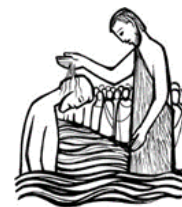




19th NOVEMBER 2023 - 33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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CLERGY

Father Daniel Fitzpatrick; Father Laurent Bahati; Deacon Don Keane

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

MASS TIMES

Sunday: Vigil 4.00pm, 9.30am, 11.00am
 Weekday: Mon-Sat 9.30am
(except Wednesday 11.00am)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 10.00am - 10.30am
 Thursday: 6.30pm - 7.00pm

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
 OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Thursday: 6.30pm - 7.00pm
 Saturday: 10.00am -10.30am

WEEKLY COLLECTION - £ 1,011.00

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

MASS TIMES

Sunday: Vigil 5.30pm, 11.00am
 Weekday: Mon-Sat 10.00am
(no Mass on Thursdays)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4.45pm - 5.15pm

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
 OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Tuesday: 9.30am - 9.55am

WEEKLY COLLECTION - £693.55

ST COLM'S PARISH

MASS TIMES

Sunday: 9.30am

Thursday: 11.00am

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK - James Brannigan, Korbin Gabb, Isabel Gibson, Derek Voysey, Megan Edwards, Adam Parker, Nichola Collins, Winnie Bleasdale, Alice McIntyre, Holly Rose Higgins, Yvonne Bachoo, Morag Hicks, Thomas Compston, Ettie McGhee, John Gilmartin, Kathleen McIlkenny, Nancy Touzeau, Leah Weston, Mary Patrick, Teresa Byrne, Kelly Devenney, Sandra Harrison, Joe Nugent, Margaret McKay, Joe Sweeney, James Drummond, Catherine Deveney, Ann Dorans, Gill O'Brien, Isobel Cullen, Agnes Mills, Susan Graham, Kathleen Boyle, Lauren Jenkins, Denis Morgan, Sandra Stuart

ANNIVERSARIES - Helen (Nel) McGivern, Johnnie Walsh, Anna Mazzoni, Janet Murrin, Elizabeth Delaney, Alec McCulloch, Mary McAllister, John & Catherin Shirley

SIX MONTHS' MIND: Helen (Nel) McGivern

RECENTLY DEAD - Ernesta Corallo, Don Barilli, Andy Fitzharris, Cathy Dillon, Alice Mooke, Joseph (Joe) O'Donoghue,

EDUCATION COLLECTION – 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

This collection supports the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) which promotes and protects our Catholic schools in issues of national significance, and supports our schools, parishes and dioceses. The national office supports three employees and we also employ four part-time local members of staff to work in our schools and on the RE curriculum.

NOVEMBER LISTS

The Church invites us to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory during the whole of November and in a particular way to remember our family and loved ones. During this month priests' public Masses are all offered for the Holy Souls on our November Lists. Please take a list away with you so that you can write the names of those you wish remembered at the Masses in November. You can put your list in one of the envelopes and return it in the offertory baskets or pop it through the letter box of the house. The envelopes will be opened, any offering removed, and the lists themselves will be placed next to the altar during November.

POPE FRANCIS ON HEAVEN

Brother and sisters, let us feed our expectation for Heaven, let us exercise the desire for paradise. Today it does us good to ask ourselves *if our desires have anything to do with Heaven*. Because we risk continuously aspiring to passing things, of confusing desires with needs, of putting expectations of the world before expectation of God. But losing sight of what matters to follow the wind would be the greatest mistake in life. Let us look upwards, because we are on a journey toward the Height, whereas the things from down here will not go up there: the best careers, the greatest achievements, the most prestigious titles and awards, accumulated wealth, earthly earnings — all will vanish in an instant, everything. And every expectation placed in those things will be disappointed. And yet, how much time, how much effort and energy do we spend worrying and feeling sad because of these things, letting the tension towards home fade, losing sight of the meaning of the way, of the goal of the journey, the infinite towards which we go, the joy for which we breathe! Let us ask ourselves: do I live out what I say in the Creed, “I look forward” — that is — “to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come”? And how do I wait? Am I capable of going to the essential or am I distracted by so many superfluous things? Do I cultivate hope or go on complaining, because I give too much value to many things that don't matter and that will pass?

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW

The Diocese has supplied all parishes with raffle tickets for its Christmas Prize Draw. The first prize is £1,000, all proceeds go the Diocese of Paisley to support its work. Tickets are £1 and available as books of five. You can buy your tickets starting next week at all the Masses. The draw will take place on 3 December.

STALL - HOLY FAMILY

The stall now has a stock of Christmas cards and other items for sale. Keep Christ in Christmas and send some religious cards this year.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE - HOLY FAMILY

The Parish Pastoral Council are organising a Christmas Hamper(s) raffle for Parish funds. If you have any donations of festive food, drinks, Christmas goods can you please leave in the box at the back of the Church by 19 November 2023, all donations will be greatly appreciated. Raffle tickets will be on sale from 25 November 2023 and draw will take place on 10 December 2023.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY PARTY – HOLY FAMILY

The Parish Pastoral Council are organising a Christmas party on Saturday 30 December 2023 7 -12pm in the Parish Hall. BYOB and nibbles. Tickets available in the hall or contact Catherine McDade 07504994886, £5 per adult, £3 per child.

INVERCLYDE ROYAL HOSPITAL

In addition to our 24/7 emergency chaplain cover at IRH, we also have a catholic chaplaincy team who are happy to visit patients in the hospital for non-emergency visits. Please just let Fr Dan or Fr Laurent know that you or your relative would like a visit from a Catholic chaplain and he will organise that with the IRH Catholic chaplaincy team. This change in how visits are arranged is due to the data protection and privacy laws now in operation.

THINK VOCATION

“The greatest among you must be your servant.” Come serve the Lord and his people as a priest. There is much to do and many to serve! Speak to our local Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison tel: [014188950656](tel:014188950656) or e-mail vocations@rcdop.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

We prioritise our Safeguarding commitments in the care and compassion we show and in the protection and healing we offer, to those who have survived abuse.

STOP THE ASSISTED DYING BILL

Legalising assisted suicide is dangerous because it attacks human dignity. Implicit in assisted suicide is that an individual, in certain circumstances, can lose their value and worth. Make your voice heard by contacting your MSP on your own or as part of a group with family, friends, or in your local parish. All the information you need can be found here: [Assisted Suicide – Catholic Parliamentary Office \(rcppolitics.org\)](http://rcppolitics.org)

“TO EVERY THING THERE IS A SEASON” QUOHELETH 3:1

A series of three talks for the Season of Advent will be given by Fr Maurice Callaghan in St Joseph's Church, Bow Rd., Greenock **at 7pm on each of the three Tuesdays (5th, 12th & 19th) of December**. The talks will each be 30-40 minutes duration with opportunity for questions followed by tea and biscuits.

Talk 1: “To everything there is a season a time for every purpose under the heaven” Qo 3:1

Adventus: The coming of the King

Talk 2: “He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart” Qo 3:11.

How to wait. Time and Eternity.

Talk 3: “Deck the halls with boughs of holly Tis the Season to be *almost* jolly” Thomas Oliphant

Advent 2. The Christmas *season* is coming.

THE INVERCLYDE ACROSS TO LOURDES GROUP

The Inverclyde Across to Lourdes Group will be travelling to Lourdes next year on Pilgrimage by Jumbulance. They will leave from St John's Hall Port Glasgow, from 29th August till 7th September 2024. Fares are still to be set by Across. Anyone wishing to travel as a nurse, helper or VIP (sick person) please phone either Jean on 07483 242914 or Cathie on 07837 210261. For more information