

# 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.

**28th April 2019**

**2nd Sunday of Easter (Year C)**

### COLLECTIONS

#### Last weekend's collections

The parish collection raised £2162.00. The second collection for the Legacy Fund came to £1202.00. *Thank you for your generosity.*

***This week's second collection is to support the Sick and Retired Clergy***

#### Special Collection for Sick and Retired Clergy – 28<sup>th</sup> April

We remember our Sick & Retired Priests of the diocese with great love and affection. We have fifteen retired priests, still active in prayer and witness: one living in Rome, six in houses throughout the diocese, four in parish presbyteries, and four at the Residence of the Little Sisters along with Bishop John Cunningham. We thank God for the gift of these priests and keep them in our prayers. In 2018 our three special collections and Friends Campaign raised £69,580, which represents 54% of our expenditure of £128,385. i.e. a shortfall of £58,805, which was met by the Sick & Retired Priests Investment income.

**No Funerals this week**

### CEMETERY MASS

The annual cemetery Mass takes place today in St Conval's cemetery starting at 2pm All welcome.

### Divine Mercy Sunday in St. Mary's Paisley: God's Mercy for the British Isles

Bishop John invites you to join him at our Divine Mercy Shrine in St Mary's Paisley, 163 George Street PA1 2UN, today **Sunday 28 April** to celebrate the first anniversary of *Rosary on the Coast with God's Mercy for the British Isles*. Holy Hour at 4.00 pm. led by Fr. Joe Burke, followed by Holy Mass at 5.00pm celebrated by Bishop John. Buffet in the hall afterwards. All welcome. Search *You Tube God's Mercy for the British Isles* for more information.

**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](mailto: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>

**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 Level one Safeguarding training. The next session will be held in the **Diocesan Office, Incle Street, Paisley, PA1 1HR on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.** Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk) or **0141 847 6138** to register.

**St. Margaret's Adoption 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](http://www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk) or contact us on 0141 332 8371 or e-mail [info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk](mailto:info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk).

**SSVP** Copies of the Easter Edition of the 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  
Thank you and God Bless

**NEW ENVELOPES—PLEASE COLLECT THEM TODAY!!**

The new collection envelopes are available. For members of the GIFT AID scheme, please collect your envelopes from the porch. For those NOT members of the Gift Aid scheme, please take a box, if you wish, from the pew in front of the Our Lady altar.

*If you pay tax (on either earnings or savings) and are not yet a member of the Gift Aid scheme, PLEASE consider joining. It's easy, costs nothing to join and the parish is able to claim back from the government 25p on every pound you donate over the course of the tax year. If interested, have a word with Fr Joe or Mary Logue who will explain more and give you a simple form to complete. Last year the scheme brought in nearly £16,000 extra to the parish, so it is certainly very worthwhile joining up!!*

**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!!

**The EU Settlement Scheme is open for applications:**

The UK's EU Settlement Scheme is now open and free of charge and offers EU citizens living in the UK a legal route to remain. EU, EEA and Swiss citizens must apply to protect their existing rights. Irish citizens and those with indefinite leave to remain do not need to apply. The scheme is open until 30 June 2021. Please go to the official website:

<https://eucitizensrights.campaign.gov.uk/> or helpline tel: 0300 123 7379.

**A Rachel's Vineyard retreat** for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email Marene via the enquiry form on the website [www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk)

**The Marriage Counselling service for Paisley Diocese** is approaching the end of its 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](mailto: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.

**20-40 Network Events:** 20-40 Network organise social events for young Catholics aged 20-40. On **5th May** they are meeting for Coffee in Browns. On **19th May** they are doing an underground tour of Central Station. On **25th May** they have hired a table in slouch. It would be lovely to see some old and new faces at these events. If you fancy coming along just email [2040network@gmail.com](mailto:2040network@gmail.com) for more info.

**Scottish Refugee Council** are pleased that community groups across Scotland can now apply for funding to deliver a peer education project which enables refugees to build social connections with the wider community, improve cultural orientation, increase language practice and build employability pathways. The deadline to apply for our 'Sharing Lives, Sharing Languages' project is **May 5<sup>th</sup> 2019**. For more information please visit the following link

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/assets/0001/4110/Sharing\\_Lives\\_Sharing\\_\\_Languages\\_REPORT.pdf](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/assets/0001/4110/Sharing_Lives_Sharing__Languages_REPORT.pdf)

**SCIAF's WEE BOX 6K Family Fun Run: 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Strathclyde Country Park, 10am for 11am run start. Let's unite to end poverty. Millions of people around the world continue to struggle to support themselves and their families because of extreme poverty, war and natural disasters. Your entry fee and sponsorship will help fund our life changing work. Every step you take will bring someone living in poverty a step closer to supporting themselves and living with dignity. Whether you're old or young, running or walking, with family, friends or going solo, SCIAF's WEE BOX 6K Family Fun Run can help raise money so the poorest can survive and thrive. Sign up online at [www.sciaf.org.uk](http://www.sciaf.org.uk) to show solidarity with people in need around the world.

