

# SAINT CHARLES' PARISH

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**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, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Second Collection

The contributions for the Sick and Retired Priests of our Diocese last weekend amounted to £886.00. Many thanks for your ongoing support once again.

Next weekend the second collection is for Peter's Pence. This is the practice of the laity to provide financial support to the Holy See to allow the Holy Father the means to respond to those suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

## Think Vocation

"Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life." There is no greater gift of God than the Eucharist. Are you being called to bring God's people the nourishment of the Eucharist as a priest? Is it the source of your own life? Call our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr John Morrison on 0141 889 5056 or email

[vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk)

As the priests and parishes of the St Andrew's Cluster continue to work together, a reduced summer schedule of Masses has been devised for July and August 2023. This will ease the pressure and enable the priests to be able to help one another over the holiday period. The following schedule is effective from Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July:

SUMMER SCHEDULE	
St Andrew's Cluster (Paisley)	
JULY & AUGUST 2023	
Normal Schedule Resumes Sat 2nd Sep 2023	
Saturday Vigils	Sunday Masses
4pm St Mirin's Cathedral	8am St Mirin's Cathedral
4pm St Mary's	9.30am St James'
4.45pm St Peter's	9.30am St Peter's
5pm St Charles'	10am St Mary's
	10am St Charles'
	11am St Mirin's Cathedral
	11am St Paul's
	11.30am St Fergus'
	5.30pm St Charles'

## Dial-A-Mass

If you are unable to attend Mass in person and have no access to the Internet, the Diocese offers a phone Mass. Holy Mass is available to listen to from 12 noon every day. The number to call is: 0141 473 4869.

## Diocesan Young Adults (18-35)

Our series of talks, *In God's Image: A Defence of Catholic Moral Teaching*, concludes on **Wednesday, 21st June**. In the next talk, *For the Lord is our Judge; the Lord is our Lawgiver*, Mr Anthony Horan will discuss the relationship between Church and state. 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.



### Further appeal!

SSVP are now looking for your help to source a child's buggy.  
As always, our sincere thanks go to all of you who support us in so many ways. God bless you all.

## Scottish Peace Network

A gathering, organised by the Scottish Peace Network, will take place in the Peace Garden, Barshaw Park at **3.00pm on Sunday, 17th June**. All are welcome.

SPN is a network of groups in Scotland from a variety of different traditions which are united in opposing war and share a common vision for a peaceful Scotland. The event is organised by the Peace Network, showing solidarity with refugees. Refugee Week begins on 20th June.

## **RAMH (Recovery Across Mental Health)**

This is a charity based in Paisley that provides mental health support, care and advice annually to around 5,500 people across Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and other neighbouring local authorities. RAMH has been engaging with MSPs and MPs from all political parties to highlight the issue of low pay within the social care sector. Please see the notice in the porch regarding a multi-faith conference which took place recently to explore this issue.

## **Paolo Nutini Raffle**

St Mirin's Online Raffle is live! Win a Fender FA-125 guitar donated and signed by Paolo Nutini. Tickets cost just £5! All proceeds will go towards the restoration of St Mirin's Cathedral and Halls in Paisley, Scotland. The competition closes on 31st July at 5.00pm. To purchase tickets, visit [http://bit.ly/nutini\\_guitar](http://bit.ly/nutini_guitar)

## **Embracing Our Role as Missionary Disciples**

The Gospel reading for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A is a reminder of the importance of evangelisation in the life of a Catholic. However, many of us feel uncomfortable with the idea of evangelising, perhaps due to a perception that it involves knocking on a stranger's door and telling them about Jesus. Yet, evangelisation is not always so formal, and we have many opportunities to spread the good news in our daily lives.

We can evangelise by offering a helping hand to someone in need and then sharing how we have been helped through the power of God. When someone asks us to pray for them, we can say a prayer with them and share a moment of connection and faith. We can also invite someone to come to Mass or attend a church event with us, sharing the joy of our faith and the community of believers.

However, in order to spread the light of Christ to others, we must first be able to see it shining in our own lives. We must strive to live our lives in a way that reflects the love, compassion, and mercy of Christ, so that others may be drawn to Him through us. Evangelisation is not about forcing our beliefs on others, but about sharing the hope and joy that we have found in Christ and inviting others to join us on this journey of faith.

As Catholics, we are called to be missionary disciples, spreading the love of Christ to all those we encounter. This can be done in small ways, through acts of kindness and invitations to prayer or worship. By embracing our role as evangelisers, we can share the good news of the Gospel and help others to encounter the transformative power of Christ's love.

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## **Diocesan Safeguarding Action Plan 2023**

The Diocesan Safeguarding action plan for 2023 has now been approved for use by the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group (DSAG) and Bishop John.

The plan was formed from the analysis of the latest Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency audit and is intended to drive, monitor and improve safeguarding activity across the Diocese in line with the quality and evidence indicators contained within '*In God's Image*'; the churches instruction on safeguarding in the Catholic Church in Scotland.

A copy of the plan will be made available on the Diocesan website.

As always, our thanks & prayers go to our Clergy, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators, volunteers, trainers and communities for all the important work they do in contributing to our combined '*culture of care*' within the Diocese of Paisley.



## **First Reading – Exodus 19:2-6a:**

The Israelites arrive at Mount Sinai, where God speaks to Moses and tells him to convey a message to the people. God reminds the Israelites of how He delivered them from slavery in Egypt and declares that if they obey His commands and keep His covenant, they will be a treasured possession and a kingdom of priests.

## **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 100:**

**RESPONSE: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

This passage is a call to all people to praise and serve the Lord joyfully, recognizing that we are His people and the sheep of His flock. The verses emphasize God's goodness, His role as creator and caretaker of His people, and His eternal kindness and faithfulness.

## **Second Reading – Romans 5:6-11:**

God showed His love for humanity by sending Jesus Christ to die for our sins while we were still sinners. Through Jesus' sacrifice, we can be reconciled with God and receive the gift of eternal life.

## **Gospel – Matthew 9:36—10:8:**

Jesus has compassion for the crowds. He decides to send out His twelve disciples to heal the sick, raise the dead, and proclaim the good news of the kingdom of heaven. Jesus instructs His disciples to freely give what they have received, encouraging them to serve others with love and generosity.

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