

THANKS

Many thanks for last week's collection which amounted to £2,221. This weekend the second collection is for the Building Fund. Next weekend it will be for Justice & Peace.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

This takes place this coming Thursday, 9th January, after the 10.00am Mass. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy will resume next Sunday, 12th January at the 10.30am Mass. All children who attend primary school are welcome to come along.

CRIB APPEAL

Our crib was blessed at the Christmas services and offerings placed in the box will be donated to St. Margaret's Children and Family Care Society. Please give generously to help the needs of families in today's society.

TEA BAR & HALL

Please note that the Tea Bar and Hall will be re-open this coming Monday, 6th January.

PARISH COUNCIL GROUPS

The following groups have their next meetings at 7.00pm in the Chapel House as follows:
Spirituality – Monday, 6th January
Family – Monday, 13th January

UWS CHAPLAINCY

Studying at UWS? Would you like to get involved in our Catholic society? If so, please contact Fr. John Morrison: johnmorrison1976@gmail.com

DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood in 2020? The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information please contact Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

SVDP/RENFREWSHIRE FOOD BANK

Many thanks to everyone for your very generous donations to the Food Bank basket, especially over the Christmas period. Please keep up the good work! Items can be handed in when you come to Mass, or when the church is open.

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!

PARISH WEBSITE

Please take some time to visit our website: www.stcharles-paisley.org.uk
There is a lot of useful information to be found there, including a copy of the bulletin each week.

SPRED ADVENT BOXES

Please return your SPRED Advent Boxes as soon as you can. SPRED is our Special Religious Education Group for our parishioners with special needs and meets in twenty-one groups around our diocese, as well as in our local special needs schools, through 200 volunteer parishioners. Last year your Advent Boxes brought in an amazing £12,000. Thanks again for your generosity which is helping this wonderful organisation in our diocese to spread and grow from strength to strength.

THINKING ABOUT ADOPTION?

Have you ever considered adoption? If you think you can offer a loving family home to a child or even siblings, we would like to hear from you. Please contact us for a confidential chat and some further information on 0141 332 8371 or visit our website: www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk

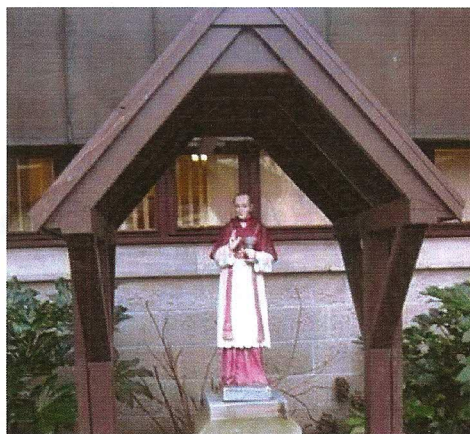
ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING REPORT

The annual diocesan safeguarding report will be read out at our Masses this weekend. Paisley Diocese and our parish welcome the special responsibility we have for all children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community.

In our Church there are two posters. The first reaches out to survivors of abuse in the Church and invites them to contact our safeguarding team confidentially if they feel able. The Church has confidential and independent professional counselling services available to survivors of abuse within the Church. We are also organising a presentation on **Saturday 9 May 2020** by Fr Dominic Allain about the 'Grief to Grace' retreat. 'Grief to Grace' has helped many abuse survivors to find help and healing, as the testimonies on their website report. <https://www.griegtogracesuk.org/>

The second poster highlights our Safeguarding Manual with the contact details of your Parish Co-ordinator and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Please contact your parish safeguarding co-ordinator or the Parish Priest if you have any concerns regarding the abuse or harm of any child, young person or vulnerable adult.

Last year the Scottish Bishops published a new and improved safeguarding manual called 'In God's Image' which includes developments in best practice and implements the recommendations of the McLellan Commission. Our diocesan trainers deliver ongoing training to volunteers, parish safeguarding co-ordinators (PSCs) and clergy. Since October 2016 they have trained 1,314 volunteers, as well as PSCs and clergy. Training promotes vigilance and ensures those working with children and vulnerable adults know the Church's system for reporting disclosures or concerns they may receive.



Just before Christmas the statue of St. Charles Borromeo, our parish patron, was removed for refurbishment. We look forward to its return in the coming months.

Prayer of St. Charles Borromeo

Almighty God, you have generously made known to human beings the mysteries of your life through Jesus Christ your son, in the Holy Spirit. Enlighten my mind to know these mysteries which your Church treasures and teaches.

Move my heart to love them and my will to live in accord with them. Give me the ability to teach this faith to others without pride, without ostentation, and without personal gain.

Let me realize that I am simply your instrument for bringing others to the knowledge of the wonderful things you have done for all your creatures. Help me to be faithful to this task that you have entrusted to me.

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Mgr. James Cunningham
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Times of Services

Sunday Masses

Vigil (Saturday) 5.00pm;
10.30am, 12.00noon
and 5.30pm

Monday to Saturday

Rosary at 9.35am
Mass at 10.00am

Confessions

Thursday & Saturday:
9.30-9/50am;
Saturday
4.30-4.55pm
& after Vigil

Exposition

Thursday: 10.30-11.30am

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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY (A)

SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY 2020



Towards the end of my time in seminary, my Spiritual Director was an Irish Jesuit called Michael Paul Gallagher. He wrote a book reflecting on our journey of faith through the prism of the Magi. Here is a short excerpt:

"Waiting to place the 'wise men' in the crib remains one of my vivid memories of Christmas as a child. They seemed so much more exotic than shepherds. My preference for them, I later discovered, echoed a long history of Christian

imagination. The earliest representations of Christmas in the catacombs were of the Magi. The early centuries meditated at length on that journey of the Magi and wove layers of legend around the simple story as told in St. Matthew's Gospel. The sixth-century mosaics of Ravenna names them, for the first time in the West, as Balthasar, Melchior and Gaspar. In all the early period they were portrayed as identical figures. It is only from the twelfth century onwards that the magi-kings assume individual characteristics, being depicted as the three stages of life, or as representing different races or continents of the world. From this epoch comes a delightful legend that the three met for Christmas Mass in Armenia in AD 54. The Venerable Bede was one of those who suggested meanings for the three gifts: gold signified kingship, incense divinity, and myrrh was a prophecy of the passion."

Michael Paul Gallagher, Where is Your God?, Darton, Longman & Todd, 1991

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