

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*

Sunday, 28th January 2024 | 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Second Collection

Many thanks for your contributions to the second collections for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund last weekend. The amount raised was £385.00, and also for the recent collections for the Building Fund which raised £633.00. 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 continue our programme at the 10am Mass.** The programme will then take place on the following Sundays: 18th February and 3rd March. Please keep the children, their parents and carers in your prayers.



Why not get a team together and come along to our

Fun Family Quiz Night
in the hall on

Friday, 2nd February at 7.30pm.

Entry costs £2.00 each - kids go free!

Bring your own snacks and drinks.

Proceeds will go to NET Ministry Scotland and Ukraine.

Donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

P4-P7 Lenten Retreat Day

This diocesan retreat takes place on Sunday, 18th February, from 2.00-5.30pm, in St Mary's, Paisley. It will start in the church hall. The retreat day will include activities, Mass and the chance to meet new friends. All participants must bring a signed consent form, which can be obtained from your parish or primary school, or by contacting Fr John Morrison at vocations@rcdop.org.uk or on 0141 889 5056. The forms will soon be available on the diocesan website.

Diocesan Choir- New Members

The Diocesan Choir are looking to expand their ranks in the weeks ahead. We will start rehearsals for the Chrism Mass in a few weeks, and are looking for new members to join us as we learn new repertoire. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6.30- 8.00pm in the Diocesan offices. There will be an initial workshop for all new members that wish to join on 8th February, 6.30-8.00pm in the Cathedral. Although being able to read music would be beneficial, it is not an absolute requirement to join our choir. If you are interested in joining, please contact Michael Hepburn, our Diocesan Director of Music, at director.music@rcdop.org.uk.



- **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.

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.

Think Vocation

The reign of God is now. Are you willing to drop what you are doing to follow Jesus' call? Believe that God will give you what you need. (Mark 1: 14-20). If you think God is calling you to be a priest speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison Tel: 0141 889 5056 or email vocations@rcdop.org.uk.

Synod 2023 – 2024

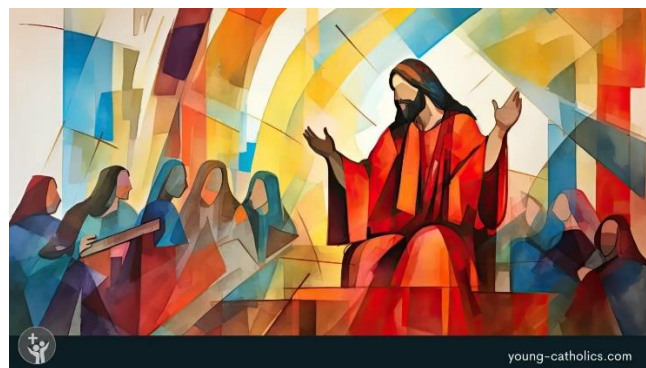
The most recent Synod document, the Synthesis Report, can be found on the diocesan website, along with a list of suggested Proposals. Please send any comments, etc., on these documents to Synod23@rcdop.org.uk or Synod Response c/o Diocesan Offices by 23rd February 2024. All responses will contribute towards the official diocesan response.

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, 7th 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) or Fr Joe McGill (joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk) for more info, and to be added to the WhatsApp group.

First Fridays For Life

Will you fast and pray every First Friday for Life? Bishop John invites you to fast and pray on the First Friday of each month to protect the unborn child and for the flourishing of the Pro-Life movement so that our society will build an authentic culture of life. Join your priests throughout the diocese on the First Friday of each month as we pray for life! The next Mass will be offered in The Little Sisters of the Poor, Greenock, on **Friday, 2nd February at 7.00pm**; Adoration and Confession from 6.00pm.



All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."

Mark 1:27

The readings for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B invite us to recognize Jesus and grant him authority in our lives. In the first reading, Moses foretells the coming of a mighty prophet. The Gospel tells how the people were amazed by the way Jesus taught with authority. The readings encompass several interwoven themes that are central to Christian theology and spiritual life

First Reading – [Deuteronomy 18:15-20](#)

Moses declares God's promise to raise a prophet like him from among the people. This prophet, carrying God's words, must be heeded, with consequences for false prophecy.

Responsorial Psalm – [Psalm 95](#)

Let us joyfully praise the Lord, our salvation's rock. In worship, remember He is our creator and guide. Heed His voice today, avoiding the hardness of heart shown by our ancestors.

**RESPONSE: O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'**

Second Reading – [1 Corinthians 7:32-35](#)

The unmarried are encouraged to focus solely on pleasing the Lord, free from worldly distractions. Married individuals naturally divide attention between the Lord and their spouse. This advice is for undistracted devotion.

Gospel – [Mark 1:21-28](#)

In Capernaum's synagogue, Jesus' authoritative teaching awed listeners, contrasting with the scribes. His authority was further displayed when He commanded an unclean spirit to exit a possessed man. The spirit's obedience, marked by convulsions and a loud cry, left the congregation amazed. They marvelled at Jesus' powerful teachings and control over unclean spirits. This incident quickly elevated Jesus' reputation throughout Galilee.

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