



# SAINT CHARLES' PARISH

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**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.

## 3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday - Year C

### INTRODUCTION

The Lord is near, we rejoice and give thanks. On this *Gaudete* Sunday, we rejoice as we look forward to the return of Christ. His coming in glory fills us with confidence and prayer – all fear is removed and our hearts sing for joy.

### MASS ON FRIDAY

Please note that on Friday this week, morning Mass will be at **9.30am** in order to accommodate a funeral. There will be no confessions before Mass that morning.

### HOLY HOUR REFLECTION ON ADVENT

This coming Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, Deacon Denis Murphy will lead us in a Holy Hour Reflection on Advent after the evening Mass at 7.00pm. This will replace the Advent Taize Prayer Service which is advertised in the Christmas Services leaflet. Why not come along and spend some quiet time with Our Lord in preparation for Christmas?

### SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

All are welcome to our next session which is on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm in the Chapel House. Please note the change of evening.

### 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 put their name down if they are willing to volunteer to assist at any of the Christmas and New Year Masses.

### ALL DAY CONFESSIONS

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

### 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!

### 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.

### COLLECTION

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £2,038.

### SVDP/RENFREWSHIRE FOOD BANK

Many thanks to everyone for the generous donations to the Food Bank basket which is situated in the porch. Please keep up the good work! **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.

### TEA BAR & HALL

Please note that the Tea Bar and Hall will be **closed** from Friday, 21st December until Wednesday, 9th January 2019.

### CAN ANYONE HELP?

Is there a mandarin speaker out there? This would be of help to a Chinese visitor to our parish. She does not speak English. Please contact the parish if you can help.

### PANTOMIME

Anyone who has purchased tickets for the pantomime at Paisley Arts Centre on Friday, 28th December at 7.00pm please phone Mary McGroarty on 07710512991, who will give you your seat numbers. Alternatively, please see her at Mass.

### CAROLS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Bishop John invites you to the annual Diocesan Christmas carol service for all the family on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### DRAWING OF CATHEDRAL FOR AUCTION

The Diocese is holding a Silent Auction of a Drawing of St Mirin's Cathedral, framed charcoal, by the local Made in Paisley Artists, Caroline Elizabeth Gormley and Alexander Guy. Please email bids with contact details to [colette.cardosi@btinternet.com](mailto:colette.cardosi@btinternet.com). The closing date is 20th December 2018. All proceeds will go to the Diocese of Paisley.

### PRO-LIFE MASS

This month's Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 19th December in Blessed John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals, Glasgow, G5 0YT. There will be Adoration at 6.00pm followed by Rosary at 7.00pm and Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome. The celebrant will be a priest from St Mirin's Cathedral.