



St Charles' Parish

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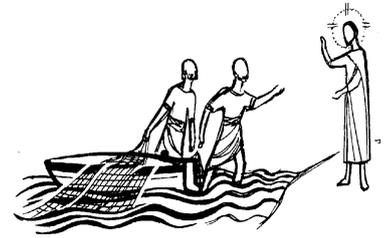
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Scottish Charity No. SCO13514



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 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 this 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.

CERTIFICATE IN PARISH MISSION & MINISTRY

To advance the work of the Paisley Synod, the Diocese is exploring a partnership with the Maryvale Institute in Birmingham to deliver some distance learning courses to support our laypeople in various aspects of Parish ministry. We hope to run a course leading to the Certificate in Parish Mission and Ministry. If you think this would be of interest to you, please speak to Fr Jim. There will be an information evening in the Diocesan Office on Monday 5th February at 7pm. You can find more information on the Maryvale website <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/certificate-in-parish-mission-and-ministry.html>

FAMILY MASS

The Family Mass takes place this weekend at 10.30am and the children of P6 will lead the Liturgy. There will be a cup of tea in the hall afterwards and all are welcome to come through.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

The Scripture Study group will meet this coming Monday, 22nd January at 7.00pm in the Chapel House. The text for study is Mark 1: 21-28. New members are very welcome to come along - an excellent way to begin the year.

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 after the 10am Mass. This invitation is extended to any man in the Parish who wishes to come along.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

There will be a short service here in St Charles' this coming Tuesday, 23rd January at 12.00 noon. There will be a cup of tea in the hall after the service and all are welcome to attend.

ST MIRIN'S CHAPLAINCY BY UWS

Mass will be available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 12.45pm in St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street Paisley. Please come and join us!

DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood in 2018? For more information please contact Fr. John Morrison 01418895056 or e-mail vocations@rcdop.org

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.

COLLECTION

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £2,124 and £1,226 for Justice & Peace.

VISITS TO THE HOUSEBOUND

Over the past few weeks a number of requests have been made for Fr Jim to visit some people who are housebound. The Sacristy has been quite busy with a number of notes handed in about different things. To ensure that no one who should be seen is missed out, if you have made such a request recently, then please confirm the details with Fr Jim. There is a form available in the Sacristy for this to try to prevent mistakes. Thanks.

PARISH COUNCIL GROUP MEETINGS

The following meetings are taking place at 7.00pm in the Chapel house this month: Spirituality - Monday, 22nd January and Fabric & Finance - Tuesday 23rd January.

EDUCATION SUNDAY 28th JANUARY

SERVING THE COMMON GOOD

Next Sunday is Education Sunday, marking the start of a week when we celebrate the importance of educating children and young people in faith. During this Catholic Education Week we are asked to reflect on how we are "Serving the Common Good" in our homes, schools and parishes. This year is the Centenary Year of the Education (Scotland) Act of 1918 which brought pre-existing and future Catholic schools into the public provision of education. This historic legislation qualified Catholic schools for public funding and opened the door to much more extensive access to Catholic education. Since then Catholic schools have flourished amazingly. Catholic schools have demonstrated time and again that they are much valued and very popular centres of educational excellence, with many pupils achieving academic and personal success. For that reason, *Catholic schools are good for Scotland*, in *Serving the Common Good*.

EDUCATION SUNDAY – APPEAL FOR TEACHERS

If you would like further information on becoming a teacher in our Catholic schools, please contact the Scottish Catholic Education Service: mail@sces.uk.com

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: In order to cover the remaining volunteers still to receive training, the following date has been arranged for January 2018: 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.

NOTICES IN THE PORCH

Please see notices in the porch regarding the following:

Anthony Gierty – 'Out of Darkness'

Youth to Lourdes 2018

SPUC Communications Academy

Healthcare Men and Women of Conscience

The Alpha Course

Across

SCMA White Mass

