



Just before Christmas the statue of St. Charles Borromeo, our parish patron, was removed for refurbishment. We look forward to its return in the coming months.

Prayer of St. Charles Borromeo

Almighty God, you have generously made known to human beings the mysteries of your life through Jesus Christ your son, in the Holy Spirit. Enlighten my mind to know these mysteries which your Church treasures and teaches.

Move my heart to love them and my will to live in accord with them. Give me the ability to teach this faith to others without pride, without ostentation, and without personal gain.

Let me realize that I am simply your instrument for bringing others to the knowledge of the wonderful things you have done for all your creatures. Help me to be faithful to this task that you have entrusted to me.

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Mgr. James Cunningham
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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 BORROME0

PARISH BULLETIN



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)

SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2020



The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan concludes the Christmas Season. On Christmas Day we celebrate "God with us". At that time the news of great joy was given to the lowly shepherds. Last week, at the Epiphany, the wise men saw the baby Jesus and the news of great joy was now for everyone, not only for God's chosen people. Today, the crowds who are seeking to change their lives by being Baptised at the river Jordan by St. John, for the first time, hear the voice of God the Father as He says, This is my Beloved

Son...Listen to Him". That is God's word to everyone today: listen to Jesus!

Today should make us think of the day on which we were Baptised. A day which Pope Francis encourages us to celebrate!

"Brothers and sisters, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a propitious opportunity to renew with gratitude and conviction the promises made at our Baptism, by committing ourselves to live in harmony with it daily. It is also very important, as I have said to you many times, to know the date of our Baptism. I could ask: 'Who among you knows the date of his or her Baptism?'. Not everyone, to be sure. If some of you do not know it, when you get home, ask your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, godparents, family friends.... Ask: 'On what date was I baptized?'. And then, do not forget it: let it be a date kept in your heart to be celebrated every year."

PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME AND LET OTHERS SEE IT

THANKS

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £2,097 and £1,060 for the Building Fund. This weekend the second collection is for Justice & Peace. The Scottish Catholic Justice and Peace Commission is part of the Pontifical Council Justitia et Pax. It campaigns on behalf of the Church against renewal of Trident, for fairness for asylum seekers and refugees and for action against climate change and for the environment. It also networks with local parish groups and advises our Bishops on social justice, international peace and human rights. Its office supports two employees.

FAMILY MASS

The next Family Mass will take place at 10.30am next Sunday, 19th January. The children of Primary 6 will lead the liturgy and everyone is invited to come through to the hall after the Mass for a cup of tea.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy has now resumed at the 10.30am Mass. All children who attend primary school are welcome to come along.

CRIB APPEAL

Our crib was 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.

PARISH COUNCIL GROUPS

The Family Group have their next meetings at 7.00pm in the Chapel House this coming Monday, 13th January. Please make every effort to attend.

The next meeting of the Fabric & Finance Group is at 7.00pm in the Chapel House on Tuesday, 21st January.

SAFEGUARDING

The next session of Safeguarding Training, Induction Part 1 for volunteers doing or planning to do regulated work with children and vulnerable adults, or both, will be held in the Diocesan Offices, Ingle Street, on **Monday, 20th January at 7.00pm.**

The new Safeguarding Part 2 Training session, is for volunteers who have previously attended Safeguarding Training Part One, or Safeguarding Training Level one, more than 18 months ago. If you attended Safeguarding Training Level One in 2016 or 2017, you should put your name forward for Safeguarding Training Part 2. The next session will be on **Tuesday 21st January at 7.00pm** in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Clarkston.

Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office at safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or 0141 847 6138 to register for either of these sessions.

A full list of the dates for these sessions in the coming months is available on the noticeboard.

SPRED ADVENT BOXES

If you still have not returned your SPRED Advent Boxes, could you please do so as soon as possible. Many thanks.

UWS CHAPLAINCY

Studying at UWS? Would you like to get involved in our Catholic society?

If so, please contact

Fr. John Morrison:

johnmorrison1976@gmail.com

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

SVDP/RENFREWSHIRE FOOD BANK

Many thanks to everyone for your very generous donations to the Food Bank basket, especially over the Christmas period. Please keep up the good work! Items can be handed in when you come to Mass, or when the church is open.

WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS

There are still a few Western Catholic Calendars, giving times and services throughout the western part of the country, available from the piety stall or from the Sacristy, priced £3.20. Please make sure you get your copy soon!

PARISH WEBSITE

Please take some time to visit our website:

www.stcharles-paisley.org.uk
There is a lot of useful information to be found there, including a copy of the bulletin each week.

THINKING ABOUT ADOPTION?

Have you ever considered adoption? If you think you can offer a loving family home to a child or even siblings, we would like to hear from you. Please contact us for a confidential chat and some further information on 0141 332 8371 or visit our website:

www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk

DINNER DANCE

There will be a Dinner Dance to raise funds for the Diocese of Paisley Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Saturday, 22nd February in Greenock Town Hall, 7pm (for 7.30pm). Tickets cost £35 (includes 3 course meal, fizz on arrival and live band). Dress formal. For tickets and further information please email lourdes.rcdop@gmail.com or phone 07950 483042. Includes return bus from Renfrewshire/East Renfrewshire. Donations of raffle prizes and auction items greatly appreciated.

VACANCIES

There are two job vacancies at St Aloysius' College advertised on the noticeboard in the porch.