

**St Charles' Church
Paisley
Parish Directory**



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Scottish Charity No. SCO13514

Priests:

Rev. Stephen Baillie (PP)

Rev. Monseigneur James Canon Cunningham (Retired)

TIMES OF COMMUNITY PRAYER

SUNDAY MASS	Vigil 5:00pm 10:30am 12:00 noon and 5:30 pm
WEEKDAY MASS	10:00am
ROSARY	Weekdays 9:35 am
HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION	Vigil 7:00pm; 10:00am and 7:00pm
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Tuesday after 10:30 - 11:30 am
CONFESSIONS	Thursday 9:30 - 10:50 am Saturday 9:30 - 10:50 am 4:30 – 5:00 pm and after 5:00 pm Mass if required
DIVINE MERCY	Wednesday 7:30pm
BIBLE STUDY	On 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Chapel House
PRAYER FOR PRIESTS	On 1st Thursday of each month after 10:00am Mass
OUR LADY OF FATIMA	On 1st Saturday of each month after 10:00 am Mass

Foreward

Dear Fellow Parishioner,

This small Parish Directory has been brought about at the instigation of the Parish Pastoral Council. It provides information concerning the various organisations within the Parish, with times, places, contact persons and contact details.

It is hoped this will benefit all our parishioners, and expand the social and community life of our Parish. We apologise to any organisation inadvertently omitted from the Directory.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Anniversaries and prayers for the sick

Names to be prayed for on the Sunday should be given to one of the priests or handed in to the house preferably by 12 noon on Thursday.

Bulletin

Notices or announcements to be incorporated into the following Sunday's Bulletin should be handed in to the Chapel House no later than Thursday morning.

Chaplaincy

The priests of the Parish act as Catholic Chaplains in the following places:

St Charles' Primary School
St Andrew's Academy
Royal Alexandra Hospital
Westerfield Care Home
Accord Hospice
Dykebar Hospital

Please contact one of the priests if you are aware of any Catholic entering any of the above nursing homes, hospitals or hospice. Please contact the Chapel House if you are aware of any Catholic entering any of the above nursing homes, hospitals or hospice. The Parish Priest should also be contacted if a parishioner is unable to attend Mass over a lengthy period of time. **Please see Appendix 1 on Page 14 regarding admission to hospital.**

Gift Aid Scheme

If you haven't already done so, you may wish to join the Gift Aid Scheme which allows the church to claim back 25% in the £ of your weekly donation. All you need to do is complete a simple form. Forms can be obtained from the Parish Priest.

Hall Rental

The hall can be rented by parishioners only. Please contact Mary Ford at the Chapel House.

Marriages and Baptisms

Arrangements for these are made by appointment with Father Stephen. Engaged couples should give at least six months' notice of their intended marriage to allow time for adequate preparation. Marriage Preparation Days are available for engaged couples as they prepare to enter the Sacrament of Marriage. These will normally take place in the Diocesan Offices, Cathedral Precincts, Ingle Street, Paisley, PA1 1HR. There is a nominal cost per couple which includes an information pack and lunch on the day. For further information please speak to your Parish Priest.

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays after the mid-day Mass.

Mass Cards

Mass cards can be obtained either from the Chapel House or from the Parish Priest at the end of Mass.

SPIRITUAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS WITHIN THE PARISH

Altar Servers

Altar servers are boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion. They serve Mass at the weekends. Contact the Parish Priest for information (0141 889 2614).



Baptism Preparation

Those arranging a Baptism with the Parish Priest should prepare for the celebration of this sacrament on the Saturday morning prior to the Baptism. This takes place after the Saturday morning Mass in the Church House. All parents and Godparents are encouraged to attend.

Contact: Pat Doherty (Co-ordinator) - 0141 889 0109

Bereavement Support Group

This group is for the support of anyone in the Parish grieving the loss of a loved one, whether the loved one is from this Parish or elsewhere. A Bereavement Mass takes place once a year during November to allow us, as a caring community, to come together to share our loss and pain as we remember our departed loved ones.

