

# 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.

**16<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year C)**

### Collections

Last week's collection for the parish, including standing orders paid via the bank, was £1584.00. The collection for the Legacy Fund raised £874.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.

The second collection this weekend is for the Parish Legacy Fund.

### **FUNERALS THIS WEEK**

There are no funerals this week.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The parish is in need of some volunteers.

1. Cleaners for the church, hall and tearoom. If interested. Please come along after Mass on Tuesday or Thursday morning or have a word with Margaret Costello.

2. Hallkeeper(s). This person(s) would be responsible for the general upkeep of the hall. If interested, have a word with Father Joe and he can give more details. ***Our parish has always had a great reputation for volunteering.***

### **CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY**

Any children wanting to participate in the Nativity Play on Christmas Eve please come along to our rehearsal in the hall. (Rehearsals will be in the hall on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>, Wednesdays 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> in the church).

### **CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISITMAS** As well as the

weekly Saturday timetabled Confessions, Fr Joe and Fr Laurent will be hearing confessions every morning after Mass and also every evening from 7.00pm to 7.30pm, starting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This provides even more opportunity for the Sacrament than a single evening event.

**ALL DAY CONFESSIONS** in the Cathedral on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 9am to 9pm.

### STALL

We have an impressive collection of beautiful and tasteful Christmas cards, gifts, nativity sets, etc. Why not stop by for a look after Mass?

### LADIES NIGHT

A huge thank you to all who participated in any way in the recent Ladies' Night fundraiser. £1100.00 was raised thanks to your kindness and great generosity!!

### **CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING**

**The Youth Coffee Morning takes place today after 10am Mass. Festive fun and a Special Visitor! Please come and support the youth of our parish.**

**ST MARGARET'S ADOPTION SOCIETY:** If you have ever thought about adoption and would like to know more, please contact our office for a chat with one of our friendly and experienced staff on **0141 332 8371** or email [info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk](mailto:info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk)

### **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS STICKERS**

Margaret is again selling these stickers to help raise funds for street children in Columbia. They are priced at £2. Please contact Margaret on 0141 571 5419.

**New. St Mirin's Fund:** The Diocese of Paisley has set up a Fund to disburse the funds of the Episcopal Charities and the Bishop's Fund. The Fund team, chaired by Canon Peter McGarry, will make around £10,000 worth of grants annually to projects in the diocese or led by parishioners of the diocese that help to build up the Kingdom of God or alleviate special need. Applications considered quarterly. To make an application go to our diocesan website and download the forms.

**Mass at the Chaplaincy:** Mass at the Chaplaincy Center has now finished with the end of term. Mass will resume on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 12.30. Thank you.

**Carols in the Cathedral** – Bishop John invites you to the annual Diocesan Christmas carol service for all the family on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December** at 3pm in St. Mirin's

Cathedral. Come along and join in on the festive cheer! There will be tea, coffee and mince pies in the cathedral hall after the service and a selection box for the children.

### **SPRED Advent Boxes**

Please take away your SPRED Advent Boxes and bring them back as full as you can early in the New Year. SPRED is our Special Religious Education Group for our parishioners with special needs and meets in twenty-one groups around our diocese, also reaching out to our local special needs schools, through 200 volunteer parishioners. Last year your Advent Boxes brought in an amazing £12,000 through the diocese. We will be holding our annual SPRED parish collection in February which, last year, raised £23,000. Thanks again for your generosity which is helping this wonderful organisation in our diocese to spread and grow from strength to strength.

**Alpha at St Bernadette, Erskine:** The next session of Alpha starts on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** at **7:00pm** and will finish on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. This will include an Away day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March. The Alpha Course is a 10-week program which has three important elements, Food, Talk and Discussion. If you would like to know more about the Alpha Course, please come along to an Introductory Session on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7:00pm in St. Bernadette's, Erskine. If interested, please contact Andy Milwain at [andy.alphaerskine@gmail.com](mailto:andy.alphaerskine@gmail.com)

### **JESSE TREE**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN SUPPORTING THIS VERY WORTHWHILE PROJECT. ALL DONATIONS HAVE NOW BEEN DISTRIBUTED.**

**Carols by Candlelight:** with the Senior & Junior Choirs of The Academy of Sacred Music. Followed by mulled wine and Christmas cake. Turnbull Hall, Glasgow. **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at **7pm.**

### **ST LUKE'S SCHOOL SHOW**

St Lukes High School are putting on a musical show in Eastwood Theatre on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January. "Popstars" is a musical of song and dance. Tickets- adult £8 concessions £6. Leaflets at the back of the church or information can be obtained via Eastwood Theatre webpage.

**Faith Winter Session for Young Adults:** Christ Our Eucharist, the Summit of Christian Life Faith Winter Session, Stonyhurst, **27-29 December** during the Christmas holidays for young Catholics. This is a great experience to pray and learn about your Catholic Faith alongside 200 or so young Catholics, and in the company of priests and sisters from around the UK. A coach leaves from Edinburgh and Glasgow. This year's theme is Christ Our Eucharist, the Summit of Christian Life. Bishop John has been invited and will be attending. For more info go to [faith.org.uk/events](http://faith.org.uk/events)

**Hospital Chaplaincy Services** Please remember to let our hospital chaplains know if you or a relative are going into hospital or have been in hospital for any length of time. Our chaplains do not get to see everyone and very much appreciate you letting them know directly. For the RAH you can contact Mgr. Tormey at [staidan@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:staidan@rcdop.org.uk) or tel: 01505 320 900 or for the IRH Mgr. Gallagher at [stpatrick@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:stpatrick@rcdop.org.uk) or tel: 01475 720223. There is always a priest on call 24/7 for emergency call outs, in which case families can ask the nursing staff on the ward to contact the on-call priest.

### **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY 6.30PM  
VIGIL MASS 7.00PM  
CAROLS 11.30PM

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

MIDNIGHT MASS  
11.00AM