

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

Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm Mass times:

Sunday - 10.30am, 12.00noon & 5.30pm

Weekdays - 10.00am

Thursday - 9:30-9:50am Confession:

Saturday - 9:30-9:50am, 4:30-5:00pm & after 5pm Mass

Rosary:

Weekdays - 9.35am Thursday - 10.30-11.30am

Exposition:

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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

INTRODUCTION

Jesus instructs us to serve only one master. Many things compete for our attention on a daily basis. Some of the things we do, we do in light of our faith and in the service of God; other things may draw us away from both. Jesus exhorts us to pay attention to our actions and our motives, for we cannot serve both God and the things of this world.

ST THERESE RELICS THANKS

The Pilgrimage of Saint Therese around our country and diocese was a resounding success and a source of many blessings and consolations for all those who came to venerate her relics or prayed in spirit with them. Could we thank the national organisers, our diocesan events team and office staff, Fr. Paul Brady, our parish clergy and religious, especially the Little Sisters, Canons Boyle and Freeney and the parishioners, officers and ministries in Saint Mary's and the Cathedral, Mgr. Carlin and the diocesan choir, our diocesan schools and organisations, and all those who gave so generously of their time, talent and services. All those who experienced the joy of St. Therese among us are grateful to those whose hard work made this pilgrimage so fruitful.

BLESSING FOR PRIMARY 1 CHILDREN

The 10.30am Mass this Sunday will be a Mass of welcome for the children of Primary 1. They will receive a blessing from Fr Jim and be given prayer books.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL GROUPS

The following groups have meetings in the Chapel House as follows: Young People Group Monday, 23rd September at 7.00pm Fabric & Finance Group Tuesday, 24th September at 7.00pm Spirituality Group Monday, 30th September at 7.00pm

The RCIA is the process by which we receive new adult members into the Catholic Church. If you would be interested in being a part of the team who journey with and prepare the candidates then please speak with Fr. Jim. The sessions will be starting soon so if you, or anyone you know, is interested in becoming a Catholic then now is the time to contact Fr. Jim.

SAFEGUARDING

Volunteers doing or planning to do regulated work with children and vulnerable adults, or both, should complete the Safeguarding Training, Induction Part 1. The next session will be held in the Diocesan Offices, Incle Street, this Tuesday, 24th September at 7.00pm. Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office on 0141 847 6138 or at safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk to register.

PIETY STALL

We have in stock a whole range of Mass cards, sympathy cards, special intentions, thinking of you, I lit a candle for you, new home, new baby, christening, birthday, anniversary, thank you, get well, all at very reasonable prices. We also now have available a large selection of Christmas cards - make sure you get yours soon before stock runs out!

COLLECTION

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £1,865. Many thanks also for the amazing amount of £4042 which was collected for Project Gambia. This week's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests fund. We remember our Sick & Retired Priests of the diocese with great love and affection. We have sixteen retired priests, still active in prayer and witness. We thank God for the gift of these priests and keep them in our prayers. In 2018 our three special collections and Friends Campaign raised £63,060, which represents 52% of our expenditure of £122,357. i.e. a shortfall of £59,297, which was met by the Sick & Retired Priests Investment income.

200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Members who pay annually are reminded that their yearly membership is now due for renewal. If you wish to start paying monthly, forms are available. If anyone wishes to join the 200 Club, help St Charles' and be part of the fun, please pop in to the hall after any of the Masses this weekend. £4,800 was paid out over the last year in prize money and the 200 Club generates £6,700 for the parish on a yearly basis. This is a very efficient way of boosting our parish funds for repairs and refurbishment.

RENFREWSHIRE FOODBANK

A huge thank-you to everyone who donates items to our Foodbank collection - the response has been really great. May we remind you, however, that we cannot accept fresh foods such as bread, vegetables, fruit, etc. A list of appropriate items is available on the wall at the collection point. Please keep up the good work!

THE LOVE OF CREATION

You are invited to two Mornings of Reflection on 'The Love of Creation' on Saturdays 5th and 26th October from 10-12.30 at St Columba's, Renfrew, including a light lunch. These reflections on Life, Faith, the New Universe Story and the future of our Common Home are inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical 'Laudato Si' 2015. To book a place, or for additional information, please contact Sister Mary Kilpatrick SND, at mkilpat32018@gmail.com or 0141 564 9931. All welcome.

PANTOMIME

The pantomime this year is The Snow Queen and takes place at the Paisley Arts Centre on Friday, 27th December at 7.00pm. The tickets cost £20 per adult and £16 for seniors or children. This is the last call for takers so if you want any tickets, please contact Mary McGroarty on 07710 512991 before next Friday, 28th September.

20-40 NETWORK MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

Aged 20-40? Our events are a great place for meeting fellow young Catholics. Our famous Murder Mystery Night is back by popular demand. Saturday 5th October, 7pm, St. Aloysius Church Hall, Glasgow. Just email 2040network@gmail.com to buy a £10 ticket or join our mailing list to find out about future events if you can't make this one.

PROJECT GAMBIA

Project Gambia are hosting a Winter Ball on Saturday, 23rd November in Dalziel Park Hotel, Motherwell to raise funds for St. John's School for the Deaf - with Bishop John as Guest of Honour. For more information on what is sure to be a night to remember, contact Aidan on 07713 684816 or aidan.curivan@project-gambia.org.