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First Collection: the donation box for the first collection can be found at the holy water fonts as you enter the Church. Please leave your donation there. Like all of you, our bills are increasing greatly and so we appreciate every penny and pound you are able to give us, especially in these challenging times.

Sign of Peace: If you are comfortable to do so, please make a simple gesture towards those around you. At this time, it would not include shaking hands with people from outside your own household.

Mass times: Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm
Sunday - 10.00am, 12.00noon & 5.30pm

Weekdays (Mon-Wed, Fri, Sat) - 10.00am
(Thur) - 7pm

Confession: Thursday - 6.20-6.50pm
Saturday - 9.20-9.50am, 4.20-4.50pm

Rosary: Weekdays - 9.30am (unless Funeral)
Exposition: Weekdays - 9.30am (unless Funeral)
Thursday - 6.20pm

Fatima Devotion First Saturday after Morning Mass

Sunday, 4th December 2022

Second Collection

This weekend the second collection will be for the Building Fund.

Children's Liturgy & Nativity Play



Rehearsals continue for the Nativity Play. Children should come to the rehearsals at 9.30am. The Children's Liturgy will take place at the 10.00am Mass as normal.

Sunday Tea Bar

Please note that as the Ladies Afternoon is taking place this afternoon, there will be **NO TEA in the hall after the 12 noon Mass** this weekend.

Communications Commission

The Diocesan Communications Commission (which meets every 2-3 months) is responsible for all diocesan communications, to ensure a frequent, consistent and synodal message. We wish to increase the number of representatives, especially recruiting people who are/have been engaged in media & communications. If interested or want more information, please contact Canon Danny McLoughlin at stan-drew@rcdop.org.uk.

Bambinelli Sunday

Bambinelli Sunday is celebrated on the Third Sunday of Advent. On that day children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square and bring figures of the Christ Child from their family's Nativity scene. During the noontime Angelus prayer, Pope Francis blesses the children and the figurines they have brought.

Next Sunday, at the 10.00am Mass, we invite the children to bring along their figures of the Baby Jesus to be blessed.



Advance Notice of our Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: Nativity from 4.30pm – Mass at 5.00pm

Carols from 6.30pm – Mass at 7.00pm

Christmas Day: Mass at 10.00am and 11.30am

Boxing Day: No morning Mass, Mass at 7.00pm

New Year's Eve: Mass at 5.00pm

New Year's Day: Mass at 10.00am and 12 noon
(please note NO evening Mass)

PVG Updates for Volunteers

A number of parish volunteers who currently have a PVG certificate are due to have these renewed. If you receive a letter/form from the safeguarding co-ordinator (Margaret Convery), please return the completed form in an envelope marked for her attention to Fr Jim/church house. When the form is returned you will be contacted to arrange a time to bring the required documents, which takes only a few minutes to complete. The form can then be sent to the diocese for processing.

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Names for the Sick List

Please remember that due to GDPR legislation we have to receive permission from the persons themselves for names to be put on the sick list. If it not clear, then we will have to wait until we are assured of this before we are allowed to put a name in the public forum.

Can those who are currently responsible for names that are already on the sick list please confirm with Fr. Jim by 18th December that names should remain on the list. At that point we will remove any name that is unconfirmed.

Diocese of Paisley

Safeguarding Thought for the Month 2022

Each month we will have a safeguarding thought for the month to help us continue the focus on this important priority. The Safeguarding thought for **December** is:

Together we will continue to ensure that our parishes are safe places where prevention is a key message.

Thanks!

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to Paprika at Rowan Street for their kind donation of food for our 125th Anniversary celebrations.

Christmas Ceilidh.

St Peter's and St Paul's Parishes are holding a Christmas Ceilidh on **Saturday, 10th December** from 7pm to 10pm in St. Peter's Parish Hall. Bring your own bottles and snacks. Tickets are: Adult £5. Child £2. Family £12. Please phone Margaret on 07906 028308 to book tickets. You can pay at the door, but please book so that we know the numbers coming. Come and join us - it will be a great night with Ceilidh music and dancing to start off the Christmas celebrations!

Safeguarding Training

PART ONE – Church Volunteers

There will be a Part One training session taking place on: **Thursday, 8th December at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Clarkston, 2 Eaglesham Road, Clarkston, G76 7BT.**

As part of the safe recruitment procedures for the Catholic Church in Scotland, new volunteers undertaking regulated work should complete an application form for their role, apply to become a member of the PVG scheme and attend Safeguarding Part One Training. If you would like to attend this training session, please contact **SarahJane Colhoun** on **0141 847 6138** or safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk

Carols for Peace 2022

On **Sunday, 11th December at 3.00pm** come and join The Lord Provost, with Glasgow Churches Together supported by the St Mungo Singers, the Salvation Army Band, South Side Fiddlers, St Denis' Primary School, Piper, Harpist and Music Ensemble. We will pray for peace in our world but particularly Bethlehem, our Twin City. Enjoy refreshments afterwards in the Satinwood Suite overlooking George Square in all its Christmas Splendour where the Crib still has a place of prominence. Everyone is welcome to this very important event in the calendar of Glasgow Churches Together and Glasgow City Council. A collection will be taken up for the Lord Provost's Fund for Children.

Christmas Fete at The Little Sister of the Poor, Greenock

Come along and join us at our Christmas Fete here at the Little Sisters of the Poor, 44 Union Street, Greenock, on **Sunday, 11th December** from **2.00-4.30pm**. There is plenty on offer for all the family including – bottle stall, baking stall, book stall, bric-a-brac, plants, tombola. There will be a chance for the children to meet Santa at our Santa's Grotto and kiddie's corner. Tea and toast will be served in the tea room and there will be an ice cream van on the grounds with treats on sale for the children. All welcome.



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The God in whom we believe is “the God of endurance and encouragement.” Have you ever thought about God in those terms? Our sight can become limited by the concerns of the world and our individual lives. We can look to the past and see what is happening in the present, but the future is primarily left to our imaginations. God has a clear vision for the future. It is one where the “wolf shall be a guest of the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid.” It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one. We can see the complete picture of life in God. We see what we may be, what may come, and who we can become. Preparing the way for the Lord means moving beyond the limitations of ideology, time, space, preference, and self-focused concern so that we can see as God sees. God will give us what we need to endure whatever comes, and the encouragement we need to get where we can be.

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