

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.

29th January 2017 4th Sunday of the Year

WORK ON THE HALL ROOF

The hall car park will be closed Monday-Friday each week until further notice. It may be opened for funerals and weddings taking place during the week. The immediate area around the hall will be closed to the public at all times.

SPRED COLLECTION BOXES

Please return the SPRED box to the parish before 1st March. Many thanks.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From March 1 through April 9, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Hardgate Road, off Shieldhall Road, Govan contact: Rose Docherty – Ogilvie2017@outlook.com.

INAUGURAL ANNUAL YOUTH MASS

Tuesday 31 January at 7pm in St Mirin's Cathedral. This Mass on the feast of St John Bosco, Patron Saint of the young. It will be used to launch our Diocesan Synodal Youth Strategy, "The Adventure of Mercy. A special invitation is extended to those involved in their parishes in ministries where young people and young adults can be involved.

PARISH JUBILEE MISSION

The parish will host a group of religious priests, seminarians and religious sisters who will give a parish mission between 16-24th September. The priests and seminarians can be housed in the parish house. However, we are looking for accommodation for the sisters. The order is called the Institute of the Incarnate Word, and the sisters from this family are called the Servants of the Lord & of the Virgin of Matara', or the Servidoras for short. We hope to have 7 sisters visiting the parish. In the first instance, we are looking to house them together in one house. Perhaps you have a number of empty rooms, an empty house, or will be on holiday at that time and would be happy for them to house sit? They are happy to share rooms, if necessary. If you could host all of them that would be wonderful. The parish will provide meals for them, and they would be out all day.

12 O'CLOCK CHOIR

Choir practices for 12 o'clock choir will be starting on Thursday 9th February. Time: 7 pm Venue: Tearoom just by the oratory. Please feel free to join us or even to sample a practice. All welcome. Further information : 0141 580 9318.

ABC

Karen Johnstone has demitted office as secretary of ABC. As a number of people have been asking about ABC we thought it would be good to try to find out if there is any enthusiasm to try to restart it. If you are interested please attend a meeting in the United Reformed Church Hall on Thursday 9th February at 7.30pm.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING- NEW DATE

The Scottish Safeguarding Service, an agency of Bishops' Conference Scotland, has released new Safeguarding Training as part of a suite of several levels of training to assist and inform all who are involved with vulnerable groups in our parishes. Level 1 is a 90 minute safeguarding training session for volunteers and forms a mandatory part of safe recruitment which also includes membership of the PVG Scheme (or a PVG Update). A training session is arranged for **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. Please note that the maximum number for this training session is 70.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAYS 2017

For engaged couples as they prepare to enter the sacrament of Marriage. These will take place in the Diocesan Offices, Cathedral Precincts, Inle Street, Paisley, PA1 1HR. Cost £30 per couple (This includes information pack and lunch on the day) To book, please speak to your Parish Priest. **18 February, 18 March, 20 May, 30 September. 11am – 3.30pm**

PRIESTS FOR SCOTLAND

Please pick up your free copy of our new magazine from this weekend. The magazine focuses on six young men who are currently studying for the Priesthood. Pray for vocations from your parish community!

ST. PATRICK'S GREENOCK - PARISH MISSION

John Pridmore and the St. Patrick's Community will be returning to St. Patrick's, Greenock to give a second Mission from the 6th to the 10th of February at 7pm. Each 'mission night' has a different theme with talks from the group, prayer, music and a lot more. We really encourage you to come to all five nights to get the most out of the Mission. All welcome!

BROWNIES

1st Barrhead Brownies have resumed after the Christmas break in the Bourock Hall on Thursdays at 6.15pm.

FOODBANK

Many thanks to those who have contributed to the Foodbank especially during the Festive period. Please continue to support us. We are particularly in need of bags of sugar at the moment.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This week for the extra building fund, next week for the parish building fund.

FUNDRAISING

With the hall roof work underway; there will be various initiatives for fundraising. As part of this, I would like to ask parishioners to think of ideas for fundraising, and invite individuals or groups to take the initiative and take these forward. Speak to Fr Paul about your ideas.