

# 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.

## 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019, 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (Year C)

### Last weekend's collections

The parish collection raised £1470.00. The second collection for the Legacy Fund raised £734.00. Thank you for your generosity.

***This week's second collection is for the parish Building Fund.***

### Funerals this week

Maisie McMaster Requiem Monday  
John Byrne Requiem Wednesday

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to become leaders at the Children's Liturgy. That said, another few volunteers would help fill out our rota. If interested, please speak to Fr Joe.

**Would new volunteers please speak with Mary Hallan concerning PVG certification.**

**Children's Liturgy Day:** The Diocesan Liturgy Commission will hold a day for all those involved in Children's Liturgy at St Mirin's Cathedral Hall on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 11.30am-2.30pm**. This will give all groups a chance to meet together, to look at best practice, and resources. All welcome to attend.

### **The Marriage Counselling service for Paisley**

**Diocese:** is approaching the end of it's first year! The first session is a chance for you to meet with the counsellor and then 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)

### **100 Club Winners:**

Please see noticeboard for the names of the July winners.

### **NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS**

*Our annual Novena will begin on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm. Pass the word please. All welcome.*

### **Wheel chair assistance required for Saturday Hospital Vigil Mass at RAH, Paisley:**

We are appealing for some volunteers to join our rota for wheel chair assistance to enable patients at the RAH to attend the 4pm Saturday Vigil Mass. You will assist a person from the ward to the hospital chapel, stay with them for Mass, and then take them back to the ward. Volunteers need to have or need to obtain a PVG as standard diocesan practice. Contact Monsignor John Tormey for further details on 01505 320 900 or email him at [staidan@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:staidan@rcdop.org.uk). You will be asked to help once every three or four weeks and are free to change your day with another helper. Please consider giving some of your time to help those who are ill and who will benefit from your kindness. Thank you.

### **Diocese of Paisley welcomes The relics of St Therese of Lisieux:**

The relics will be in Scotland for two weeks in September. They will be in our Diocese from **14 -16<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. The relics will mainly be at St Mary's Church, Greenock from the evening of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September until the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup>. The relics will then be taken to St Mirin's Cathedral on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September until the afternoon of the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019. All welcome to come and pray before the relics of the "Little Flower". Please our own Diocesan website <https://rcdop.org.uk/news/st-therese-of-lisieux-relics-visit-scotland-2019> where we have more information on the schedule for our Diocese.

### **MARY'S MEALS VISIT**

THE CHARITY Mary's Meals will make its annual visit to the parish this week, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> August. A representative will speak at the Masses and they will sell raffle tickets afterwards if anyone wishes to buy one.

### **SUMMER TIMETABLE OF MASSES**

#### **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>

Since the changes to visa rules mean it is now virtually impossible to welcome foreign Priests to the diocese to supply during the summer holidays and allow our local Priests to get a break, it means the local Priests will now have to cover each other. To this end, many parishes in the diocese, where possible, are moving to a summer timetable for Sunday Masses. By working together in this way, the Priests are then able to cover and support each other. Beginning this week, Fr Laurent will be away most of the summer covering other parishes and since our parish church is more than large enough to facilitate such a change, here in St John's we will be moving to a summer timetable, **effective from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July until the end of August.**

**The Mass times here in St John's over the summer will be:**

**Saturday Vigil at 4.30pm**

**Sunday 11.00am and 4.30pm.**

While these time changes allow Fr Joe and Fr Laurent to help cover elsewhere, it is appreciated there are some who will have difficulty with these new Mass times. For those concerned, please remember there will still be a 10am Mass in St Thomas', Neilston, a 12noon Mass in St Charles', Paisley and a 6.30pm Mass in St Cadoc's, Newton Mearns-- all our neighbouring parishes.

These changes highlight both the shortage of Priests and also how the laws of the land are impinging on the smooth running of our parishes. We all need to pray for more Priests and while our local MP Paul Masterton has been particularly strong at raising the visa issues in parliament on our behalf, we all still need to make our voices heard.

Thank you for your understanding.

### **Singers Wanted:**

The Gleniffer Singers is a fantastic ladies' choir based in Paisley and is recruiting now! Come along ~ 7.15pm on Wednesday (term-time) in St Charles Primary School Rowan Street Paisley.  
Or call Roger on **01505 502 430.**

### **Saint Therese Relics Tour of Scotland:**

The relics will visit the diocese of Paisley on **14-16 September.** Please go to the main **Website:**

<https://www.littleflowerinscotland.co.uk/> and like the **Facebook**, 'St Therese of Lisieux Scotland 2019' to view the itinerary and learn the two hymns composed for the visit. These sites have lots of up to date information as well as an image of the **Icon** which has been commissioned for the tour.

### **DIOCESAN DAY PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN**

This year the Diocesan Day Pilgrimage to Carfin will join the Annual National Pilgrimage on Sunday 1 September 2019. By a happy coincidence it coincides with the presence of the relics of St Therese of Lisieux.

Mass will be celebrated at 3 pm. There will, however, be no procession afterwards as large numbers from Scotland and beyond are anticipated to be present.

All parishes in the Diocese are invited to attend. Buses should arrive at 1.30 pm to give pilgrims an opportunity to visit the shrines etc before Mass.

Unfortunately, due to the large numbers, there will be no catering available. Parishioners are therefore encouraged to bring a packed lunch.

### **For the attention of all Church volunteers with current 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 in the Diocesan offices, Inle Street, Paisley on:

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am**

Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office

[safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk) or

**0141 847 6138** to register.