

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 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.

26th February 2017 8th Sunday of the Year

LENT

Ash Wednesday falls on the 1st March this year. Masses will be at 8am, 10am and 7pm on the day. Easter Sunday is 16th April this year. A small book with a meditation for each day of Lent is available at the Piety stall, priced £1.

There will be 2 extra morning Masses on Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent at 8.00am and Stations of the Cross on Thursdays at 7.00pm. 40 hours 12-14 March.

WORK ON THE HALL ROOF

The hall car park will be closed Monday- Friday each week

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING- NEW DATE

The next training session for safeguarding will be held in **Friday 30th March at 7pm in St. Thomas' Parish in Neilston.** To register, please email safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or telephone [0141 847 6138](tel:01418476138) stating your name and parish by 16th March.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAYS 2017

These take place in the Diocesan Offices, Cathedral Precincts, Ince Street, Paisley, PA1 1HR. Cost £30 per couple. Please speak to your Parish Priest. **18 February, 18 March, 20 May, 30 September. 11am – 3.30pm**

FUNDRAISING

One idea was to use football cards. The parish could purchase a number of these cards, and you may wish to take some into work or sell teams to your family. Keep up the good ideas and think of how you can be part of our fundraising.

PARISH MISSION

Fr Nicholas Grace who is organising of our parish Mission called to tell me that the order now has 10 religious sisters able to come to Barrhead. We are still looking for someone to take 5 sisters, all of them, if possible from 15-24th September.

TEA ROOM- VIGIL MASS

We are currently looking to open the tea room before and after the 4.30pm Mass to allow parishioners a place and time to chat and meet their friends. Volunteers would need to open up at approx. 3.45pm, lock up for Mass and re open at the end of Mass for a short time. Perhaps tea and coffee could also be provided. Please speak to Fr Paul.

LENTEN TALKS AT ST MIRIN'S CATHEDRAL

Wednesday evenings 7-9pm - Understanding and Praying the Bible. Fr David Birchall SJ & Dr Catriona Fletcher of the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. Two part sessions – first part is Mass in the Cathedral during which we shall look at ways of using the Bible for Prayer. The second part in the Hall is an introduction to the Bible.

EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

ALL WELCOME BUT PARTICULARLY THOSE AFFECTED BY DEMENTIA

You are warmly invited to Evening Prayer and Benediction on Sunday 12th March at 4pm. We particularly encourage people affected by dementia to join us. We encourage you to be part of our celebration. We will sing some of the older traditional hymns ensuring everyone feels included. Please get in touch if you have any questions or call Caroline Brown on 077 366 72003. The Free phone helpline number for Alzheimer Scotland is: 0808 808 3000

PAISLEY FAITH FORUM SPRING SEASON FOR YOUNG ADULTS

How do I take the Bible and Creation Seriously when Everyone Knows about The Big Bang and Evolution? Canon Michael McMahon. **Thu 2 March, 7.00pm.** UWS Catholic Chaplaincy, Paisley High Street (above *Hamish Hoose*). The Spring Season is on the theme: *Tough Questions Catholics Get Asked, and is part of Pope Francis' World Youth Day Challenge to Young People.*

SPRED

Cormack Smith is raising money for SPRED by running a half marathon. If you would like to donate to this very special cause, you can go directly to Cormack's fundraising page at https://www.justgiving.com/Cormack-Smith3?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Cormack-Smith3&utm_campaign=pfp-email.

Thank you for your support!

WALK THE WHITHORN WAY WITH ST MIRIN'S PILGRIMS

Paisley to Lochwinnoch Section. Saturday 4th March 2017, leaving at 9.00am from St Mirin's Cathedral. Open to all walkers. Please register at atpat_murdoch@hotmail.com with your name (and contact phone number) as further information will be posted to you by email. If you wish to be sponsored, please do so for Diocese of Paisley Spred through their just giving page.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Community Transport East Renfrewshire provides help for people to attend medical appointments at GP surgeries, clinics and hospitals. We are looking for drivers with their own cars as well as volunteers to drive our 'Wee Red Buses'. For more information call Anne Marie Kennedy on 0141876 9572

COULD YOU BECOME A KNIGHT OF ST COLUMBA?

We would be delighted to welcome like-minded men to our Order, to assist us in Serving God by Serving others. If you are interested please contact Bertie M Grogan email (membership@ksc.org.uk) or visit <http://www.ksc.org.uk>