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Parish Priest: Canon James Duggan **Permanent Deacon:** Deacon Brian Mackenzie
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: Thursday - 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.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

INTRODUCTION

Let us be faithful in speech and action. The first reading today uses the example of a sieve to show how grain (good fruit) is separated from the husks (the dead shell). Tribulation and difficulties are sieves in our own lives – and when we are shaken, the real fruit of who we are will be revealed in both our speech and actions.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is on 6th March (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.

OUR LENTEN SERVICES

During Lent we will have Mass on Mondays and Thursdays at 7.00pm in addition to the usual 10.00am weekday Mass. On Fridays (from 15th March) we will have Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7.00pm.

HOLY HOUR

Friday, 8th March has been designated as a Day of Prayer by Pope Francis for those who have suffered abuse. Please keep this intention in your prayers. As Fr Jim is on retreat from 8th-15th March, he will hold a Holy Hour on **Thursday, 7th March at 7.00pm.**

LENTEN STATION MASSES

To prepare ourselves for the Celebration of Easter Bishop John will celebrate a Station Masses with the people in our MATN cluster areas here in St Charles' on Monday, 11th March at 7.00pm. There will be tea in the hall after the Mass and all are welcome.

LENT DAY FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Diocese of Paisley will be holding a Lenten reflection day for primary school pupils in P 4, 5, 6 +7 next Sunday, 10th March at St. Francis', Port Glasgow from 2-6pm. To attend the event, facilitated by the Salesian Sisters, the children must bring with them a consent form. This can be obtained from your parish, school or by contacting Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk.

DIOCESAN MUSIC DAY

The Diocesan Liturgy Commission will host a day for musicians and singers on Saturday, 16th March from 11.30-2.30pm in St Mirin's Hall to prepare for the Easter Triduum. There will be input on each of the three days of the Triduum, with suggestions and materials for these celebrations. All welcome to attend.

COLLECTION

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £1,880 and £1,273 for SPRED. This weekend the second collection is for the Building Fund. Next weekend the second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund.

LOOP SYSTEM

The loop system is currently not working – apologies for any inconvenience. It has been reported and we are awaiting repair.

200 CLUB (FEBRUARY) - OUTSTANDING

Could the following people please pick up their winnings from the Sacristy or Chapel House as soon as possible:

5. 73 Fiona Kennedy - £25.00

NET COME AND SEE (Aged 16-28)

Have you ever had the desire to do something amazing? Join us for our Come & See event on Saturday, 9th March from 11am – 5pm at 3/1 West Nile Street, Glasgow (bring a lunch). Find out what it is like to serve as one of our missionaries. Hear personal stories, play interactive games, and learn about the lifestyle of a NET Missionary, and join us for our monthly Coffee House later that night. Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MCNCTGC>

RCIA

Please keep the new members of our church in your prayers as they journey through their Rite of Election to the Easter Vigil. The RCIA will take place on Sunday 10th March in St Mirins Cathedral and will be celebrated by Bishop John Keenan.

LET'S MEET

Would you like to meet someone special? Let's Meet is sort of like speed dating and is a very friendly, relaxed way to meet fellow single Catholics (Aged 21-40). Browns Brasserie & Bar, Glasgow. 7pm, Saturday 6th April. To find out more and buy a £10 ticket email letsmeetscotland@gmail.com.

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

There will be a Charity Quiz Night in aid of St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society at 7.30 pm on Monday, 4th March in St Mary's Church Hall, Newton Street, Paisley. Entrance is £3.00 each and there will be a raffle. BYOB and nibbles. All welcome.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2022

Registration is now open for World Youth Day 2022 in Lisbon, Portugal. Details of cost and dates will be advised soon. Register at <https://rcdop.org.uk/news/world-youth-day-2022-lisbon-for-a-lifetime-experience>

ST. MIRIN'S FUND

This is a Fund set up by the Diocese of Paisley to disburse funds from the Episcopal Charities and Bishop's Fund. If you wish to be considered for a gift from this fund for a charitable project or need, please contact funding@rcdop.org.uk with a contact name, contact details and a statement of how you would use the gift. Closing date is 29th March 2019. Thank you.