

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.

30th June 2019, Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul (Year C)

Last weekend's collections

The parish collection raised £1742.00. The second collection for the Legacy Fund came to £823.00. *Thank you for your generosity.*

Today's Special Collection - Peter's Pence:

This is the practice of the laity to provide financial support to the Holy See to allow the Holy Father the means to respond to those suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. Catholics around the world contribute roughly £70M annually through this collection. The US is the biggest contributor at 30%, followed by Italy, Germany, Spain, France, Ireland, Brazil and South Korea. In 2017 this collection raised £15,191 which is fully remitted to the Apostolic Nunciature for onward transmission to Rome.

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 all involved with the liturgy—current and new leaders-- please come along to a short meeting after the 10am Mass in the tearoom today.

100 Club Draw Winners

1st Prize Marie McCool

2^{ns} Prize John Millar

3rd Prize Ase Smith

4th Prize B Melee

5th Prize Maureen Davidson

Prizes available in the sacristy after Masses.

PASSION PLAY

AGAP Theatre presents "A Sign of Contradiction: The Passion Story" by Stephen Callaghan at 7.30pm on Friday 19th July in St John's Church Hall, Barrhead. The play explores the circumstances surrounding the events of the first Holy Week. Following a successful tour during the Archdiocese of Glasgow's Lentfest, catch it in Barrhead before it heads to the Edinburgh Fringe. Tickets COST £5.00 from 0141 552 5527 or www.eventbrite.co.uk and after Masses in St John's stall or sacristy.

Attention all S6 Advanced Higher Maths Students

If you are studying ADVH Maths next year then you might be interested in a unique opportunity to make progress with the Calculus element of the course.

Deacon Denis is offering a four-week course on Saturday mornings, in the tearoom, from 10:30 -12:30. The dates are: 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th July. You will cover a significant portion of the Differentiation outcome. You will also be given an insight into the controversies associated with the theories which lie behind the methods. In particular we will look at the tension between (and resolution of) the Mathematical understanding of the nature of reality and Religious faith. Spaces are limited and are on a first come first served basis. A permission form can be collected from the Sacristy.

Mass for Vocations: There will be a Mass offered for Vocations every **1st Tuesday of the month** at **7pm** in the chapel of the Little Sisters in Greenock. All are welcome. Please come along and help pray for vocations.

Remember, new Mass times start next weekend!!

RELICS OF SAINT THERESE OF LISIEUX

The relics will be in Scotland for two weeks in September. They will be in our Diocese from **14 - 16th September 2019**. The relics will mainly be at St Mary's Church, Greenock from the evening of Saturday 14th September until the morning of the 15th. The relics will then be taken to St Mirin's Cathedral on Sunday 15th September until the afternoon of the 16th September 2019. All welcome to come and pray before the relics of the "Little Flower".

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>

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 or contact us on 0141 332 8371 or e-mail info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk.

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.

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 6th 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.

