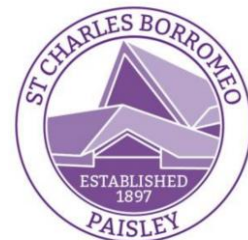


# SAINT CHARLES' PARISH

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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



*Please scan the QR code if you wish to  
make an electronic donation to  
St. Charles Parish*

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (B)

## Second Collection

Many thanks for your contributions to the Building Fund last weekend. The amount raised was £664. This weekend the second collection is also for the Building Fund. Next weekend the second collection is for SCIAF and Papal & Episcopal Charities. Thank you for all the donations and financial support you give to the parish.



Our Fun Family Quiz Night takes place in the hall this coming Friday, 8th March 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. If you're free, why not get a team together and come along?

## Cluster Lenten Evening Masses

Looking for a way to pray during Lent? Join the priests of the St Andrew's Cluster in Paisley this year at 7.00pm evening Masses on Mondays (St Mary's), Tuesdays (St Peter's), Wednesdays (St Mirin's) and Thursdays (St Charles').



On Tuesdays and Fridays after the 10.00am Mass, we will have Stations of the Cross, unless there is a funeral.



## Cathedral Confessions

Come home for Easter!  
On **Thursday, 21st March**, priests will be available to hear confessions from 8.30am until 7.30pm in St Mirin's Cathedral.

Masses will be celebrated at 8am, 10am and 1pm, during which Confessions will not be heard.

## Lenten Mission

You are invited to a 3-day Mission in St Peter's Church, Paisley to come closer to the Lord through the celebration of Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and talks. The theme of the Mission will be "The Saving Mysteries of Faith". **From 12th-14th March**, Masses will begin at 7.00pm and will be followed by Holy Hours and Benediction. The Mission will be led by Fr Jonathan Whitworth, Fr Ryan Black and Fr Joe McGill.

## Think Vocation

"He could tell what a man had in him." Jesus knows each of us and what we are capable of. He knows our gifts and makes up for what we lack. He knows the gifts you could give, the gift you could be, to the priesthood. Speak to our local Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison  
Tel: 0141 889 5056 or email [vocations@rcdop.org](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org).

## Padre Pio Mass

The Mass with the relics of Padre Pio will be celebrated in St Joseph's Clarkston on **Tuesday, 5th March** at 7.30pm. There is a notice in the porch about this.

## Diary Dates

- **The next Parish Council Meeting – Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March** after the 7.00pm Mass
- **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.

### Young Adults

The 'Christ in the Covenants' series continues with a talk from Fr Joshua Moir, who will explore God's promises made through the prophets. 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 March**. 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.

### Lenten Prayer

Responding to the Holy Father's call for a time of prayer in preparation for the Holy Year, there will be a time of prayer in Lent in St Mary's Greenock. On 6th, 13th and 20th March beginning at 7.00pm there will be an evening hour of retreat to encourage our life of prayer and help us reflect upon the major gospel passages associated with Lent. You can come along or join in online. For more info, visit <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/events/lenzen-prayer-in-greenock>.

### Lenten Talks

Cornerstone is a Catholic Young Adult Group for 18-40-year-olds based in St Helen's church (Langside, Glasgow). Young adults from elsewhere are welcome. Join us for a series of Lenten talks, beginning with Night Prayer at 7.30pm and ending with refreshments. The remaining talks are on Wednesday, 28th February and Wednesday, 13th March.

### "Catholic Families for Life"

Latest issue of newsletter from the Bishops' Commission for Marriage, Family & Life – download a copy on [www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk](http://www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk).

### Vacancy

The Diocese of Paisley is recruiting a part-time Office Administrator based at the Diocesan Centre, Paisley, who will support the Property Manager and the PA to the bishop with office administration. Find out more here: <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/news/vacancy-office-administrator>.

### Across Pilgrimage – Help Required

Across require helpers and medics for April 25th - May 4th 2024 pilgrimage to Lourdes, from Scotland. More information from the Across Office 0203 542 1800 or [pilgrimages@across.org.uk](mailto:pilgrimages@across.org.uk)



*Take these out of here,  
and stop making my Father's house a marketplace.*  
John 2:16

The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B help us understand that we must follow God's commandments and truly live them in our hearts to find life. The first reading gives us the ten commandments. The second reading reminds us that God's wisdom is not like human wisdom. And the gospel tells of Jesus cleansing the temple of the money changers who put their own desires above serving the Father.

#### **First Reading – Exodus 20:1-17**

God delivers the Ten Commandments: worship only Him, avoid idolatry, respect His name, observe the Sabbath, honour parents, and refrain from murder, adultery, theft, lying, and coveting.

#### **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 19**

Your perfect laws energize and awaken us, Lord. Your principles and commands guide us in truth, showing the way. Your eternal statutes bring justice and enrich our lives.

**RESPONSE: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.**

#### **Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. Yet, to the called, He embodies God's power and wisdom, surpassing human understanding and strength.

#### **Gospel – John 2:13-25**

At Passover, Jesus went to Jerusalem and found the temple commercialized. He cleared it, rebuking those who made it a marketplace, fulfilling a prophecy of zeal for God's house. Challenged by Jewish leaders, he spoke of destroying and raising the temple in three days, signifying his resurrection. Many believed in him, but Jesus remained cautious of human nature.

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