

SAINT CHARLES' PARISH

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Scottish Charity No. SCO13514

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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, 24th September 2023

Second Collection

Many thanks for your contributions to the second collection for Vocations. The amount raised was £827.00.

This weekend we have a special collection for Mary's Meals and next weekend the second collection is for the Building Fund.

Thank you for all the donations and financial support you give to the parish.

Youth Music Group



Starting from Sunday, 1st October, there will be youth Masses on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month at St Charles' Parish at 5.30pm Mass and will be engaging for young people. We will have young people playing music, taking part in the Liturgy and a homily aimed at the youth. Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

We are also starting a youth music group for those aged 16 and above. Anyone who would like to get involved can get in touch at stcharlesyouthmusic@gmail.com

All singers and instrumentalists of any ability are welcome!

Justice and Peace

There will be a Justice and Peace Season of Creation Prayer Service, based around the Papal Encyclical Laudato Si, looking at the effects of climate change, after the 7.00pm Mass this coming Thursday, 28th September.

Think Vocation

"You go into my vineyard too." The call to work in the Lord's vineyard of the Church can come at any age, any moment. Could he be asking you to spend yourself in his service as priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Speak to our Vocations Director, Fr John Morrison – Tel: 0141 889 5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Monsignor Charles Burns OBE

Mgr. Burns is a priest of our Diocese, a friend of Fr. Jim, who has worked for most of his priestly ministry in the Vatican Archives. He has also for many, many years been an ecclesiastical advisor to the British Embassy to the Holy See. On Monday evening the Embassy is hosting a reception in

honour of Mgr. Burns as he completes his service to them. Bishop John has invited Fr. Jim, Fr. Stephen and Fr Dan to accompany him, leaving today, returning Tuesday, on a short trip to Rome for the event. Please keep Mgr. Burns in your prayers for good health and in thanksgiving for his long, dedicated service to the Church. Thanks to Mgr. Monaghan for covering and making it possible for Fr. Jim to be away



Bishop John will celebrate the **Opening Mass of the NET Scotland** year here in St Charles' on

Thursday, 5th October at 7.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to come, and to meet and to pray with and for the young missionaries.

Bowling Event for Young Adults

Are you in your 20s, 30s or 40s? Why not come along to our bowling event for young Catholic adults on **Saturday, 7th October at 7.30pm** at TenPin Braehead. Our events are a great opportunity to come on your own and meet other young Catholics. Just email 2040network@gmail.com for tickets or to join our mailing list and find out about future events.

Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions

There will be a Divine Mercy Mass and Adoration on **Wednesday, 27th September** at 7.00pm in St Mary's Church, Paisley, which will be celebrated by Fr Sean Cunney.

Brian Taylor Clothes Show

All are welcome to come along to St Mirin's Hall on **Saturday, 7th October at 7.00pm.** Tickets at the door - £3.00 including tea, coffee and 1 free raffle ticket. Start your Christmas shopping with bargain basement prices - and his patter is great!

Safeguarding thought for the Month of September

We are committed to improving the culture of Safeguarding in order to rebuild trust and confidence in the ways in which we ensure that children and vulnerable adults are kept safe.

Coming Soon

Watch this space

- Our next **Fun Family Quiz Night** takes place in the hall on **Friday, 6th October at 7.30pm**.
- **Christmas cards** will be available at the Piety Stall in the very near future. Make sure you buy early to avoid disappointment!

Lourdes 2023 Reunion

The reunion takes place on **Sunday, 8th October** at St. Ninians' Church, Gourrock, PA19 1PW and will begin with Marian Devotions at 2.00pm. This will be followed by tea etc in the Church Hall and a chance to catch up.

Stop the Assisted Dying Bill

Legalising assisted suicide is dangerous because it attacks human dignity. Implicit in assisted suicide is that an individual, in certain circumstances, can lose their value and worth. Make your voice heard by contacting your MSP on your own or as part of a group with family, friends, or in your local parish. All the information you need can be found here: [Assisted Suicide – Catholic Parliamentary Office \(rcpolitics.org\)](https://rcpolitics.org)

Safeguarding Training

If any volunteer requires to complete or update their safeguarding training, here are upcoming dates:
Saturday, 7th October, 10.00am in St Mirin's Hall
Tuesday, 7th November, 7.00pm in St John's Barrhead
Applications can be made directly to the Diocesan office or by e-mailing the parish safeguarding co-ordinator:
margaret.convery@rcdop.org.uk

Marriage Counsellor Sought

The Diocese of Paisley is looking for an experienced counsellor to assist its excellent marriage counselling team. For more information and contact details, visit: <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/news/marriage-counsellor-wanted>.

New door at Church House

As well as providing additional security, this new door will solve a problem parcels being on our doorstep unsecured. As soon as we can do so, the doorbell for the house will be moved to outside of the external door. Until then, it remains where it was can be obscured by the new door when open. Just look behind the door for the doorbell in the meantime to get attention at the house.



The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

The readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A highlight God's generosity. In the first reading we are told that God does not think the way we think. The psalm praises God's compassion, justice, and mercy. The second reading reminds us that we must labour to imitate Christ. And in the gospel Jesus tells the parable about the workers in the vineyard and the generous landowner who paid them all the same wage.

First Reading – Isaiah 55:6-9:

Seek God while He's close; abandon wickedness. Turn to the merciful Lord. His thoughts surpass ours, as heaven is above earth. His ways and thoughts are beyond ours.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 145:

Daily I'll bless and praise You, O Lord, forever. Your greatness is beyond measure. You're gracious, merciful, slow to anger, kind, and just. You're near to all who call upon You.

RESPONSE: The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second Reading – Philippians 1:20C-24, 27A:

In life or death, I magnify Christ. Life means fruitful labour. Caught between longing for departure to be with Christ and staying for your benefit. Live worthily of the gospel.

Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16A:

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who hires labourers at different times. Those who worked only an hour received the same wage as those who worked all day. The landowner's generosity teaches that God's ways are not based on human standards of fairness.

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