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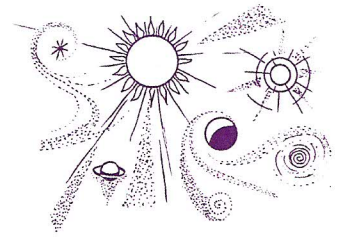
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Scottish Charity No. SCO13514



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.

2nd Sunday of Advent - Year C

INTRODUCTION

As we await the coming of our Lord and Savior, joy and hope fill our hearts in anticipation of the Messiah. Prepare the way of the Lord! Today marks the Second Sunday of Advent, and we are filled with hope, joy and anticipation. The Lord enters the world to save us. Our paths will be made straight. Our burdens will be eased. Our darkness will be lightened. Salvation is at hand.

FAMILY MASS

The next Family Mass takes place this Sunday, 9th December at 10.30am. The children of Primary 7 will lead the liturgy and there will be tea in the hall after Mass. All are welcome.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

During Advent we will continue with evening Mass at 7.00pm every Monday evening. We hope that many of you will come along and take this opportunity to prepare for Christmas.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

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!

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS

There will be all day confessions in St Mirin's Cathedral from 9.00am until 9.00pm on Friday, 21st December.

MOBILE PHONES

Please keep a spirit of stillness and quietness in church before Mass begins and make sure mobile phones are turned off and put away.

GIVING TREE - PAISLEY FOOD BANK

There will be a collection of **non-perishable** food items (within date!) during the season of Advent. Donations can be placed under the Tree for Giving at the side next to the Sacred Heart window and will be given to the Paisley Food Bank/St Fergus' Cafe.

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.

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. Any cards not picked up by Friday, 21st December will be recycled.

AN EVENING OF SACRED CHANT

The chants of Gregorian and Byzantine choirs have been re-created with advanced technology in a live performance by Scottish classical singer Martin Aelred whilst projecting HD graphics of ancient Holy sites across the globe. This is on Thursday, 13th December at 7.00pm in St Aidan's Church, Johnstone. Special guests are St Mirin's Cathedral Choir who will feature the TAIZE chants. Free entry with a donation to the concert fund.

COLLECTION

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £1,952 and £1,017 for the Building Fund.

SVDP/RENFREWSHIRE FOOD BANK

The Food Bank basket is situated in the porch where there is a list of suggested items to donate to our weekly collection. The Food Bank wants to make sure that no one in our local community has to go hungry, but they need our help to make this happen. **Items can be handed in when you come to Mass or when the church is OPEN – every little helps.**

SVDP

Do you know of any individuals/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.

200 CLUB

A cheque for £6,600 has been given to the Church from the proceeds of the 200 Club, and this will go towards the building fund. This is a great way to help raise money so why not consider joining the 200 Club if you have not done so already? It costs £5 per month and you can pay annually or monthly by standing order through your bank. Please contact Joseph McKeeman on 07986 723040 if you are interested.

MASS AT THE CHAPLAINCY

Mass at the Chaplaincy Centre has now finished with the end of term. Mass will resume on Monday, 7th January at 12.30pm.

CAROLS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Bishop John invites you to the annual Diocesan Christmas carol service for all the family on Thursday 27th December at 3.00pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral. Come along and join in on the festive cheer! There will be tea, coffee and mince pies in the cathedral hall after the service and a selection box for the children.

ST CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL GOLDEN JUBILEE

The school is celebrating its Golden Jubilee on 21st January 2019. As part of the celebration, we are having an open evening in school to allow our community to take a trip down memory lane. CAN YOU HELP? Do you have any photographs/newspaper articles relating to events/celebrations/changes to St Charles' Primary School that you would like to share? If so, can you please send these into St Charles' Primary School, Rowan Street, with a stamped addressed envelope, as this will allow us to return them to you safely. Please indicate on the back of each photograph, the date, people and events shown.

ADVENT PRAYERS ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland invite you to pray with them during Advent at Buchanan Street, Glasgow each Wednesday evening from 7.00pm–8.30pm. The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited for peace in our world, for the 40 Days for Life and for family life. Christmas Carols will be sung during the evening also. All are welcome.