



St Charles' Parish

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Scottish Charity No. SCO13514



Parish Priest: Canon James Duggan

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: Tuesday - 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 Advent - Year B

TIMES OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve: 4.30pm - Carol Service followed by
5.00pm - Christmas Vigil Mass
11.30pm - Carol Service, followed by
Midnight Mass
Christmas Day: 10.30am; 12.00 noon
Boxing Day: 12.00 noon (*instead of 10.00am*)
Hogmanay: 10.00am
Vigil Mass at 7.00pm
New Year's Day: 10.00am
2nd January: 12.00 noon (*instead of 10.00am*)

CAR PARKING

As we expect car parking to be extremely congested at the 5pm Vigil Mass for Christmas on Sunday, we have permission from the Charleston Centre in Stock Street to use their car park. To prevent the difficulties experienced last year, the police have said that there will be no parking on the south side of Stock Street. If necessary, they will remove cars parked in areas marked by cones. They are doing this to make the flow of traffic easier for everyone. Please park considerately! Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

INTRODUCTION

Jesus has come to us as our King and Shepherd. In a few days, we will celebrate the great gift that God has given to humanity two thousand years ago: the gift of Jesus. Jesus comes as Savior of the world and as the majestic King – but also as a Shepherd who cares deeply and personally for each one of us on our journey. He is truly God's gift to us.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We still require a few more volunteer Eucharistic Ministers to fill the spaces at the Christmas Masses, especially at the 12 noon Mass. If you can help, please put your name down on the list in the porch. Thank you.

OTHER LOCAL PARISHES

TIMES OF SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS

There is a list in the porch of the times of Christmas services at some of our local parishes.

SPRED ADVENT BOXES

Please take away a SPRED Advent Box and bring it back as full as you can early in the New Year. SPRED is our Special Religious Education Group for parishioners with special needs, and meets in 21 groups around our diocese, also reaching out to our special needs schools through 200 volunteer parishioners. Last year your advent boxes brought in an amazing £12,000 through the diocese. Thanks again for your generosity which is helping this wonderful organisation to spread and grow from strength to strength.

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!

CHRISTMAS CARD DISTRIBUTION

There are still quite a lot of Christmas cards waiting to be uplifted from the box in the porch. **Please check if there are any there for you.** They are not necessarily in alphabetical order and this is the last chance before they are re-cycled!

COLLECTION

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £2,128.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC PAPERS

Please note that this weekend there is a double issue of the Scottish Catholic Observer and the Catholic Universe. They are priced at £2.00 and £3.00 respectively.

BOXING DAY

Our Christmas Mass times leaflet did not have the time for Mass on Boxing Day included—please note that it is at 12 Noon and not our normal weekday Mass Time

