



St Charles' Parish

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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.

4th 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*)

CAR PARKING

As we expect car parking to be extremely congested at the 5pm Vigil Mass for Christmas on Sunday, we have permission from the Charleston Centre in Stock Street to use their car park. To prevent the difficulties experienced last year, the police have said that there will be no parking on the south side of Stock Street. If necessary, they will remove cars parked in areas marked by cones. They are doing this to make the flow of traffic easier for everyone. Please park considerately! Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

INTRODUCTION

Have faith in God's promises. Sometimes, as children, we think that a special day, such as Christmas or a birthday, will never arrive, but it always does, eventually. The people of the Old Testament were waiting for centuries for the coming of the Messiah to free them. Jesus did come, but it took a long time before he was accepted.

THANKS

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone for their generous collection for Fr Stephen, donations of home baking, those who took part in the service and all who helped and gave their support in any way to make the Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Stephen so special on Tuesday evening. The night was a resounding success, enjoyed by all who came along.

WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS

The Western Catholic Calendars giving times and services throughout the western part of the country are now available from the piety stall or from the Sacristy, priced £3.20. They usually sell very quickly, so please make sure you get your copy soon!

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

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.

As I celebrate my First Christmas with you since moving to St. Charles', I wish to thank you all for the welcome that I have received in these past weeks. You have all been so kind and thoughtful. I very much appreciate how much you want me to feel settled here. I am delighted and honoured to be with you. I look forward to getting to know you better and to discover what The Lord seeks of me as I learn how best to serve you and this community. Many thanks to all who have worked so hard to prepare for our celebration of Christmas. May you receive abundant blessings from Jesus in this Holy Season. Fr Jim

COLLECTION

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £2,107.

200 CLUB DECEMBER DRAW

The winners for the December draw are:

1. 202 Mary Kelly - £200.00
2. 132 Angus O'Henley - £100.00
3. 62 Rine Turnbull - £50.00
4. 139 Jacqueline Robertson - £25.00
5. 129 Daniel Irvine - £25.00

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

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!

ST. MIRIN'S SCOUT GROUP CEILIDH

This takes place in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall on Friday, 29th December from 7.30pm. The 'Reel Thing' Ceilidh band will entertain us, so bring along your friends and relations—it is always a busy and fun night. There is a bar & tickets priced £7 can be obtained from Gerry Green on 07771 526097.

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.