Contact: Jean Urquart (Co-ordinator) - 0141 884 5955



Children's Liturgy

Children of primary school age have their own Liturgy of the Word in the hall at the 10:30am Mass. A group of volunteers prepare the Liturgy of the Word of the Sunday Mass. They help the children to understand and participate in it. They join the rest of the congregation at the Offertory.

Church Cleaners

A group of volunteers care for the cleaning of the Church and Sanctuary, the washing and ironing of the altar linen etc. The bulk of their work is done after the morning Mass on a Wednesday.

Contact: Mary Ford, our Sacristan, at the Chapel House

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

The principle service of these ministers is to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds at all Masses and to bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound within the Parish or to the hospitals, nursing homes and hospice for which the Parish is responsible.

Sunday Rotas: Margaret Winters (0141 569 8004)

Weekday Rotas and Visits to the Sick: Elizabeth Clifford (0141 258 5651)

Parish Pastoral Council

This is a representative body of the Parish community which meets under the authority of the Parish Priest. Each group within the council has its own responsibility. The groups are;

- ◇ Fabric and Finance Group
- ◇ Families Group
- ◇ Youth Group
- ◇ Spirituality Group

Each group meets regularly to work on various projects with the help of the Parish Priest. There are also full council meetings four times a year, where the members of each group give a progress update and next steps are agreed.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

Padre Pio started his first prayer group at the end of the Second World War because of the need to pray for justice, reconciliation and peace in the world. From that humble start, prayer groups have sprung up throughout the world. St. Charles' Prayer Group meets every Monday morning after 10am mass in the Cry Chapel and everyone is welcome to attend.

Pastoral Services to Deaf People in the Diocese of Paisley

The Paisley Pastoral Team for Deaf sign at 12:00 noon Mass every fortnight in St. Charles' Parish.

Contact: Maureen Foy (07708 690746)

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA group welcomes and assists those who are preparing to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. They meet on a Wednesday evening at 7:30pm in the Chapel House.

Contact: Pat Docherty (Co-ordinator) - 0141 889 0109

Parish Catering

There is a team of volunteers who help cater for events within the Parish. Members meet when necessary and new members are welcome.

Contact: Diana Kelly (Co-ordinator) - 0131 884 2503

Society of St Vincent De Paul (SVDP)

The principle ethos of the SVDP is charity. Its first conference was called "Conference of Charity", later named "The Conference of Charity of St. Vincent De Paul". The parish branch meets in St. Charles' Chapel House each Tuesday after the 10:00am mass. The conference seeks to help individuals and families within the Parish and visits the sick, housebound and Nursing Homes within the Parish. Its funds come from parishioners' donations given to their boxes after mass. Help can be sought by contacting an SVDP member. The number to ring for URGENT HELP is 07896 154093.

Piety Stall

The stall is situated in the porch of the Church. It is open after morning masses on a Sunday and sells a wide range of religious cards and gifts.

Contact: Marie Carlin (Co-ordinator) - 0141 569 3484



SECULAR ORGANISATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday

Tea is served after the 10:30am mass.

This is a great way to meet other Parishioners in a social setting and everyone is welcome.

Contact: Debbie Brown (Co-ordinator) - 0141 563 3534



Monday—Friday

Tea is served after weekday masses from 10:30 - 12 noon

Monday

There is highland dancing in the Church Hall from 5:00 - 9.15pm

Contact: Mary Anne (Co-ordinator) - 07952 548280



Tuesday

The sewing group meets from 2:00 – 4:00pm. All are welcome.

