

## TIMES OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

### Christmas Eve

4.30pm - Children's Nativity  
followed by  
5.00pm - Christmas Vigil Mass

8.00pm - Carol Service, followed by  
8.30pm - Mass during the Night

### Christmas Day

10.30am; 12.00 noon

### Boxing Day

12.00 noon (*instead of 10.00am*)

## CAROLS IN THE CATHEDRAL



Join us at our diocesan annual event  
in St Mirin's Cathedral on  
**Friday, 27th December at 3:00pm.**  
It is a lovely way for all of the families  
to come together as a diocesan community  
and worship in song the birth of  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Refreshments in the hall afterwards.  
All welcome!

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### **Parish Priest**

Fr. Jim Duggan

### **Permanent Deacon:**

Rev. Brian Mackenzie

### **In Residence**

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 BORROMEIO

PARISH BULLETIN



## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2019



As you can see from this week's Bulletin, the "Liturgical" Colour, the Colour of the vestments, for this Sunday is traditionally "Rose". Why is it so?

The Entrance Antiphon printed on the Mass Sheet gives us a clue. The more ancient music that can be used at Mass would have the Antiphon chanted as the Entrance Procession takes place. It is meant to orientate us to some major theme in the liturgy of the day. Today's says, "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice, Indeed, the Lord is near".

The colour Rose is intended to reflect the JOY that we have as Christians. That's a favourite theme of Pope Francis—he says, we can't proclaim Jesus to others with "funeral faces". The Good News is joyful—we are forgiven, we are redeemed, God is near, God loves us. What a difference it makes to our lives when we know that we are truly loved. We most often feel that through husband, wife, mum, dad, our children, our grandchildren, our dearest friends. Before any of them we should know first and always GOD LOVES ME—and because of that Christians should be joyful people.

**PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME AND LET OTHERS SEE IT**

### THANKS

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £1,882.

### CHRISTMAS CARD DISTRIBUTION

A box has been 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. Please remember to put the recipient's full name on the cards!

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please note there will be no Children's Liturgy on the following Sundays as they fall within the school Christmas holidays: 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 29<sup>th</sup> December & 5<sup>th</sup> January. The Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at the 10.30am Mass. All children who attend primary school are welcome to come along.

### SCRIPTURE STUDY

This month's passage continues from the Gospel of St Matthew. We will discuss and reflect on Chapters 9 & 10. The next meeting is this coming Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm in the Chapel house. New members are very welcome.

### ST. MIRIN'S CHAPLAINCY CENTRE

Please note that weekday and Sunday Mass are now suspended until Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There are sheets in the porch for Eucharistic Ministers to put their name down if they are willing to volunteer to assist at any of the Christmas and New Year Masses.

### CRIB APPEAL

Our crib will be blessed at the Christmas services and offerings placed in the box will be donated to St. Margaret's Children and Family Care Society. Please give generously to help the needs of families in today's society.

### FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

We hope to decorate the church and crib over Christmas and any donations towards the purchase of poinsettias can be handed in either to the Chapel House or the Sacristy. Please do not hand in any plants until the week before Christmas.

### DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood in 2020? The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information please contact Fr. John Morrison e-mail: [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk)

### OTHER LOCAL PARISHES

#### TIMES OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES

There is a list in the porch of the times of Christmas services at some of our local parishes.

#### 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!

#### TEA BAR & HALL

Please note that the Tea Bar and Hall will be closed from Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December until Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

#### APPEAL FOR NEW EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Could you perhaps think about becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, especially at our **Sunday Masses at noon and 5.30pm**? If we can recruit a few more people, it would help enormously with our rotas. Training and support will be provided for this very important ministry. If you can help, please contact Margaret Winters ([mwinters203@hotmail.com](mailto:mwinters203@hotmail.com)) or pass your name, phone number and email address to Fr Jim.

### 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.

#### ALL DAY CONFESSIONS

There will be all day confessions in St Mirin's Cathedral from 9.00am until 9.00pm on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December.

#### SVDP

Do you know of any individuals or families in the local area that could do with some support in the run up to Christmas? If so then please either pass their name to Fr Jim or drop a note into the SVDP collection box.

#### THANKS

To all those who prepared and participated in our celebration of St. Nicholas last week. Hopefully he rewards everyone well at Christmas!