



St. Patrick's, Dumbarton

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MASSES:

Saturday 6.30 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 10.00 am, 12.00 Noon and 5.30 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Daily After 10.00 am Mass
Saturday After 10.00 am Mass,
5.15 to 6.15 pm and other times by
arrangement

WEEKDAYS

Mon — Sat 10.00 am
Mon, Tues and Fri 7.00 pm

ROSARY:

Mon-Sat After 10.00 am Mass (unless there is
a funeral)

Advent Talks 2018: The final talk/reflection to help us prepare for Christmas will take place on Tuesday 18th Dec at 7.30pm in the chapel house. It will take place in the Dining room of the house which means there will be limited space available.

Advent Preparations: Another part of our preparations for the celebration of Christmas will be a Penitential service on Tuesday 18th December at 11.00am in St Patrick's and at 7.00pm in St Michael's. Consequently there will be no evening Mass on Tuesday 18th December.

Advent Day of Confessions: Priests will be available to hear Confessions in Saint Andrew's Cathedral on Thursday 20th December from 7.45am until 5.45pm.

St Patrick's Food Kitchen: This month the Monday Club is 5 years old and we would like to invite you to celebrate with us. Come along to the Church Hall for some coffee and cake on Monday 17th after 10 o'clock Mass. It is through your generosity that the club has been able to reach out to so many people in need and we want to celebrate this milestone with you. Could we please also appeal to your generosity as we are running low on all our staples – lentils, tomato puree, tinned beans, stock cubes, brown and tomato sauce, in fact everything except pasta. We look forward to welcoming you on Monday 17th any time after 10.30.

Stall: We have Christmas cards, Carmelite cards, Advent calendars and 2019 calendars on sale. We also have Western Catholic Calendars (£3.20)

Your Christmas Card: There is a Christmas Card for you and your Family in the Church Foyer. The card contains all the information you'll need about our services over the Festive period. Please remember to take one. Thank you.

The Saint Patricks 200 Club: New members can obtain a direct debit and application form with a number and other information by contacting Bernadette on 07949967195 or Scott 761273 or 07506480149.

Safeguarding: Many of you will have seen and read the distressing information in the press this week regarding abuse and the Church's historic response. The Archdiocese of Glasgow offers a profound apology to those who have been harmed in anyway as a result of actions by someone within the Church. Such actions are inexcusable and intolerable. We apologise to those who have found the Church's response slow, unsympathetic or uncaring. We recognise the trauma and pain caused to victims and survivors of abuse and are committed to providing justice and healing. We have in place a Safeguarding Adviser, Caterina O'Connor, who will meet with anyone who is affected by this or any other instances of abuse by someone in the Church and who might benefit from counselling to support them. Her contact details are Caterina.O'Connor@rcag.org.uk and her telephone number is 0141 226 5898. Caterina will be here at 10am Mass on Sunday 23rd December should anyone want to meet with her after Mass

SSVP: This year at all of the Christmas Masses there will be a second collection which will be given to the Society of St Vincent de Paul in the Parish. I am sure you are all aware of the good work that the society do throughout the year with those in need of extra financial support. I wish to thank you for that support, especially since there seems to be extra calls on your generosity throughout the year, in particular with the building fund. I have taken the decision to have a second collection because of the increasing calls on St Vincent de Paul society for help in an economic climate which seems to disadvantage some more than others. I am thinking in particular of the families of 25 children who struggle more than they should need to in order to make sure their children can be sent to school in adequate clothing. In supporting these families, the St Vincent de Paul Society have found themselves constrained to cut back on some of their other works of charity. I hope you will share my belief in the value of continuing to provide a level of support to the society that will enable them to continue to help others in need.

Easyfundraising: Help raise funds for the Parish through EasyFundraising: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpatricksdumbarton/>. Join easyfundraising and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online. It won't cost you a penny extra so please help us to raise funds.

This month's Pro-Life Mass: Wednesday 19th December in Bl. John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals, Glasgow G5 0YT. There will be Adoration at 6pm followed by Rosary at 7pm and Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome. The celebrant will be a priest from St Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley.

Jericho Girls: Jericho Girls present "Jericho Girls Do Christmas" on Thursday 20th December 2018 in the Denny Civic Theatre. Tickets are £5.00. Contact number 01475 742383 or pay at the door. Doors open 6.30pm. Performance begins 7.30pm. Please come along and give your support. Thank you.

Save the date: Charity Burns' Supper in aid of The Nora Docherty Charitable Foundation, Malawi. Date: Saturday 26th January 2019 Place: St Michael's Church Hall, Dumbarton. Tickets: £20.00 each. Ticket enquiries to: ros.thum@hotmail.co.uk

Keep Christ in Christmas Stickers—These stickers can be obtained by contacting George McAleenan by email:- georgemcaleenan@gmail.com or by phone 01698 842 846.

Hogmanay Party: 10pm-2am. Tickets £5 are on sale. Contact Christine 07955941489

Vocations Discernment Evenings: *Archdiocese of Glasgow Vocations* are holding discernment evenings of catechesis, adoration and fellowship at Turnbull Hall, Southpark Terrace G12 8LG. These evenings will take place on 11th January; 8th February; 8th March; 12th April and 10th May at 7pm. For further details contact ross.campbell.2@glasgow.ac.uk or telephone Father Campbell on 0141 339 4315.