



## St Charles' Parish

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**Parish Priest:** Canon James Duggan

**Priest in Residence:** Mgr. James Canon Cunningham (retired)

### Liturgical Services

**Mass times:** Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm  
Sunday - 10.30am, 12.00noon & 5.30pm  
Weekdays - 10.00am  
**Confession:** Thursday - 9:30-9:50am  
Saturday - 9:30-9:50am, 4:30-5:00pm & after 5pm Mass  
**Rosary:** Weekdays - 9.35am  
**Exposition:** Tuesday - 10.30-11.30am

### Legacies

*When making a will, have you thought of leaving a legacy to the parish or diocese?*

### Gift Aid

*If you pay tax, fill in a Gift Aid form and we get an extra 25% on top of your donation.*

## *1st Sunday of Advent - Year B*

### INTRODUCTION

The ancient spiritual tradition of *memento mori* is one of calling to mind our own eventual death in order to focus on eternity and live a better life. How easy it is to be lulled into the sleep of the world and to forget that there is a limit to our earthly time. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for Christ's return in glory. When the Lord comes, will he find us awake?

### ADVENT

During the season of Advent we will continue with our Monday evening Mass at 7.00pm. We hope that many of you will take this opportunity to come along and prepare for Christmas.

### PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL

The next full meeting of the Pastoral Parish Council will take place this coming Tuesday, 5th December at 7.00pm in the **Chapel House** (note change of venue!). A copy of the minutes of the last meeting is on the noticeboard.

### PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

This takes place this coming Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, after the 10.00am Mass. All are welcome to join in prayer.

### GIVING TREE - PAISLEY FOOD BANK

There will be a collection of **non-perishable** food items (within date!) during the season of Advent. Donations can be placed under the Tree for Giving at the side next to the Sacred Heart Window and will be given to the Paisley Food Bank/St Fergus' Cafe.

### UWS CHAPLAINCY

Studying at UWS? Would you like to get involved in our Catholic society? If so, please contact Fr. John Morrison @ [johnmorrison1976@gmail.com](mailto:johnmorrison1976@gmail.com)

### ST. MIRIN'S CHAPLAINCY CENTRE

First talk of the New Year. Anthony Gielty - Out of Darkness. Prior to a dramatic conversion experience, Anthony was regarded as one of Scotland's most violent prisoners. Assessed as virtually unmanageable by prison authorities, His life was changed through an encounter with a priest and a profound experience of God's grace. Since then he has dedicated his life to bringing others to Christ. Come and hear his remarkable testimony on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre. For more information - @paisleyvocations on fb & twitter!

### PIETY STALL

A selection of Christmas Cards and Gifts are available to purchase at the piety stall. Please take time to see what's on offer for Christmas.

### MARY'S MEALS ROSARY BEADS

Liz Grant of Mary's Meals has made some lovely Rosary Beads in boxes together with little reflections which go with the Mysteries. These are available at £5 each or £7 gift wrapped - a perfect stocking filler. Each Rosary would come with a little certificate saying how the purchase of such will now provide a meal for a child for six months. Contact Liz at [liz.grant6111@gmail.com](mailto:liz.grant6111@gmail.com) or by phoning 0141-316-5079.

### COLLECTION

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £2,123 and £1,660 for SPRED. This weekend the second collection is for the Building Fund.

### PRESENTATION FOR FR STEPHEN

You are all invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr Stephen's ministry here at St Charles' on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. Tea and coffee will be provided in the hall after Mass and we would be grateful for any donations of home baking on the night.

### 200 CLUB NOVEMBER DRAW

The winners for the November draw are:

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| 1. | 25  | Karen Petrie - £200.00    |
| 2. | 8   | Angela Magennis - £100.00 |
| 3. | 49  | Pauline Dudgeon - £50.00  |
| 4. | 63  | Shevaun Mulligan - £25.00 |
| 5. | 167 | Joyce McMenemy - £25.00   |

Please pick up your winnings from the Sacristy or Chapel House.

### SVDP

SVDP welcomes parishioners living with dementia, accompanied by a friend, for a fish tea at 1.30pm this coming Monday, 4th December in St Mirin's church hall, followed by entertainment and bingo. If you can come please phone Terry on 07391 926799 to confirm numbers. Lunches will be held at the same time on the first Monday of every month.

### FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

We hope to decorate the church and crib over Christmas and any donations towards the purchase of poinsettias can be handed in either to the Chapel House or the Sacristy.

### CHRISTMAS CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

There will be a Christmas Charity Quiz Night this coming Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, in St Mary's Church Hall in aid of St Vincent de Paul. Admission is £2.00 each and all are welcome to come along.

### MARTIN AELRED CONCERT

Martin will be singing Songs of Andrea Bocelli in St Mirin's Cathedral on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. This is a FREE concert with a donation for the Diocesan charities.

### CHRISTMAS CARD DISTRIBUTION

A box will be provided in the porch so that cards can be left in alphabetical order and in a tidy manner for collection. Any cards not picked up by Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December will be recycled.

### TOP HAT MUSICAL

If you are interested in coming to see Paisley Musical & Operatic Society's performance of Top Hat at the King's Theatre, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 20th February 2018, please contact Ann Fulton on 01505 337495. Leave a message and your call will be returned. Tickets cost £19 and a bus will be arranged.

### HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations at St Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street, Paisley, beginning at 7pm on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please come along and pray for Vocations.

