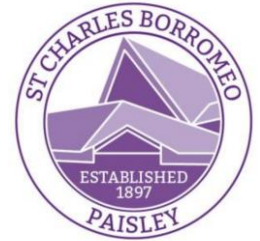


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Mass times: Saturday Vigil – 5.00pm
Sunday – 10.00am, 12.00noon & 5.30pm
Weekdays (Mon-Wed, Fri, Sat) – 10.00am
(Thur) – 7pm
Confession: Thursday – 6.20-6.50pm
Saturday – 9.20-9.50am, 4.20-4.50pm

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, 17th March 2024 | 5th Sunday of Lent (B)

Second Collection

Many thanks for last week's contributions to the second collection for SCIAF & Papal & Episcopal & St. Mirin's Fund. The amount raised was £1,397. This weekend the second collection is for the Building Fund.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

As we continue to foster greater unity and working relationships between our local parishes in Paisley, all parishes in the cluster will come together with Bishop Keenan for the **Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening in St Charles' Church at 7.00pm**. This will be followed by night prayers at 9.00pm and continued watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm. One Mass gives us all in the area the opportunity to come together on this special Feast of the Institution of the Eucharist, giving a powerful witness of how the Eucharist unites every one of us. Holy Thursday is also the celebration of the Institution of the Priesthood, when the Lord instructed his disciples to "Do this in memory of me". Coming together in one bigger celebration on this special night also gives the local priests the chance to be together and support each other on this their special Feast Day.

Easter Vigil

This year, all parishes in the cluster will also come together with Bishop Keenan for the **Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday in St Mirin's Cathedral at 7.00pm**, after nightfall. Our candidates and catechumens have participated in a cluster-wide RCIA programme this year, and will receive their Sacraments of Initiation at this Mass. The Easter Vigil is the greatest and most noble of all solemnities, and the priests believe that the witness of our communities coming together is a moving sign of our unity as members of the Risen Body of Christ. Please note that there will be no other Vigil Masses on Saturday, 30th March.



Today 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.



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.

Collection Envelopes

New envelopes are now available in the small hall after
each Mass for those who wish to use them for their Sunday
collections. There are three types available:

1. For those who Gift Aid donations
2. For non-Gift Aid donations
3. For those with a Standing Order who wish to Gift Aid special collections



Please visit the Stall in the porch
where you will find a wide variety of
cards and gifts for First Communions,
Confirmations, and other occasions, all
at very reasonable prices.



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.
- **Devotion to Our Lady** – **Thursday, 30th May** following the evening Mass at 7.00pm.

Sponsored Walk

Fr Ryan Black will walk from St Mirin's Cathedral in Paisley to Celtic Park in May 2024 to raise funds for the Diocese of Paisley Young Adults' Pilgrimage to Poland. All contributions will be gratefully received, and all benefactors will be remembered in prayer during the pilgrimage. To donate, visit www.justgiving.com/page/dopya-poland.

Monthly Pro-life Mass

The monthly Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 20th March 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 Pat Hennessy.

Recruitment

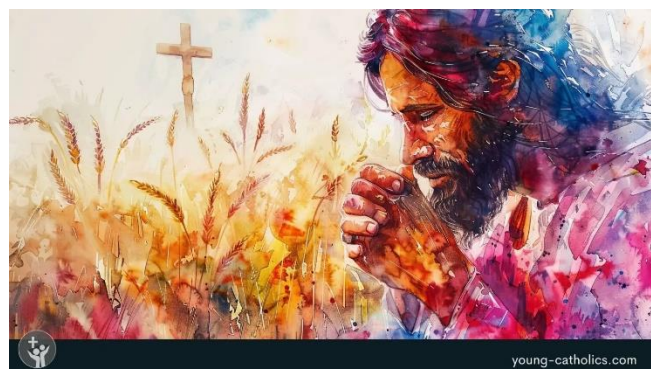
The Diocese of Paisley has been awarded a grant to recruit a Fundraiser to help expand our work with young people. They should have good sector knowledge (arts/education/faith) and a recent track record of successful bids to make targeted approaches to charitable bodies, and be happy to work on a day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

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.

Cardinal Winning Lecture

All are welcome to attend the Cardinal Winning Lecture at the University of Glasgow on 20th April, which will look at the nature of Catholic schools. To reserve your place, and to find out more, visit <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/events/cardinal-winning-lecture-2024>.



Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

John 12:24

The readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent for Year B focus on God's covenant with us, even though we are often unfaithful. The first reading speaks of a new covenant. The second reading speaks of the obedience of Jesus Christ brought about our salvation. And in the gospel Jesus foretells his death and explains that those who follow him will find eternal life.

First Reading - [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

God promises a new covenant with Israel and Judah, different from the old. He will write His laws in their hearts, be their God, and they, His people. All will know Him and be forgiven.

Responsorial Psalm - [Psalm 51](#)

I ask God for mercy and cleansing from my sins. May He create a pure heart in me, not casting me away, and restore the joy of salvation to guide others.

RESPONSE: A pure heart create for me, O God.

Second Reading - [Hebrews 5:7-9](#)

Jesus Christ, during His time on earth, earnestly prayed to the Father, and was heard for His deep reverence. Through suffering, He learned obedience, becoming the source of eternal salvation for His followers.

Gospel - [John 12:20-33](#)

When some Greeks sought Jesus during Passover, He spoke of His impending death, likening it to a grain of wheat that must die to produce many seeds. He emphasized self-denial for eternal life and the honour given to those who serve Him. Jesus, troubled, chose to glorify God's name over seeking rescue. A divine voice affirmed this, leading to varied interpretations among the crowd. Jesus explained His crucifixion would judge the world and draw all to Himself, revealing the nature of His death.

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Think Vocation

Some Greek visitors asked to see Jesus. As a priest, you might be the person who brings people to Jesus to see and know him through your life, your work, and your preaching. Please speak to our local Vocations Director:

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or email vocations@rcdop.org