



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.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

INTRODUCTION

Sin separates us from God. In the same way that leprosy separated people from their communities until they were healed, sin separates us from God until we ask for forgiveness and healing. Let us have the faith of the leper in today's Gospel, and believe in the healing words and touch of Jesus when it is our time to need forgiveness.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is on 14th February (this coming week) and there will be Mass and distribution of ashes at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

There is Mass at 8.00am in St. Mirin's Cathedral
Ash Wednesday is one of only two days of fasting and abstinence, when we are required to avoid eating meat and those aged between 16 and 60 should fast. This means that we should only have one full meal, with two light meals in addition. Anyone with health problems that would be worsened by fasting does not need to fast, but can do some other penance to mark the beginning of Lent.

LENTEN MASSES

From Friday 16th February, there will be evening Masses on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays of Lent at 7.00pm in addition to the 10 am Mass every weekday. There will be Stations of the Cross each Monday after the 7.00pm Mass and each Friday after the 10.00am Mass. It is a great opportunity for prayer.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

Please pray for our P4 Children this week who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation on Thursday at 7pm. *(There is no evening Mass here that evening but there is Mass in St. Mirin's)*

FORTY HOURS ADORATION

This takes place from Sunday, 25th - Tuesday, 27th February. To ensure that there is always someone present with the Blessed Sacrament, sheets are available in the porch so that people can indicate when they will be present in the church. Please take advantage of this great time for prayer during Lent. Full details will be available in the bulletin next weekend.

ONLINE LENT RETREAT

All are welcome to take part in a new online Lent Retreat initiative in collaboration with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre and the Epiphany group. A weekly Lent prayer group to encourage and support those following the online retreat will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7.00-8.30pm at St Columba's Renfrew starting on 13th February. For more information and to sign up, go to www.lentretreat.uk. (See the poster in the porch).

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!

We're delighted to announce that **Sunday Mass** will be available at the St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre at 5pm during term time. Our first Sunday Mass will be on the first Sunday of Lent, 18th February.

COLLECTION

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £2,170 and £1,213 for the Building Fund. This weekend the second collection is for the Scottish Catholic Education Service.

DEACON BRIAN MCKENZIE

On Friday, Bishop John made some new appointments for the Permanent Deacons of the Diocese. He has appointed Deacon Brian McKenzie to our parish from the first weekend in March. We look forward to welcoming him to our parish community.

SCIAF BOXES

This weekend SCIAF launch their Wee Box Twice as Big Lent Appeal, which will focus on their work to help women farmers in Africa. Every £1 you give will be doubled by the UK Government. The boxes and materials attached are in the porch - please take one home with you.

200 CLUB

If you have not already joined the 200 Club, why not think about it? Join in the fun and help your church - it costs £5 by monthly standing order. If you are interested, contact Joseph McKeeman on 07825 020327.

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.

LENTEN TALKS AT ST MIRIN'S CHAPLAINCY

The chaplaincy will be hosting the following series of talks on Wednesdays throughout Lent:

21st February: Rev. Tom Boyle 'The Jesus Prayer'

28th February: Rev. Jonathan Whitworth 'Prayer - Everything you were afraid to ask!'

7th March: Rev. Matthew Carlin - 'Praying the Mass'

14th March: Rev. Patrick Burke - 'Prayer - Journey into the heart of our being'

21st March: Rev. John Morrison - 'Prayer - Millennials, Credibility and Red-Letter Catholicism'

All talks begin at 7pm and will last for approximately an hour. Everyone is welcome to come along.

DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

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

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

