

# SAINT CHARLES' PARISH

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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, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## 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.

## 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)

**2<sup>nd</sup> January:** No morning Mass, Mass at 7.00pm

## All-Day Confessions

Come Home for Christmas! Next **Thursday, 15th December**, priests will be available to hear confessions from 8.30am until 8pm in **St Mirin's Cathedral**. Masses will be celebrated at 8am, 10am and 1pm.

## St Mirin's Family Quiz Night

The next Quiz Night (with a Christmas feel) will take place on **Friday 16th December**, in the hall. Entry costs £2 per adult and £1 per child. Bring your own drinks and snacks. A maximum of 8 per team. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received. All are welcome. Christmas jumpers welcome!

## 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.

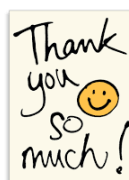
**This Sunday, at the 10.00am Mass, the children will be invited to bring their figures of the Baby Jesus to be blessed.**



## Carols in the Cathedral – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 2.00pm



A diocesan annual event. It's a lovely way for all of the families to come together as a diocesan community and worship in song the birth of Our Saviour Jesus Christ. All donations will go towards SPRED.



A huge thank you to everyone who organised and supported the Ladies Afternoon last weekend. The magnificent sum of £1,540 was raised and this will go towards the cost of heating over the winter.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> December that names should remain on the list. At that point we will remove any name that is unconfirmed.

## 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.

## 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.***

## Young Adults' Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The diocesan Office for Pastoral Formation of Young Adults is organising a pilgrimage to coincide with the Diocesan and Youth to Lourdes pilgrimages in 2023, from **30<sup>th</sup> June until 7<sup>th</sup> July**. The cost will be a maximum of £500 per person. If you're aged 18-35 and would like to know more, or if you would like to register your interest, please email Fr Ryan ([ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk)) or Fr Joe ([joe.mcguill@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:joe.mcguill@rcdop.org.uk)). Deposits of £100 should be paid before the end of January 2023.

## 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 [standrew@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:standrew@rcdop.org.uk).

## SYNOD 2021-2024

The Papal Synod timeline has now been extended, by a year, to 2024. The document for the Continental Stage has now been published and is available on the diocesan website homepage. This will be the focus of the European Assembly in February 2023. Please send any comments to [Synod23@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:Synod23@rcdop.org.uk).

## Carols for Peace 2022

This **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

We can often feel parched, desolate, lifeless, and dark. Even though we still engage in the business and demands of life, we find ourselves somewhat detached, disengaged, and removed. We lack joy, wonder, awe, and zest. Rather than being an experience of freedom and excitement, life holds us captive. We are tethered to systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, and expectations that go against the grain of what it means to be God's child. We find ourselves in a desert. Jesus came to release us from all of this negativity and desolation. John the Baptist announced the arrival of the One who embodies healing, reconciliation, freedom, and life. Stop complaining about what you don't have. Prepare for the arrival of the remedy to life's despair. Be strong, fear not! Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Be patient. With proper time and care, all will be well.

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