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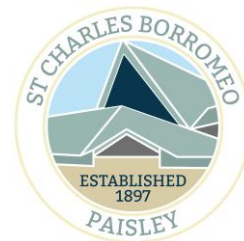
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Mass times: Saturday Vigil – 5.00pm
Sunday – 10.00am, 12.00noon & 5.30pm

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, 16th July 2023

Second Collection

Many thanks for your contributions to the second collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea last weekend. The amount raised was £804.00.



There will be a sale of hand-made cards for all occasions in the hall **TODAY** after the 10.00am Mass. Proceeds will go towards church funds. Please pop in and see what's on offer.

Think Vocation

"Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me." If you think God might be calling you to bring God's word to his people as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life, speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison Tel: 0141 889 5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk



Very many thanks to everyone who has supported our Fun Family Quiz Nights over the past few months. We hope you have enjoyed them. We will take a break in August. Our next quiz will be at the usual time of 7.30pm on **Friday, 1st September.**

Diocese of Paisley

Safeguarding Thought for the Month

The Catholic Church is committed to respecting, protecting and nurturing the dignity of all people.

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.

The 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This will be celebrated **next Sunday 23rd July** and has the theme, "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1: 50). This verse reminds us that God's mercy is shown through the testimonies of those who have experienced it and passed it on to their children and grandchildren. We pray for all the elderly people within our families and parish communities. We would like to invite all grandparents and elderly to come through to the hall after the 10.00am Mass for a cup of tea/coffee and home baking.



Mercy Bus Tour 2023

The Mercy Bus is back in Scotland this year, our mission is to spread the Good News to all we meet. Please come along and have tea/coffee some home baking and a chat with a priest or our team, or perhaps go to the sacrament of penance on the top deck of the Bus. All our items we give away (rosaries, miraculous medals, divine mercy chaplets etc) have been blessed by Bishop John Keenan. **Bishop John will be celebrating Holy Mass on Saturday at 2.00pm at TESCO Linwood.**

All are welcome on the following dates:

Monday, 24th July: 11.00am – 3.00pm TESCO Port Glasgow PA14 5BP

Tuesday, 25th July: 11.00am – 3.00pm TESCO Coatbridge ML5 3SQ

Wednesday, 26th July: 11.00am – 3.00pm TESCO Port Glasgow PA14 5BP

Thursday, 27th July: 11.00am – 3.00pm TESCO Cumbernauld G67 1JW

Friday, 28th July: 11.00am – 3.00pm outside Primark, Argyle Street, Glasgow G2 8AG

Saturday, 29th July: 11.00am – 3.00pm TESCO Linwood, Paisley PA3 3DB

Nazareth House Summer Fayre

Nazareth House Residential Care are holding a Summer Fayre on **Friday, 28th July** between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Donations will be gratefully accepted and all are most welcome to come and join us. There is a flyer on the notice-board about this.

Pro-Life Mass

The monthly Pro-Life Mass is on **Wednesday, 19th July at 7.30pm** at Holy Cross, 113 Dixon Ave, G42 8ER. Adoration begins at 6.15pm. Tea in the hall afterwards – all welcome. The celebrant will be Mgr John Tormey.

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

Synod of Bishops 2023

Please see below the link to the latest Synod document called the *Instrumentum Laboris*, which will be discussed at the synod.

<https://www.synod.va/en/synodal-process/the-universal-phase/documents.html>

Please send any comments on this document to Synod23@rcdop.org.uk by **Friday 21st July 2023**, so that they can be presented to Bishop Brian McGee who will represent Scotland at the Synod.



First Reading – Isaiah 55:10-11:

The Lord's word is likened to rain that nourishes the earth, promising that it will accomplish its intended purpose without returning void.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 65:

RESPONSE: Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop

The land's fruitful yield is a result of divine intervention, leading to joy and celebration.

Second Reading – Romans 8:18-23:

Current sufferings are minimal compared to the future glory awaiting God's children. All creation yearns for this liberation and shares in the anticipation of redemption.

Gospel – Matthew 13:1-23:

Jesus shares a parable about a sower who scattered seeds, symbolizing the spreading of God's word. The seeds fell on different types of soil, representing various responses to the message. Some seeds produced abundant fruit, while others were hindered by thorns, rocky ground, or birds. Jesus explains the meaning of each element, highlighting the importance of receptive hearts for the growth and understanding of God's teachings.

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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'

Cultivating Receptive Hearts for God's Word

The gospel for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A speaks to the different ways people receive and respond to the message of God. It challenges us to reflect on our own openness and receptivity to His Word. Are we like the hardened path, where the Word cannot penetrate our hearts because of indifference or distractions? Are we like the rocky ground, where we may initially embrace the Word with enthusiasm but lack the perseverance to endure challenges and trials? Are we like the thorny soil, where worldly concerns and desires choke the Word and prevent it from bearing fruit? Or are we like the good soil, where the Word takes root, flourishes, and yields a bountiful harvest?

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