

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



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St. Charles Parish

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

Sunday, 3rd December 2023 | The First Sunday of Advent (B)

Second Collection

Many thanks for your contributions to the second collection for the Building Fund last weekend. The amount raised was £652.00. This weekend the second collection is also for the Building Fund. Thank you for all the donations and financial support you give to the parish.



We only have a few Christmas cards left for sale. Make sure you get yours before stocks run out!

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>



Children's Liturgy & Nativity Play

Rehearsals for the Nativity Play have begun. Children should come to

the rehearsals at 9.30am. The Children's Liturgy will take place at the 10am Mass as normal.



Our Mini Christmas Bazaar takes place **next Sunday** in the hall after each of the morning Masses. Donations of bottles,

toys & games in good condition, and unwanted gifts will be gratefully received. **Come along and grab a bargain!**

All-Day Confessions

Come Home for Christmas!

This coming **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.



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.

P7 Mass of Commitment

We welcome the young people and their families to our 10am Mass, who will make the Commitment to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation next year.

Stella Maris Carol Service

Stella Maris (The Apostleship of the Sea) will hold a Carol Service here in St Charles' on Thursday, 14th December at 7.00pm. All are welcome to come along.

Parish Pastoral Council: Please note, because of this, our next meeting will be postponed and the date notified in due course.

COP28

Archbishop Nolan has called for world leaders to take responsibility for the damage caused by climate change especially affecting the smallest and most vulnerable countries.

Read more: <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/news/cop28-call-to-action>

Pro-Life Students

The Alliance of Pro-Life Students (APS) is currently recruiting directors. APS is at the heart of the pro-life movement, supporting students in universities across the UK to build and sustain pro-life groups. Alongside our part-time employee, we need directors to steer the vision and mission of APS. To find out more, contact us at hello@prolifestudents.org.uk with your expression of interest.

Buffer Zones

A new bill proposes criminalising prayer in designated 'buffer zones' around abortion clinics in Scotland, including inside private homes within a 200m zone. Please visit rcpolitics.org/buffer-zones for more information on what you can do to stop this disproportionate and intolerant law being introduced. Please respond to the government consultation which ends on 20th December. For more information follow the link to the Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office: [Buffer Zones – Catholic Parliamentary Office \(rcpolitics.org\)](http://rcpolitics.org/buffer-zones)

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@griegtogracesuk.org

Advent Family Pack:

Celebrate have create a family resource, the Advent Online Family Activity Pack, which can downloaded from here for free

www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks

The Advent pack is full of wonderful things for families to do, pray, read and watch together



Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at dawn, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

Mark 13:35-36

The readings for the First Sunday in Advent for Year B are a call to be alert in waiting for the coming of the Lord. The first reading begs the Lord to return to us and save us. The psalm also asks God to look upon us and have mercy. The second reading calls us to remain steadfast in our discipleship. And in the gospel, Jesus warns us to be watchful. Not everyone will be ready in the final hour.

First Reading – [Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7](#)

We acknowledge You as our eternal redeemer, yet we've strayed and become sinful. We long for Your mighty presence and deeds, as we are lost without Your guidance.

Responsorial Psalm – [Psalm 80](#)

Shepherd of Israel, hear us and save us. Look down, care for us, and let Your face shine upon us that we may be strong and faithful.

RESPONSE: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second Reading – [1 Corinthians 1:3-9](#)

I thank God for the grace given to you, enriching you with knowledge and spiritual gifts as you await Jesus Christ, who will keep you steadfast until His return.

Gospel – [Mark 13:33-37](#)

Jesus advises his disciples to stay vigilant as no one knows when He will return. It's likened to a man going on a journey who instructs his servants to be watchful in his absence, emphasizing the need to remain prepared at all times.

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