



**ADVENT HOLY HOUR  
TODAY (SUNDAY) AT  
4.15PM  
IN THE CHURCH**



**Family Celebrations of St. Nicholas**

We would like to welcome you, your children and your grandchildren on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December.

After 10.30 Mass, we will be showing an animated DVD of St Nicholas and there will be a Christmas reading corner.

Teas and Coffees will also be served after both morning Masses.

**Why not capture the true spirit of Christmas at this special event.**

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Fr. Jim Duggan

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Rev. Brian Mackenzie

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Mgr. James Cunningham  
(retired)

**Times of Services**

**Sunday Masses**

Vigil (Saturday) 5:00pm;  
10.30am, 12.00noon  
and 5.30pm

**Monday to Saturday**

Rosary at 9.35am  
Mass at 10.00am

**Confessions**

Thursday & Saturday:  
9:30-9:50am;  
Saturday  
4:30-4.55pm  
& after Vigil

**Exposition**

Thursday: 10.30-11.30am

DIocese OF PAISLEY

**SAINT CHARLES  
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PARISH BULLETIN



**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)**

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2019



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Well, Happy New Church Year! Every year we begin again our cycle of the Church's Liturgy with Advent—a time of waiting! In the first part of Advent our focus is on waiting for the coming of the Lord at the end of time.

Inevitably though we also have an eye to Christmas and counting down the weeks and the days until we celebrate the Birth of the Baby Jesus. Not least, because the number of shopping days runs down very quickly!

At Christmas we get together with the ones we love to celebrate the God of Love. St John tells us that God loved the world so much that He sent His only Son to save us and that we would know how great His love is for us. Maybe some of your loved ones have forgotten that message. Pray for them this Advent and perhaps even invite them to come here at Christmas to experience again God's love for them.

**PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME AND LET OTHER'S SEE IT**

## **FAMILY CELEBRATION OF ST NICHOLAS**

You will see from the notice on the back page that we are having a special celebration in the hall after the morning Masses next weekend. If anyone would like to donate any home baking, this would be very gratefully received.

## **HOLY HOUR**

Deacon Brian will lead us in a Holy Hour today, Sunday 1st December, from 4.15pm, leading up to the 5.30 pm Mass. This is an opportunity to begin Advent with prayer and reflection.

## **PARISH COUNCIL GROUPS**

The next meetings of the Young People's Group and the Evangelisation Group will take place this coming Monday, 2nd December in the Chapel House 7.00pm. The next meeting of the full Parish Council will take place this Thursday, 5th December at 7.00pm in the Chapel House.

## **CHARIS CONFERENCE 2019**

Charis, the new service for Catholic Charismatic Renewal worldwide, is holding its national conference in St Mirin's hall on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December. Speakers are Jean Luc Moens, moderator for Charis (appointed by Pope Francis), Kenny Borthwick, Presbyterian minister in Wester Hailes and Bishop John Keenan. Cost for full weekend is £20 (pay at the door). Each day begins at 10am. Further information from tresanded1214@gmail.com.

## **NEW BULLETIN**

As you can see, our Bulletin has changed this week and (apart from summertime) will not be part of the Mass sheet. Please take the Bulletin home with you so that others who might not always be at Church can see what is happening in St. Charles' and in our Diocese.

## **THANKS**

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £2,152 and £1,000 for the Scottish Catholic Education Service. This weekend the second collection is for the Building Fund.

## **SPRED ADVENT BOXES**

Please take away your SPRED Advent Boxes and bring them back as full as you can early in the New Year. SPRED is our Special Religious Education Group for our parishioners with special needs and meets in twenty-one groups around our diocese, as well as in our local special needs schools, through 200 volunteer parishioners. Last year your Advent Boxes brought in an amazing £12,000. We will be holding our annual SPRED parish collection in February which, last year, raised £23,000. Thanks again for your generosity which is helping this wonderful organisation in our diocese to spread and grow from strength to strength. Along with our Friends Fundraising Campaign and our annual collection, our Advent Boxes pay for just over 50% of this ministry.

## **PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS**

This takes place this coming Thursday, 5th December, after the 10.00am Mass. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

## **BOOK & CRAFT SALE**

Thanks everyone for your support for the book and craft sale last weekend. The books realised £55 and the crafts £170. The proceeds will be sent to Jericho & McMillan Cancer Support.

## **CHRISTMAS CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT**

There will be a Christmas Charity Quiz Night in aid of the Paisley Pre-5 Children's Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 2nd December in St Mary's Church Hall, Newton Street, Paisley. Entrance is £3.00 each and there will be a raffle. BYOB and nibbles and dress in your festive gear if you feel like it! All welcome to join us for a bit of fun in the Christmas spirit.

## **MIGRANT HELP**

A very big thank you for the overwhelming response to our appeal for 'Migrant Help'. Two van loads of items have been collected from the Diocesan offices and taken away to help those families who are victims of modern day trafficking. The generosity from all those who donated is very much appreciated.

## **CHRISTMAS CARD DISTRIBUTION**

A box will be provided in the porch so that cards can be left in alphabetical order and in a tidy manner for collection. Cards not picked up by 23rd December will be re-cycled.

## **ALL NIGHT VIGIL**

All night vigil of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Reparation and in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary: Opening Mass 8pm Friday, 13th December - Closing Mass 6am Saturday, 14th December. St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY.

For information contact: email: [liam.coyle1@ntlworld.com](mailto:liam.coyle1@ntlworld.com) Phone 07806517383 or Facebook - Glasgow Vigils Events. All welcome.

## **DIOCESAN COURAGE APOSTOLATE**

Paisley Diocese has a Courage Chapter of pastoral ministry for those with same sex attraction, who are looking to live faithfully their Catholic faith. Courage is an international apostolate with over 100 Chapters worldwide and is endorsed by the Holy See. It aims to help members find peace through fellowship, prayer, the Sacraments and a desire for the Church's vision of chastity. It helps you find the Church's life of peace, and grace to grow in Christian maturity. For information or advice please email in confidence our chaplain at [Courage@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:Courage@rcdop.org.uk)

## **ADVENT SERVICE**

There will be an Advent Service on Tuesday, 3rd December at 7pm in St Aidan's Johnstone, with St Mirin's Cathedral Choir: hymns and readings for Advent. All welcome. Tea afterwards in the hall.