugely successful Jesse Tree project has started. Cards with gift ideas for needy local parish children are available at the Sacred Heart altar. Please feel free to take one but only if you are sure of buying a gift so as not to leave any child short. Please return gifts WITH TAG ATTACHED by no later than 1st December to enable them to be sorted and distributed to families well in advance.

EVENING MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS

There will be an evening Mass for the Holy Souls every weekday evening (Monday to Friday) throughout November at 6.30pm here in the parish. Please try to come along to join in praying for those we love who have died and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Please pass on the message to friends and family in other parishes. All welcome.

NOVEMBER LISTS

November is traditionally the month of the year when the Church asks us to remember and pray for all our loved ones who have died. You will find November Lists at the doors of the church. Feel free to take one (or more) home with you and fill in the names of those you would like to have prayed for at Masses throughout November. You can return your list, with your donation for the Masses to be offered enclosed, in the box at the front of the church or hand them into either the sacristy or parish house. Every Mass in the parish throughout November will be offered for those whose names are on the lists.

"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.

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.**

Cadoc's, Newton Mearns on Sunday 1st

December 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 or by contacting Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel 0141 8895056.

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.

Lourdes Discipleship Group: A meeting will be held in St. Ninian's Church Hall, Gourrock on **Sunday 1 December at 2.30 pm.** Those eligible for the Pilgrimage Group should be between 18-21. The Pilgrimage takes place from 26 June -2 July 2020. For more information please contact Fr Gerry McNellis stninian@rcdop.org.uk

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 TODAY!

CHANCE TO QUESTION PROSPECTIVE

MPs

Barrhead Churches have organised a Hustings for Wednesday 4th December at 7pm in the Salvation Army Church. This is a chance to meet the four candidates to be our next MP: Labour's Carolann Davidson, Paul Masterton from the Conservative Party, Andrew McGlynn from the Liberal Democrats and the SNP's Kirsten Oswald. ***If you'd like a question asked please email Andy Braunston, minister of the URC via RevdAndyBraunston@gmail.com***

MONTHLY DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

MASS – Wednesday - 7 p.m. 27 November

Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions and Holy Mass will take place on Wednesday 27 November 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in **St Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley, PA1 2UN** and will be celebrated by Father Joe Burke. The Divine Mercy devotions will begin with Holy Mass and then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy chaplet. Light refreshments will be available afterwards. All are welcome. The next monthly mass will be on Wednesday 29 January 2020.

HANDMADE ROSARIES AND JEWELLERY

Mrs Feriale Nasr, one of our parishioners, will be selling some beautiful handmade rosaries and jewellery in the hall after Masses next weekend. All proceeds raised will go to supporting an orphanage school in the Lebanon. This is an excellent chance to buy a Christmas gift and at the same time support a very worthwhile cause.

Evening Prayer and Benediction: St

Margaret', Johnstone, will celebrate Evening prayer of the Church and Benediction on **Sunday 1st December at 6.00pm.** The music will be led by the ***Schola Benedicti.*** All welcome to attend this celebration of the start of Advent.

Parish Christmas Ladies Night

Will be on 29th November 2019. Tickets £5 from the stall – Ann – Rosaleen. Get your tickets early.