



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 in Ordinary Time - Year B

INTRODUCTION

The Lord continually calls us – do we have ears to hear? Samuel does not recognize God's voice, but he is alert and obedient, listening and ready for action. We hear that he *ran* when called, and another time he *rose*. Eli gives Samuel the correct response: *Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening*. We live in a world of noise and distraction. Are we ready to answer? Can we even hear?

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop John will be read out at our Sunday Masses next weekend outlining our Synod's plans through 2018 for a process of consultation and deliberation regarding the reconfiguration of our diocese and local areas in terms of a new model of evangelisation, lay participation and synodal discernment and decision making. To accompany the letter there will be information leaflets, a fuller online link and prayer cards.

MEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

This group is intended to give men of the Parish the opportunity to meet together for a coffee and social chit-chat in the hall once a week. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, 9th January, and is timed to follow the 10am Mass. This invitation is extended to any man in the Parish who wishes to come 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!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

On Thursday, 18th January we mark the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Paisley. There is a list on the noticeboard indicating where a short service will be held each day from 18th - 25th January. **We will host this event here in St Charles' on Tuesday, 23rd January at 12.00 noon.** There will be a cup of tea in the hall after the service and all are welcome.

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

CRIB APPEAL

The crib will remain in the Church until the Feast of the Presentations of the Lord. Please continue to support St. Margaret's Children & Family Care Society by your donations.

THINKING ABOUT ADOPTION?

Have you ever considered adoption? If you think you can offer a loving family home to a child or even siblings, St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society would like to hear from you. Please contact them for a confidential chat and some further information on 0141 332 8371 or visit their website: www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk.

COLLECTION

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £2,100 and £1,212 for the Building Fund. This weekend the second collection is for Justice & Peace.

JUSTICE AND PEACE SCOTLAND

The Scottish Catholic Justice and Peace Commission is part of the Pontifical Council *Justitia et Pax*. It campaigns on behalf of the Church against renewal of Trident, for fairness for asylum seekers and refugees and for action against climate change and for the environment. It also networks with local parish groups and advises our Bishops on social justice, international peace and human rights.

ANNUAL YOUTH MASS

This will take place in St. Mirin's Cathedral on Wednesday 31st January, The Feast of St John Bosco, at 7pm. Bishop John will preside. All are welcome!

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 on 0141 847 6138 or safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk to register for this training session.

20-40 NETWORK EVENTS

Aged 20-40? Would you like to meet some fellow young Catholics? 'Networking at the Museum' is on 20th January at Kelvingrove Museum, 2pm-4pm. 'The Quiztastic Quiz of the Year' is on 3rd February in the function room of Blackfriars Bar in the Merchant City, 1pm-5pm. e-mail 2040network@gmail.com to buy a ticket or join our mailing list to find out about future events if you can't make this one. We're also on Facebook at [facebook.com/2040network](https://www.facebook.com/2040network).

BETHANDY SUPPORT GROUP

There is a poster on the noticeboard giving details of a Family & Friends Support Group for those affected by a loved one's drug or alcohol use. The first meeting takes place on Thursday, 25th January from 7.00-9.00pm in Linwood Gospel Hall, 32 Bridge Street, Linwood, PA3 3DR. For further information, please contact Susan on 07379 480100.

