



# 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.*

## *2nd Sunday of Advent - Year B*

### INTRODUCTION

As John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord, so we, too, must prepare for his coming by being Jesus' disciples – his witnesses in the world. Our readings today give us hope that Jesus is coming, but also offer a challenge to prepare the way before him. John the Baptist's words in today's Gospel point us to Jesus while challenging us to repent. In order to prepare the way and *make straight his paths*, we must be willing to sometimes go out on a limb and be that voice crying in the wilderness, proclaiming the mightiness of our Savior.

### 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.

### 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.

### TIMES OF SERVICES FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

There will be leaflets available in the porch giving the times of our Advent and Christmas services. Please take one home with you and keep it safe.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS

There are sheets in the porch for Eucharistic Ministers and readers to put their name down if they are willing to volunteer to assist at any of the Christmas and New Year Masses.

### 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)

### MASS AT ST. MIRIN'S CHAPLAINCY CENTRE

Mass will be celebrated at St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street, Paisley every Tuesday and Thursday throughout Advent at 1.00pm. Please feel free to join us.

### 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 £1,877 and £1,145 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 - OUTSTANDING

Could the following person please pick up their winnings from the Sacristy or Chapel House as soon as possible:

**November draw:** No: 49 Pauline Dudgeon - £50.00

### 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.

### ALL DAY CONFESSIONS

There will be all day confessions in St Mirin's Cathedral from 9am until 9pm on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### ANNUAL CAROLS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Bishop John invites you to a Christmas Carol Service for all the family on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral. Come along and join in the festive cheer!

### PANTOMIME – SNOW WHITE

If you have asked for tickets to see Snow White at Paisley Arts Centre on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> December, Mary McGroarty now requires payment as soon as possible. Adult tickets are £19.50 and Concession tickets for children and OAPs are £15.50. She will be here next Sunday morning, or contact her on 07710 512991.

### 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.

### 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.

