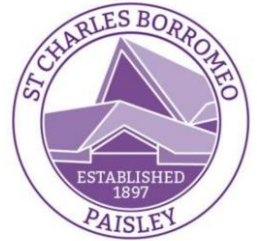


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Mass times: Saturday Vigil – 5.00pm
Sunday – 10.00am, 12.00noon & 5.30pm
Weekdays (Mon-Wed, Fri, Sat) – 10.00am
(Thur) – 7pm
Confession: Thursday – 6.20-6.50pm
Saturday – 9.20-9.50am, 4.20-4.50pm

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, 10th March 2024 | 4th Sunday of Lent (B)

Second Collection

Many thanks for your contributions to the Building Fund last weekend. The amount raised was £867.
This weekend the second collection is for SCIAF & Papal & Episcopal & St. Mirin's Fund. The proceeds of this collection are divided 75% to SCIAF and 25% to our new St Mirin's Fund. SCIAF is the official aid and international development charity of the Catholic Church in Scotland. The St. Mirin's Fund awards small grants for good causes that promote the Kingdom of God among us, with special consideration to children and young people, the elderly, those with disabilities and special needs, or suffering from poverty, mental illness, homelessness or refugees.



We would like to welcome any mums, grans, aunts and carers etc. into the hall after the 10.00am Mass this weekend for a special cup of tea to celebrate **Mothers Day.**



On Tuesdays and Fridays after the 10.00am Mass unless there is a funeral.

Think Vocation

"Whoever lives by the truth comes out into the light."
Could God be calling you to step out into the light and be seen as a person of faith, one who can inspire faith in others too as a priest? Please speak to our local Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison - Tel: 0141 889 5056 or email vocations@rcdop.org



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.

Church Roof - Update

The contractor Cosmos Projects Ltd has agreed a postponement of the works and an adjustment to completion date. This is because it has been unsafe to work on the roof due to bad weather over the winter. Monday 8th April 2024 is the date for re-commencement of the works and the revised completion date is fixed as Friday 28th June 2024. This has been agreed without any additional costs being incurred.



Next Sunday, 17th March at the 12 noon Mass we will celebrate the **SPRED Family Mass.**
All are most welcome and invited for a cup of tea in the hall afterwards.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place in the hall **this coming Thursday, 14th March after the 7.00pm Mass. Please make every effort to attend.**



Can you help please?

SSVP are looking for clothing/trainers for asylum seekers (males) aged between 17 and 21, size small/medium.

Also, board games, footballs, sports gear and musical instruments.

Any donations are gratefully accepted.



- **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.

Walk with Me

Alive Publishing has been busy working on the Eastertide edition of Walk with Me which continues the theme of prayer. The Eastertide edition can be both a wonderful gift and tool for evangelisation in reaching out to people who, for whatever reason, no longer attend Sunday Mass. If you would like a copy of this edition, check your parish's Piety Stall or visit www.alivepublishing.co.uk/publications/walk-with-me

Recruitment

The Diocese of Paisley has been awarded a grant to recruit a Fundraiser to help expand our work with young people. They should have good sector knowledge (arts/ education/faith) and a recent track record of successful bids to make targeted approaches to charitable bodies, and be happy to work on a day rate. For more information visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/news/recruitment-fundraiser>.

A Song of Joseph

Workshop and sawdust and carpenter's tools,
These were the things that he knew.
Honour and gentleness helped him to see,
All that God asked him to do.'

"Fear not," the angel told Joseph,
"Take Mary home as your wife.
Her child is the gift of God's Spirit,
Bringing God's Kingdom and life."

"Rise up," the angel warned Joseph,
"Take Mary far from this town.
For Herod has come with his soldiers,
Striking the innocents down."

"Come now," the Lord said to Joseph,
"Rest from the task you have done
As guardian of Jesus and Mary,
Working with God's only Son."



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year B focus on God's faithfulness in drawing us closer to him. The first reading tells how God inspired Cyrus to allow the chosen people to worship once again in Jerusalem. And in the gospel we hear of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, where Jesus explains that he was sent to us out of the boundless love of God.

First Reading - [2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23](#)

Judah's betrayal of faith led to their exile as Babylon destroyed Jerusalem and the temple. God's warnings were ignored, resulting in captivity. Fulfilling Jeremiah's prophecy, the exile lasted until Cyrus of Persia decreed the rebuilding of the temple, marking the beginning of the return.

Responsorial Psalm - [Psalm 137](#)

In Babylon's captivity, we wept for Zion, unable to sing our sacred songs in a foreign land. Forgetting Jerusalem would be my greatest loss, my joy silenced without its memory.

RESPONSE: *O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!*

Second Reading - [Ephesians 2:4-10](#)

God, in His mercy, made us alive with Christ, saving us by grace through faith, not by our deeds, to display His grace in Christ. We are created for good works, predestined by God.

Gospel - [John 3:14-21](#)

Jesus has a conversation with Nicodemus and references Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness as a foreshadowing of his own crucifixion and the salvation that it would bring. Jesus emphasizes the importance of believing in him as the Son of God in order to receive eternal life, and highlights the judgment that will come to those who do not believe.

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