

SAINT CHARLES' PARISH

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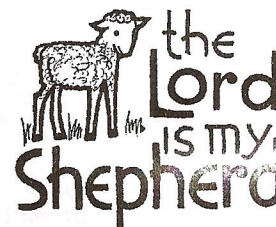
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Scottish Charity No. SC013514



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.

4th Sunday of Easter - Year B

INTRODUCTION

It is in and through Jesus alone that we can attain salvation. Our world often tells us that we should be strong, secure and self-sufficient on our own. We may be able to do this in certain areas of our lives, but not when it comes to salvation. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who is our strength, our protection and our salvation.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Currently our diocese has two seminarians in Rome, two applicants on the pre-seminary course in Salamanca, and one on the inquirer's programme; one who will be ordained to the permanent diaconate in the autumn; and we know of some women presently discerning vocations to religious life. In his Vocations Letter Pope Francis has encouraged us to foster a culture of vocational discernment in our young so they hear what God wants of them. We keep this intention for all our young people in our prayers. The Novena for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life begins today - a poster and some leaflets are available in the porch.

PARISH FIRST COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion yesterday. Their Mass of Thanksgiving is at the 10.30am Mass today. May God bless them and their families.

UWS CHAPLAINCY

Sunday Mass will resume this Sunday at the Chaplaincy at 5pm. During the exam session until the end of term Mass will be available every Tuesday and Thursday at 12.45pm.

ROSARY ON THE COAST

Bishop John will lead a Rosary on the Coast service in St. Mary's Church, Greenock at 3.00pm next Sunday, 29th April.

PARISH CONFIRMATIONS

Our Confirmandi will receive Confirmation from Bishop John in St. Mirin's Cathedral on Thursday, 3rd May at 7.00pm. Please keep them in your prayers for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

DIVINE MERCY

Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions and Holy Mass will take place on Tuesday, 24th April at 7.00 pm in St Mary's Church, Paisley and will be celebrated by Fr Joe Burke. Light refreshments will be available afterwards. All are welcome.

'COURAGE'

Paisley Diocese has set up a *Courage* Chapter of pastoral ministry for those in our diocesan community with same sex attraction, who are looking to live faithfully their Catholic faith. *Courage* is an international apostolate with over 100 Chapters worldwide and endorsed by the Holy See. It aims to help members find peace through fellowship, prayer, the Sacraments, and an appreciation of Church's teachings in chastity. It extends the Church's invitation to a life of peace, and grace to grow in Christian maturity. For information or advice please email in confidence our diocesan priest chaplain at Courage@rcdop.org.uk.

COLLECTION

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £1,963. This weekend the second collection is for Vocations.

SCIAF - THANKS

Many thanks for your generous donations through the Wee Box campaign. A cheque for £3,083 has been sent to SCIAF from the parish.

NET MINISTRIES SCOTLAND

Next weekend there will be a second collection for NET Ministries Scotland, whose mission is to encourage young people to love Jesus and embrace the life of the Church. There is a team of 10 young people working in Scotland who are mainly from the USA. The team will be leading the S3 retreats for St Andrew's Academy from Tuesday to Friday this coming week and there will be speakers at all Masses next weekend to talk about their work. More information can be found at <http://www.netscotland.org>.

PARISH FETE

Our Parish Fete takes place on Saturday, 2nd June and to help with organisation, we are now gathering donations of bottles for the bottle stall, bric-a-brac and toiletries. There will be boxes in the porch and items can also be handed in to the Chapel House. Please do NOT hand in any food or electrical goods.

PARISH COUNCIL

There is a copy of the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on the noticeboard in the porch.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Bishop Robert Barron, an innovative teacher of the Catholic Faith who uses the tools of the new media to further the New Evangelization and is the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries will be speaking at the Usher Hall in Edinburgh on Thursday, 6th September on the topic of "Proclaiming Christ in our Culture". The event will begin at 7.30pm and will finish at around 9.30pm. Tickets will cost £10 or £6 for concessions and go on sale on 1st May. If you are interested in attending, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the porch so that we can gauge the number of tickets required and whether there is enough support to run a bus.

DIOCESAN COUNSELLING SERVICE

Our diocese has arranged the services and pastoral ministry of our own Catholic Marriage Counsellor. If you are concerned about your relationship and feel you are both unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The counsellor is there to maintain a neutral, non-judgmental position as the various problematic issues are discussed. Marriage counselling can help you gain perspective on your relationship. Expect help with the following: Communicate in a more constructive way; Learn why arguments escalate; Reflect on the past and how it presents in your current relationships; Learn the art of compromise; Negotiate and resolve conflicts in a healthier way. For information or advice please email in confidence counselling@rcdop.org.uk.