Contact: Marie Carlin (Co-ordinator) - 0141 569 3484

Rainbows and Brownies groups meet from 6:00—8:30pm

Contact: Millie MacKinnon - 0141 889 7693



Wednesday

The Mother & Toddlers Group meets from 9:00 - 11:30am

The Highland Dancers meet from 5:00 - 9:15pm

Thursday

The Irish Dancing Classes take place from 6.00 - 8.30pm

Contact: Sally Boyle (Co-ordinator) - 07855 427228

Saturday

Elocution classes take place from 2:00 - 4:00pm

Contact: Maura Currie (Co-ordinator) - 07980 686773

GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS WITHIN THE DIOCESE

Catenian Association

The Catenian Association was founded in 1908 to 'provide the means for Catholic laymen in responsible positions in the professions, commerce or the public service to meet socially and to encourage them to make a full and proper contribution to the life of the religious and secular community.

Christian Unity

Paisley Action of Churches Together (PACT)

PACT is a branch of ACT (Action of Churches Together in Scotland). It has thirty member churches from Paisley, of all denominations, of which at least seven are Roman Catholic.

Jerico

Staff of Jericho Houses endeavour to follow the Jericho Society charism which is inspired by the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jericho does not pass by 'on the other side' those who find themselves homeless, many of whom have alcohol and drug dependencies. It provides residential care of a high standard, and hostel accommodation with a high level of support, safe havens of love and compassion where each man and woman is accepted just as they are at that particular point in their lives.

There are Residential Homes, a Hostel and Jericho Centres within the Diocese and beyond. There is also a group of volunteers called 'Jericho Neighbours' who support Jericho by prayer, donations and fundraising.

Contact : Fr. Jim Ferguson - 01505 614669

GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS WITHIN THE DIOCESE Contd.

Justice and Peace (J&P)

The National Commission for Justice and Peace was set up by the Bishops of Scotland to advise them on matters relating to Social Justice, International Peace, Human Rights, World Development, and to promote action in these areas.

Knights of St. Columba

The aim of the Knights of St. Columba is to support members in their vocation and mission as Catholic laymen by working for their welfare, spreading the values of the Gospel and providing initiatives for Youth. It aims to achieve all this through 'Charity, Unity and Fraternity'. Information talks can be arranged on request.

Contact : The Parish Priest at St. James' Parish, Renfrew - Tel:0141 886 2022

Legion of Mary

The Legion invites practising Catholics to play an active part as lay members of the Church by following the Legion system. Active membership consists of a weekly local group meeting and two hours active work each week. Auxiliary membership requires saying the Rosary and Legion prayers daily for the intentions of Our Lady. The aim of the Legion is personal holiness.

Contact: the Parish Priest who can give you the name of your local Presidium.

Fertility Care Scotland

Provides information on fertility awareness in order to avoid or achieve pregnancy using the Billings Ovulation method. Knowledge about the Billings Ovulation Method brings with it the confidence and freedom to regulate your fertility without drugs or devices. It provides important knowledge for all women from adolescence to menopause, educating them to understand your body. There is further information on their website: www.fertilitycare.org.uk

Contact :

Fertility Care Scotland, St. Margaret's Centre for the Family, 26 Newton Place, Glasgow G3 7PY - 0141 352 7930

GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS WITHIN THE DIOCESE Contd.

Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF)

SCIAF is the overseas relief and development agency of the Catholic Church in Scotland. Its vision is of a world in which all people, especially the poor and the oppressed, have the opportunity and the means to have life and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

A number of SCIAF groups exist throughout the Diocese, generally working with the Justice and Peace Groups.

Serra

The main purpose of this organisation is to foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life and help each member grow in his or her faith. Regular meetings are held to pray for Vocations and plan activities.

Contact : Mr William Robertson - 01505 321005

Social Care Commission

The Commission for Social Care endeavours to look at areas of specific need in the Diocese, with a view to provide support in areas where little or none may exist.

By regularly seeking volunteers, the Commission hopes to encourage those who are not already involved in Parish or Diocesan work.

There is a sub-commission on Bereavement, offering training for Bereavement Support for Parish groups.

Projects under consideration by the Children and Families Group are Parenting Skills and Welfare Rights training.

