

SAINT CHARLES' PARISH

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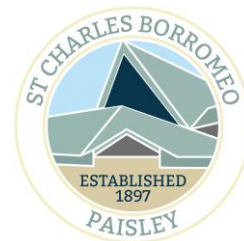
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Sign of Peace: If you are comfortable to do so, please make a simple gesture towards those around you. At this time, it would not include shaking hands with people from outside your own household.

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, 14th May 2023

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday of this week is the Solemnity of the Ascension and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses on Thursday will be at 10.00am and 7.00pm (please note that there is no Vigil Mass here on Wednesday).

SCIAF Boxes

Many thanks for all your SCIAF Wee Box donations. A cheque for £1,740 has been sent off.

Family Day with Mary Sunday 14th May 2023

Join families from throughout the diocese at St John's, Barrhead for an afternoon of celebration and fun in honour of Mary our Mother, including prayer, activity and games for children. The day will begin with refreshments at **2.00pm**, and conclude with **Holy Mass at 4.00pm** celebrated by Bishop John.

Family Quiz Night at St Mirin's

The next Family Quiz Night will take place in the Cathedral Hall **this coming Friday, 19th May** from 7.00pm. 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.

Second Collection

Next weekend the second collection is for Communications. This collection pays for our national Scottish Catholic Media Office which provides a service to the press and media with information on the activities of the Church in Scotland. The office supports two employees.



Titles of Mary

You are all invited to join us for Mass, music, and an evening of reflection on Our Lady and her titles on **Thursday, 25th May from 7.00pm onwards**. Afterwards there will be an opportunity for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee in the hall.

Primary School Day for Pentecost

The Diocese of Paisley will be facilitating a day of reflection and activities for Primary School pupils (p4-7) on **Sunday, 28th May** at St. James, 50 Greenock Road, Paisley. Beginning at 2pm and ending with Dinner at 5.00pm (collection time 5.30pm), the afternoon will include activities, catechesis and Mass. Pre-booking is recommended but not required. All attendees will be required to bring a completed consent form. These can be collected from Diocesan Primary schools, Parishes or by emailing vocations@rcdop.org.uk. For further information or queries please contact Fr. John Morrison Tel: 0141 889 2026 or e-mail vocations@rcdop.org.uk



SSVP are looking for a pram for a six-month old baby, can you help?

We also want to thank everyone who supports us in a variety of ways.
Your generosity is just amazing and enables us to bring hope and joy to many people.
Sincere thanks and God bless you all.

Youth to Lourdes Fundraiser

Help our young pilgrims raise necessary funds for their pilgrimage to Lourdes by supporting this Race Night. The Fundraiser and Social for Youth to Lourdes takes place on **Friday, 26th May** in St Mary's Church Hall, Paisley. Entry costs £5. 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. BYOB. Reserve tickets by emailing lainmclean@rcdop.org.uk. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

Diocesan Young Adults (18-35)

Our series of talks, *In God's Image: A Defence of Catholic Moral Teaching*, continues on **Wednesday, 31st May**. In the next talk, *The Lord Gave, and the Lord Has Taken Away*, Dr Joseph Bradley will discuss euthanasia. 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.

Diocese of Paisley Safeguarding Thought for the Month of May

Safeguarding is a duty that is rooted in the message of Jesus and in the mission of the Catholic Church.

Going into hospital?

If you are going into hospital and would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, or wish a hospital visit, please contact Fr Jim so that this can be arranged.

Think Vocation

"They laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit." Is God calling you to share the power of the Spirit with his people through the celebration of the sacraments, as a priest? Speak to our Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison – Tel: 0141 889 5056 or email vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Safeguarding News –

Papal update to 'Vos estis lux mundi'

On 25th March, Pope Francis permanently decreed an updated version of *Vos estis lux mundi*, his landmark legislation to counter abuse in the Catholic Church. The decree now extends the Church's norms for handling of abuse to cover lay leaders of international associations of the faithful recognized by the Vatican.

Vos estis lux mundi ("You are the light of the world") reaffirms an obligation to report cases of "vulnerable adult" victims of abuse, including violence against religious women by clerics and cases of harassment of adult seminarians or novices by a superior. It also includes protections for people who witness acts of abuse, in addition to those who submit reports of alleged abuse, stipulating that no "obligation of silence" may be imposed on those who report, witness, or are victims of abuse.

The new provisions will come into force on April 30 and replace the Pope's provisional version of *Vos estis lux mundi* published nearly four years ago. Further information can be provided from the following link:

[Pope confirms 'Vos estis lux mundi' procedures against abuse - Vatican News](#)



Teilhard de Chardin was a Jesuit priest and a philosopher. This prayer of patient trust is about waiting patiently for God.

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability— and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you; your ideas mature gradually— let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste.

Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time *(that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will)* will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be.

Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.