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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.

4th Sunday of Lent - Year C

INTRODUCTION

God is always ready to take us back, no matter how far or how often we stray. Jesus' famous parable of the prodigal son depicts God as a father always ready to take back those who stray from him. No matter how we may have turned away from God, we have only to turn back to him through the sacrament of reconciliation. Lent is the perfect time to be reconciled to God and to be a new creation for Easter.

OUR LENTEN SERVICES

During Lent we will have Mass on Mondays and Thursdays at 7.00pm in addition to the usual 10.00am weekday Mass. On Fridays we will have Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7.00pm.

This coming Tuesday, 2nd April, Canon Michael McMahon will give a talk on the Scriptures of Holy Week and Easter Triduum at 7.00pm, in the hall, over a cup of tea. Everyone is welcome to come along.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

This takes place this coming Thursday, 4th April, after the 10.00am Mass. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

PPC GROUP MEETINGS

Spirituality Group: The next meeting is **this coming Monday, 1st April** at 7.30pm in the Chapel House after Evening Mass.

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

On Tuesday, 9th April there will be a meeting for Readers from 7.00-7.30pm in the church. From 7.30-8.00pm there will be a half hour of prayer for both Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, then from 8.00-8.30pm, there will be a meeting for Eucharistic Ministers. Please try to attend if you can.

LET'S MEET

Would you like to meet someone special? Let's Meet is sort of like speed dating and is a very friendly, relaxed way to meet fellow single Catholics (Aged 21-40). We need good, strong Catholic couples and families for the future of our Church. So please, give our Catholic Speed Dating event a go - at Browns Brasserie & Bar, Glasgow at 7pm on Saturday 6th April. To buy a £10 ticket email letsmeetscotland@gmail.com. On the noticeboard in the porch, there is a copy of the article that appeared in the Scottish Catholic Observer recently.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

The children of P7 will make their Confirmation on Thursday, 2nd May. The children of P4 will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 18th May.

PIETY STALL

Please take a few minutes to visit our Piety Stall. We have in stock a range of beautiful adult and children's rosaries, communion and confirmation gifts and cards. Mass and sympathy cards, special intentions, thinking of you, new home, baby, christening, birthday and wallet gift cards are also available, all at very reasonable prices.

BOOK AND CRAFT SALE - THANKS

Thanks to everyone who supported the Book and Craft Sale last weekend. The books made £65 and the Crafts made £123. The proceeds will go to SVDP, Jericho and St Charles' Nursery.

THANKS

There is a letter of gratitude from St Elisabeth Convent, Belarus on the noticeboard in the porch.

COLLECTION

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £2,064. This weekend the second collection is for SCIAF and St Mirin's Fund. Next weekend, it is for the Building Fund.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

New offertory envelopes are available for collection in the small hall after all the Masses this weekend. Please note due to the new data protection laws, there are no addresses on the boxes. Please make sure you pick up the correct one!

If you pay tax, please consider signing up to the Gift Aid Scheme. By doing this, the parish can claim an extra 25% on top of your donation. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please note there will be no Children's Liturgy on Sunday, 31st March, 7th April and 14th April as these dates fall within the school spring holiday. It will be on as usual on Easter Sunday. Children's Liturgy is open to all children who attend primary school. We meet in the church hall just before the 10.30am Mass each Sunday (during school term-time). The children re-join their families in the church at the Offertory.

200 CLUB MARCH DRAW

The winners for the March draw are:

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| 1. | 161 | William Aitchison - £200.00 |
| 2. | 162 | Susan Adams - £100.00 |
| 3. | 32 | John O'Rourke - £50.00 |
| 4. | 3 | Donald Boyd - £25.00 |
| 5. | 97 | June O'Henley - £25.00 |

Please pick up your winnings from the Sacristy or Chapel House.

TALKS AT UWS CHAPLAINCY

Our talks continue at the St Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street, on Wednesday this week, 3rd April at 7.00pm. Our next topic - 'Do Catholics Worship Mary?' and the speaker is Fr Jim Duggan. All welcome!

UWS CHAPLAINCY

Our present program of Masses will be suspended after this Sunday until Monday, 15th April due to University holidays.

DIOCESE OF PAISLEY YOUTH

This year's Palm Sunday celebration of World Youth Day will take place at St. Mary's, Greenock on Sunday 14th April from 2pm-6pm. The event is open to all Secondary School Pupils S3-S6, and pupils participating in the Salamanca and Krakow pilgrimages are expected to attend. The program will include Mass at 4.30pm. Transport will be provided from Paisley leaving St. Mirin's Cathedral at 1pm and leaving Greenock to return to Paisley at 6pm. Seats on the bus can be booked by e-mailing Father John Morrison at vocations@rcdop.org.uk. All participants must bring a signed consent form. Please ask your parish priest/school for a copy of the consent form.

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

There will be a Charity Quiz Night in aid of St Andrew's Hospice, in St Mary's Church Hall **this coming Monday, 1st April** at 7.30pm. Entrance is £3 each and there will be a raffle. All are welcome to come along. BYOB and nibbles!