

# 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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## Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

### Second Collection

Many thanks for your contributions to the second collection for Justice and Peace last weekend. The amount raised was £653.00. This weekend the second collection is for the Building Fund. Thank you for all the donations and financial support you give to the parish.

### Do This in Memory of Me

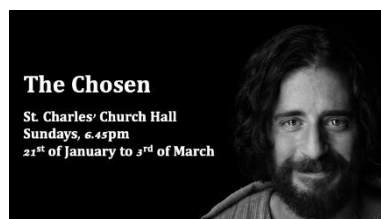
Our parish community is currently preparing for the celebration of First Holy Communion in May 2024. Much of the work of preparation is done in school, but the parish and the home have an important role to play in helping our children understand what it means to share in Jesus, the Bread of Life, for the first time.

This year, along with every other Catholic parish in the Paisley area, we intend to use a parish programme of preparation for Holy Communion. The programme is entitled 'Do This in Memory of Me'. This programme aims to help parents/carers/guardians become more actively involved in the sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion.

The programme has been successfully used in other parts of Scotland. This Sunday, we will begin our programme at the 10am Mass. The programme will then take place on the following Sundays: Sun 28th Jan, Sun 18th Feb, and Sun 3rd Mar. Please keep the children, their parents and carers in your prayers.

### Think Vocation

"Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?" Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest? If so, speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison Tel: 0141 889 5056 or email [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk).



The Chosen is a show about the life of Jesus through the eyes of those who knew Him. The first season is set in 1st century Galilee, where Jesus starts to

build a group for his ministry, inviting several people with different backgrounds. We will be showing the first series in the hall at **6.45pm** on Sunday evenings, starting next **Sunday, 21st January**, through to 3rd March. Refreshments will be available and everyone is most welcome to come along.



### Burns Family Night

You are all invited to come along to the hall on **Thursday, 25th January** from **5.00 - 7.00pm** to enjoy some Scottish music and dancing.

### Can you help please?

We are very grateful to the group of volunteers who stand at the porch welcoming parishioners to every mass. We would like to expand the group and hope that some others might be willing to undertake this important role. Come along and join us! If you are interested, please email [margaret.convery@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:margaret.convery@rcdop.org.uk).



- Fun Family Quiz Night - **Friday, 2nd February** at 7.30pm.
- P5 and P6 Pupils - Welcome Mass - 10.00am Mass on **Sunday, 25th February**.
- Sacrament of Confirmation - **Thursday, 18th April**, and Thanksgiving Mass on **Sunday, 21st April** at 10.00am.
- First Holy Communions - **Saturday, 11th May**, and Thanksgiving Mass on **Sunday 12th May** at 10.00am.

### **Birthday celebrations**

When it's your birthday why not come through to the hall after the 10 o'clock Mass on the last Sunday of every month to celebrate with fellow parishioners and enjoy a birthday treat on us! Of course, you are all welcome every Sunday, not just in your birthday month!

### **Monthly Pro-Life Mass**

Mass will take place on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 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 Fr Charles Coyle.

### **Meeting of all Parish Safeguarding Coordinators**

There will be a meeting for all Parish Safeguarding Coordinators on Thursday, 18th January at 6.30pm, and Saturday 20th January at 10.30am, in the Diocesan Offices. If you are available to attend ONE of these dates, please contact Sarah Jane on [0141 847 6138](tel:01418476138) or [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk) and note which date you would like to attend. Thank you.

### **Young Adults**

The 'Christ in the Covenants' series continues with a talk from Fr Ryan Black, who will explore God's covenant with David. Aged 18-35? Come along to learn more about the Faith and to meet other young Catholics. The talk begins at 7pm in the Diocesan office on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**. 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](mailto:ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk)) or Fr Joe McGill ([joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk)) for more info, and to be added to the WhatsApp group.



**The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated from 18th-25th January 2024.**



*The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?"*  
John 1:37-38

The readings for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B invite us to hear God calling and to respond. In the first reading, God calls to Samuel and he replies. The psalm speaks of waiting for the Lord and answering. The Gospel tells of the call of the first apostles.

#### **First Reading - 1 Samuel 3:3B-10, 19**

In the temple, young Samuel hears the Lord's voice thrice but confuses it for Eli. Eli recognizes the divine call and advises Samuel to respond, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Samuel obeys, and from then on, he grows in God's presence, with his words carrying significance.

#### **Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 40**

With patient anticipation, I waited for the Lord. He inclined to my plea, gracing me with a new song of praise. I offer not sacrifices, but an open ear to obey. In the scroll, it's Written - my joy is in fulfilling Your will, and Your law resides within my heart. I proclaim Your righteousness boldly, my lips unbridled in the assembly.

**RESPONSE: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

#### **Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 6:13C-15A, 17-20**

Remember, our bodies are meant for the Lord, a temple of the Holy Spirit. United with Christ, we must avoid immorality, as it dishonours both ourselves and God. We were bought at a cost, so let's honour Him in our bodies.

#### **Gospel - John 1:35-42**

John the Baptist points out Jesus as the Lamb of God. Two of his disciples decide to follow Jesus, and he invites them to see where he stays. Andrew, one of the disciples, excitedly tells his brother Simon Peter that they've found the Messiah, and Jesus gives Peter a new name, Cephas (Peter).

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