

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, 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 May 2019, 6th Sunday of Easter (Year C)

COLLECTIONS

Last weekend's collections

The parish collection raised £1642.00. The second collection for Legacy Fund came to £838.00. *Thank you for your generosity. This week's second collection is to support the Parish Legacy Fund.*

Special Collection next week 1st/2nd June –

Communications: This collection pays for our national Scottish Catholic Media Office which provides a service to the press and media with information on the activities of the Church in Scotland. **The office supports two employees.** In 2017 this collection raised £15,072 which represents 86% of our diocesan expenditure of £17,444, resulting in a shortfall of £2,732, which was funded from diocesan reserves. **Please remember your donation can be gift aided.**

Funerals

There are no funerals this week.

YOUTH TO SALAMANCA:

Some of our teenage parishioners going with the diocese to Salamanca this summer will be standing with buckets at the doors at the end of Masses this weekend. If you have any spare change you want to throw into the bucket to help with the diocesan youth activities, it will be gratefully received. Thank you!!

(Thanks also to the SSVP who are stepping down their boxes this weekend in support of our parish youth).

ASCENSION THURSDAY

This Thursday is Ascension Thursday and is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass times are: Vigil on Wednesday evening at 7pm, Thursday 8am, 10am. **(N.B. no evening Mass on Thursday).** Saint John's Primary will join the parish Mass at 10am and there will be Masses in Saint Mark's Primary and Saint Luke's High during the day.

ORATORY

WE ARE SO BLESSED in our parish to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every weekday, from 10am-9pm. That said, we need more people who are prepared to commit one hour per week to spend with the Lord to ensure continuous adoration while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. If you are able to commit to this one hour, please have a word with Fr Joe or Fr Laurent. In particular, the hours we need covering are Monday, 11-12noon and Wednesday 1pm-2pm. Remember, you are free to pop into the Oratory any time for prayer, keypad number 1560. This is such a worthwhile thing to do!! Oratory re-opens this week on Tuesday morning.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need new volunteers to help lead the children at the start of the new session after the summer holidays. If interested, please speak to Fr Joe—training and support will be given, of course, and as with all church volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults, new leaders will need to be PVGd and receive safeguarding training.

Please note the Children's Liturgy sessions have now concluded until after the summer holidays.

Pentecost Day - 2nd June 2019: A day for Primary school pupils (p4-7) will be held at St. Fergus, Paisley on **Sunday 2nd June 2-6pm**. The program will include Mass. Please bring a consent form. Consent forms can be obtained from your primary school or Parish Priest. For more information please contact Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or phone 0141 889 5056.

COFFEE MORNING FOR DOWNS SYNDROME

SCOTLAND: Thanks to all who supported the coffee morning last Saturday. An absolutely amazing total of over £4,200.00 was raised !!

SICK LIST

As per the bulletin for the past three weeks, the new data protection laws introduced last year require that we regularly review and renew our list of sick parishioners prayed for at Sunday Masses. We should do this every six months as a minimum. Accordingly, a new list will be started at Masses today, 26th May. If you wish to continue (or add) a name to the new list of sick, please give the name to either Fr Joe or Fr Laurent.

LOCAL FOODBANK: We have a desperate need of sugar and plastic bags. If you are able to help, any donations can be left in the bucket in the porch of the church. Thank you.

Summer Camp: The Diocese of Paisley is offering a summer camp for secondary school pupils in the present s1 and s2 this summer at Alton Castle near Birmingham. Come along for a 5-day program of faith-filled fun: Holy Mass, prayer, games, activities, Alton Towers & SO MUCH MORE! Transport from Paisley and back. The trip will be from the 4th to the 8th August and costs £350.00. Places are limited. To reserve a place or find out more please contact Fr. John Morrison tel 0141 8895056 or e-mail vocations@rcdop.org.uk

World Youth Day 2022: Registration is now open for World Youth Day 2022 in Lisbon, Portugal. Details of cost and dates will be advised soon. To register, please visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/news/world-youth-day-2022-lisbon-for-a-lifetime-experience>

The Marriage Counselling service for Paisley Diocese: is approaching the end of it's first year! We'd like to remind you that professionals working in this area (and evidence based studies) all give the same message – "don't leave it too late, get along to discuss professional help if your difficulties are not going away". The first session is a chance for you to meet with the counsellor and then go away and decide if it might work for you as a couple. To see the testimonials of some couples who have used the service please visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/marriage-counselling-service-1> Or contact the counsellor directly for a chat on **01786 469939** or send a brief email to she.dowds@gmail.com There are posters about the service in your church and your parish priest can also give you the necessary contact details.

Fatima Vigils at Howwood: The vigil is always celebrated on 12th of the month at 7.30pm. The vigil begins with the rosary (with procession, weather permitting), continues with the celebration of mass and concludes with a period of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and then Benediction. Tea/coffee available in the hall from 7pm and again after benediction. All welcome!

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**. The next sessions will be held at **7pm** on:

Tuesday 4th June – Diocesan Offices Paisley

Thursday 13th June – St. Joseph's Parish hall, Greenock

Tuesday 18th June – 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.

Problems for Diocese as Visiting Clergy face UKBA Changes to Visas for Ministers of Religion:

Calling on the UK Government to suspend changes to new immigration rules for visiting priests to the UK and to meet with representatives of faith communities to hear their concerns over the visa changes. Please contact your local MP asking them to sign the Early Day Motion. <https://rcdop.org.uk/news/clergy-visas-motions-lodged-in-parliament-please-encourage-your-mp-to-support>

New Dawn in Scotland s1 - s6 Pupils:

Held at St Mirin's church Hall, Paisley Pentecost Saturday— 8th June 2019. The day will begin at 10am with welcome and registration and end with the Vigil mass of Pentecost @ 4.30pm. Our guest speaker is Tony Fitzpatrick, ex-professional footballer who is now the current Director of Football at St Mirren FC. Tony has a wonderful testimony that will challenge and encourage us all in our faith journey. **For more information and to book places, please contact carolinelyall31@hotmail.com / 07799 608 399**

Mary Russell School – 50th Anniversary: The school would like to extend a warm invitation to any former pupils, staff, parents and friends of the school to join them at their 50th Anniversary celebration on **Thursday 13th June at 1pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral**, to give thanks for the 50 years of education and service provided by the school to the community of Renfrewshire. Main Celebrant – Bishop John Keenan. All welcome.

Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion: This day will take place on **Saturday 15th June 11.30am-2.30pm** in **St Mirin's Cathedral** Hall and the church. There will be a time for prayer and talks on our understanding of the Eucharist, as well as practical points to help extraordinary ministers.