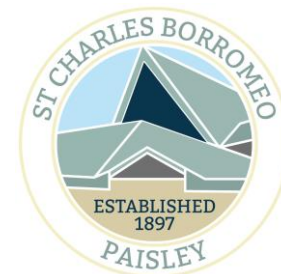


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Mass times: Saturday Vigil – 5.00pm
Sunday – 10.00am, 12.00noon & 5.30pm

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



Please scan the QR code if you wish to
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St. Charles Parish

Parish Priest: Canon Jim Duggan,
Permanent Deacon: Deacon Brian Mackenzie

Sunday 19th November 2023 | 33rd Sunday of the Year (A)

Second Collection

Many thanks for your contributions to the second collection for the Building Fund last weekend. The amount raised was £973.00.

This weekend the second collection is for the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) which promotes and protects our Catholic schools in issues of national significance, and supports our schools, parishes and dioceses.

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

P2 and P3 Pupils - Welcome Mass

We would like to extend an invitation to the pupils of Primary 2 and 3 and their families, to **10.00am Mass this Sunday, 19th November**. After the Mass, everyone will be welcome in the hall for tea/juice and cake. We look forward to seeing all who can come along.



Children's Liturgy & Nativity Play

Rehearsals for the Nativity Play have begun. From this week, children should come to the rehearsals at 9.30am. The Children's Liturgy will take place at the 10am Mass as normal.

Deceased Clergy

Bishop Keenan will celebrate Mass for the repose of the souls of all deceased clergy of the Diocese of Paisley, on **Monday, 20th November at 1.00pm** in St Mirin's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend and to pray for the eternal rest of our late bishops, priests and deacons.

Table-Top Sale - Sunday, 10th December

We are running a mini Christmas Bazaar in the hall after both morning Masses on Sunday, 10th December.

We would appreciate donations of bottles for the Tombola, toys in good condition and any unwanted gifts.

These can be handed in to the porch from this weekend.

Advent Scripture Talks

Join Fr Ryan for Scripture classes on Thursdays in Advent from **7pm**. These classes will be introductory and suitable for everyone. They will include *Lectio Divina* and exegesis. We start on Thu 30th Nov (before Advent) in St Charles' hall in Paisley with the scriptures of the First Sunday of Advent. All are welcome. All subsequent talks will be in St Mirin's Cathedral Hall.

SCIAF Israel-Palestine Emergency Appeal

Ongoing conflict in the Holy Land, particularly the Occupied Palestinian Territories, is causing unimaginable fear and suffering. Through the global Caritas network, SCIAF is working with local organisations to act as soon as possible. Your donation will provide emergency support to those most in need. Gaza is one of the most densely populated areas in the world and its residents have no way to leave Gaza, and are running out of food, water, and safe shelter. Please donate to our funds for essential support to the families in urgent need by following the link: <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/579-israeli-palestinian-emergency-appeal>

All-Day Confessions

Come Home for Christmas! On **Thursday, 7th December**, priests will be available to hear confessions from 8.30am until 8.00pm in St Mirin's Cathedral. Masses will be celebrated at 8.00am, 10.00am and 1.00pm.

Diary Dates

- **Thursday, 30th November** - On the Feast of St Andrew, patron saint of Scotland and Ukraine, please come along and enjoy some Scottish food, music and dancing in the hall from 5.00pm - 6.30pm.
- **Friday, 1st December** - Our next Fun Family **Christmas Quiz** Night in the hall at 7.30pm.

Consultation

The Scottish bishops are disappointed and confused that the Scottish Government has deleted all reference to Catholic schools in a draft of updated Guidance on Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP) Education in Scottish Schools. They are urging you to respond to the consultation simply to request that the Catholic schools' provision be reinserted into the guidance. You can do so easily by clicking the following link: <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/news/rshp-education>.

Healing for victims of abuse

Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those who are victims of rape, incest or abuse by a religious / member of the clergy. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact: Grief to Grace (Scotland) at margaret.clarke@griegtograceuk.org

Young Adults

The 'Christ in the Covenants' series continues with a talk from Fr Jamie McMorris, who will explore God's covenant with Abraham. Aged 18-35? Come along to learn more about the Faith and to meet other young Catholics. The talk begins at 7.00pm in the diocesan office on **Wednesday, 6th December**. It will end with adoration and Benediction, followed by an opportunity to socialise in a local bar. Email Fr Ryan (ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk) or Fr Joe McGill (joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk) for more info, and to be added to the WhatsApp group.

Sick List

To ensure we are compliant with GDPR, if you are responsible for a name being on the Sick List, can you please confirm with Fr. Jim within the next week that the person should still be on our list. Thanks.

Think Vocation

The Parable of the Talents today reminds us that God has given each of us the gifts we need for the work to which he has called us. Could your gifts serve the Church as priest, deacon or in consecrated life? What you give, you more than get back! Speak to our local Vocations Director, Fr John Morrison Tel: 0141 889 5056 or email vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Interreligious Dialogue Colloquium

"With the Living God at the Centre"

A two-part event on the role of religious experience in interreligious dialogue led by Professor Will Storrar.

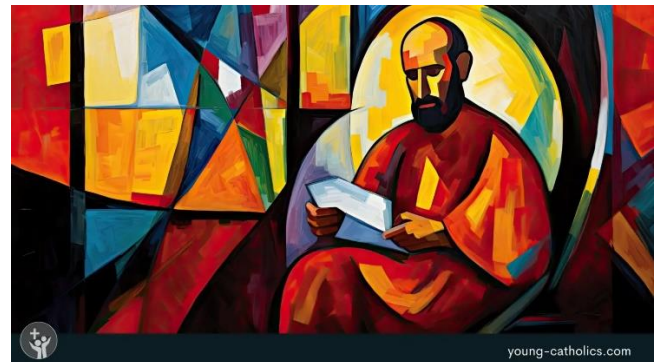
For Catholics interested in or active in Interreligious Dialogue

Part 1: Online 7pm November 24th (Open to all)

Part 2: Residential at Conforti Centre Coatbridge, 23rd & 24th February 2024 (Limited places)

[See website or scan the QR code for more details](https://www.interreligiousdialogue.org.uk/colloquium/)

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Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.
Matthew 25:23

The readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A are a call to do the work of the Kingdom of God with the gifts we have been given. The first reading sings the praises of the worthy wife who uses her talents to labour for good. The psalm tells us that those who follow the Lord are blessed. The second reading reminds us that we are children of light and goodness. And in the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the talents and praises the servants who used their resources wisely.

First Reading – [Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31](#)

A good wife is invaluable, trusted by her husband and doing good all her life. She's hardworking and charitable, deserving of praise especially for her fear of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm – [Psalm 128](#)

Those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways are blessed. They enjoy fruitful labour, a prosperous family, and lifelong blessings from God.

RESPONSE: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading – [1 Thessalonians 5:1-6](#)

The day of the Lord will arrive unexpectedly. While others may be caught off guard, believers are children of light and should stay alert and sober.

Gospel – [Matthew 25:14-30](#)

A man going on a journey entrusts his servants with different amounts of money. Two servants invest and double their money, receiving praise and more responsibility from their master upon his return. The third servant hides his money and is chastised for his inaction, losing even what he had.

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