



St Charles' Parish

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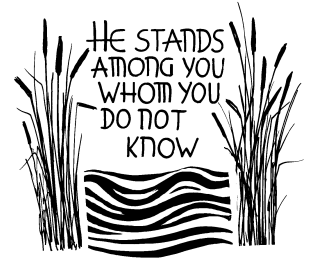
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Scottish Charity No. SCO13514



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.

3rd Sunday of Advent - Year B

TIMES OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve: 4.30pm - Children's Nativity followed by
5:00pm - Christmas Day Vigil Mass;
11.30pm - Carol Service, followed by
Midnight Mass
Christmas Day: **10:30am; 12:00 noon**
Boxing Day: 12.00 noon (*instead of 10.00am*)
Hogmanay: **Normal Sunday services**
New Year's Day: 10:00am
2nd January: 12.00 noon (*instead of 10.00am*)

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation this week

Monday:

9am—9pm *in St. Mirin's Cathedral*

Tuesday—Friday:

After Morning Mass

Saturday 23rd:

9.30am—9.55am; after Morning Mass

4.30pm—4.55pm, after Evening Mass

Next weekend there is the normal Sunday Mass obligation and the Christmas Day Mass obligation

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.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

The Scripture Study group will meet this Monday, 18th December in the Chapel House at 7.00pm. The text for study is Luke 1: 21-36. New members are very welcome. This is an excellent way to prepare for Christmas.

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. There are still some spaces left, so please help if you can!

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

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.

OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Please note that the **Tea Bar and Hall** will be closed from Friday, 22nd December until Wednesday, 4th January, 2018.

CRIB APPEAL

Our crib will be blessed at the Christmas services and offerings placed in the box will be donated to St. Margaret's Children and Family Care Society. Please give generously to help the needs of families in today's society.

OTHER LOCAL PARISHES

TIMES OF SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS

There is a list in the porch of the times of Christmas services at some of our local parishes.

COLLECTION

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £2,082.

PRESENTATION FOR FR STEPHEN

You are all invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr Stephen's ministry here at St Charles' this coming Tuesday, 19th 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.

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.

ANNUAL CAROLS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Bishop John invites you to a Christmas Carol Service for all the family on Wednesday, 27th 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, 27th 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 this Sunday morning, or contact her on 07710 512991.

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, 22nd December will be recycled.

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.

SAFEGUARDING

For the attention of all those with 'church' PVG certificates: The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group has recommended that *all* volunteers doing regulated work with children and vulnerable adults or both, should do the Level 1 training by the end of 2017 and, with the agreement of Bishop John, this has been implemented as diocesan policy. In order to cover the remaining volunteers still to receive training, the following dates have been arranged for January 2018:

St. John's Parish Hall, Barrhead on Wednesday 17th January at 7pm-8.30pm; St. Mirin's Parish Hall, Paisley on Saturday 27th January at 10.30am-12noon. Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or 0141 847 6138 to register for this training session.