Contact : Jean Urquhart (Co-ordinator) - 0141 884 5955

GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS WITHIN THE DIOCESE Contd.

SPRED

SPRED is a special programme of religious education and development for people with special needs. Its aim is to ensure that all those parishioners of the Diocese who have special needs will be given the right kind of help for growing in their relationship with God, for growing in the faith, for growing in their awareness of Mass and the sacraments. The work of SPRED reaches out to people of all ages and of all levels of disability, even the most profound. Volunteers and volunteer drivers are always required. The SPRED centre is at St. Peter's in Glenburn and visitors are welcome.

Contact: Norma Scott (Co-ordinator) - 0141 884 8866

St. Margaret's Children and Family Care Society

Its aim is to ensure that there is no child without a safe and loving family. Towards this end we try to place all children we are called on to help. The society depends on prayer and voluntary support. In Paisley and Greenock there are groups of volunteers who maintain the profile of the Society by holding fund raising events and by having people prepared to give talks about the Society. More volunteers are needed.

Contact: 26 Newton Place, Glasgow G3 7PY - 0141 332 8371

The Society of the Innocents

The Society of the Innocents offers a free pregnancy testing service, practical help, counselling and support to any woman, married or single, who is in difficulty as a result of a suspected or confirmed pregnancy. Confidentiality is of prime importance. All Innocents' counsellors are volunteers and are trained by the Society.

Contact: Sarah Stanton (Co-ordinator) - 01475 705530

GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS WITHIN THE DIOCESE Contd.

University of the West of Scotland Chaplaincy

Fr Gerry McNellis is the Catholic Chaplain. He can be contacted at St. Mary's 163 George Street, Paisley, Tel: 0141 889 2602, or via the Multifaith Chaplaincy at the University , Tel: 0141 849 4126.

St Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre

This is located near to the University of the West of Scotland (UWS) at 45 High Street, Paisley, PA1 2AH. It is open for students and young people to come and gather, meet new friends, study, pray and generally just hang out. It has a lounge area, IT suite, oratory and small kitchen/eating area. Tel: 0141 840 5517.

Youth Office

The Diocesan Youth Office works with and for young people, to enable them to experience Church as a community, in action, at prayer and on a national and international level. The work is varied, from a weekend retreat to planning for World Youth Days.

Information concerning the work of the Youth Office is advertised through Primary and secondary schools and in Diocesan Parishes.

Contact: Fr. Frank Hannigan (Youth Director) - 0141 847 6130



APPENDIX 1
ADMISSION TO HOSPITAL

Anyone who is given an appointment for admission to hospital for surgery under anaesthetic should contact their local priest and ask to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before admission, as currently there is usually only a relatively short time between admission and surgery. (It may also be useful to inform the local chaplain in advance, using the lists of Hospital Chaplains included after the parish entries for each diocese.)

Anyone admitted to hospital unexpectedly (and kept in) is probably sufficiently ill to merit receiving the Sacrament of the Sick as a spiritual aid in their illness. Every hospital has a system for contacting the R.C. Chaplain urgently in emergencies. This is activated by the patient or family asking the nursing staff clearly to summon the catholic chaplain.

The same system may also be used to request a visit from the R.C. Chaplain, but the nurse should be asked to make it clear to the priest that it is not urgent.

Because of the way confidentiality rules are interpreted in most hospitals today, the Catholic Chaplain is usually not informed of the admission of any Catholics, except as above, so the form below may be used to achieve this.

PATIENT'S RELIGIOUS DECLARATION

I am a Roman Catholic.

While a patient in hospital, I wish to exercise my human right, as enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights (Article 9§1) of practising my Religion.

I request that the Roman Catholic Chaplain be informed of my admission to hospital, and that I receive a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain.

I give explicit consent for this information to be made available to the Roman Catholic Chaplain and I would request that this document form part of my personal case notes.

Signed _____

