

# SAINT CHARLES' PARISH

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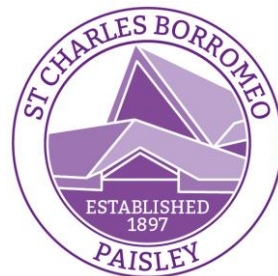
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**Sign of Peace:** If you are comfortable to do so, please make a simple gesture towards those around you. At this time, it would not include shaking hands with people from outside your own household.

**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, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Second Collection

This weekend the proceeds of the second collection are divided 75% to SCIAF and 25% to our new St Mirin's Fund. SCIAF is the official aid and international development charity of the Catholic Church in Scotland. It works in sixteen countries across Asia, Africa and Latin America to help the poorest in the world, regardless of religion, to work their way out of poverty. The St. Mirin's Fund awards small grants for good causes that promote the Kingdom of God among us, with special consideration to: children and young people, the elderly, those with disabilities and special needs, or suffering from poverty, mental illness, homelessness or refugees.



On Tuesdays and Fridays after the 10.00am Mass, we will have Stations of the Cross, unless there is a funeral. If that is the case, we will try to have them on another day that week.

## Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

The priests of the St Andrew's cluster have been meeting regularly to look at ways of fostering greater unity and working relationships between our local parishes. To this end, we have decided this year to have one Mass of the Lord's Supper in our area on Holy Thursday evening. This will take place in St Mirin's cathedral at 7pm followed by night prayers at 9pm and continued watching at the Altar of Repose (cathedral halls) until 10pm. We know this is a big change from the norm but the one Mass gives us all in the area the opportunity to come together on this special Feast of the Institution of the Eucharist, giving a powerful witness of how the Eucharist unites every one of us. Holy Thursday is also the celebration of the Institution of the Priesthood when the Lord instructed his disciples to "Do this in memory of me". Coming together in one bigger celebration on this special night also gives the local priests the chance to be together and support each other on this their special Feast Day.



We would like to welcome you into the hall after the 10.00am Mass this weekend for a special cup of tea for **Mother's Day**.

We would love to see any mums, grans, aunts, etc on this special day. Bring the children and they can join in with some arts and crafts while you relax in the company of others.

## Readers

We are very grateful to the existing team of readers in the parish, but we are keen to recruit more over the coming months. We would be delighted to hear from parishioners, including children from upper primary and all secondary school stages, who would be willing to take on this role. Training is available to any volunteers. If interested, please pass your contact details to Fr Jim with a note that it is for the attention of Margaret Convery (readers co-ordinator). The easiest way to do this is by e-mail: [stcharles@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:stcharles@rcdop.org.uk)

## Interested in Justice & Peace?

If you are interested in Justice & Peace, you are invited along to hear more about their work and what you can do here in St Charles' Church at 7.30pm **this Thursday, 23rd March** (immediately after the 7 o'clock evening Mass). Hope to see you there. Deacon Brian Mackenzie. If you are unable to attend but wish to hear more, please contact me via email [Brian.Mackenzie@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:Brian.Mackenzie@rcdop.org.uk) or via Paisley Diocesan offices.

## Relics of Padre Pio in Scotland

There will be mass followed by individual blessing with the mit/glove of Padre Pio on 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in St. John's, Barrhead and 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm in St. Francis', Port Glasgow.



### SCIAP Lent Appeal

SCIAP Wee Boxes are available in the porch. Please take one home with you. For the poorest people, hunger is the start, but it doesn't have to be their end.

There is still hope.

We know that change is possible. Please reach out to our poorest sisters and brothers with love and compassion and use your WEE BOX to make a BIG CHANGE. This Lent, your donations will give families the ability to grow their own food by providing the training and tools they need. By ensuring they have the business skills they need to earn an income, and by providing access to women's groups and literacy classes so they can work themselves out of poverty.



- On **Good Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April**, there will be Stations of the Cross for children and their families at **12.00 noon**.
- Our next **Fun Quiz Night** will take place in the hall on **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm
- **All day Confessions** will take place in St. Mirin's Cathedral on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** from 8.30am to 8pm. (*Confessions will be paused for the 10am & 1pm Masses*)

### Trip to Medugorje

A trip Medugorje is being organised between 27<sup>th</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> October. If you are interested, please contact Cormack Smith on 07568401416 or [Cormacksmith123@icloud.com](mailto:Cormacksmith123@icloud.com).

### Divine Mercy Monthly Devotions

The Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland invite you to a Divine Mercy Mass at 7.00pm followed by Adoration on **Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March**. The mass will take place at **St Mirin's Cathedral for March only**, it will be back at St Mary's in April. All are welcome.

### Think Vocation

"I am the light of the world." Could God be calling you to bring the light of Christ to others, as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison: Tel: 0141 889 2602 or email [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk).

### Diocese of Paisley Safeguarding Thought for the Month of March

*As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us - ordained, professed, employed and voluntary members - to work together to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse or harm.*



### **Swish Party Fundraiser**

Áine and Abi, two St Andrew's pupils from our parish, are going to Lourdes with Paisley Diocese and need your help! **They are hosting a Swish Party Fundraiser on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March from 1pm-4pm in St Charles' Church Hall.**

They are asking for donations of clothes, shoes and accessories that could be sold at their Swish Party.

They are also hoping you'll come along on the day and get yourself some new fashion in exchange for a small donation.

**Entry to the Swish party is £3 and tea/coffee and refreshments are included.**

Donations of good quality clothing would be very much appreciated.

Items can be dropped into the small hall or can be given to Áine and Abi's families.

You can also call 07985607260 if you wish items to be collected.

Thank you very much for your support.



### **We are here to help!**

If you, or anyone you know, is in need of practical support and assistance, please give us a call, in

complete confidence, **Tel: 07896 154093** or put a note in the SSVP box.

### **Diocesan Young Adults (18-35)**

Our series of talks, *In God's Image: A Defence of Catholic Moral Teaching*, continues on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March. In the next talk, *Before I Formed You in the Womb I Knew You*, Mr John Deighan will discuss the dignity of the unborn child. Please arrive at the diocesan office before 7.00pm. The talk will be followed by an opportunity to socialise over drinks in a local bar. Details of future talks in the series can be found on Facebook.



**LIVE THE LITURGY**

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

The blind man showed great bravery by speaking of Christ's miracle in the face of the Pharisees' disdain.

But then, how could he ignore the truth, once he had seen it? It would be a form of blindness worse than the absence of physical sight. To deny Christ would be a blindness he chose for himself.

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