

PARISH WELCOME & INFORMATION BOOKLET

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CLARKSTON

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.

"(Matthew 25 35-41)



WELCOME

A word of Welcome to St. Joseph's -

As the Parish Priest of St. Joseph's, Clarkston, may I offer you a very warm welcome to our Parish community. I hope you find St. Joseph's to be a great place to worship God in the liturgy and a great support to your faith. We need you and your families! There is tremendous faith here, with a genuine love for God, however this community is only truly alive when all our parishioners are actively involved. This welcome booklet provides a taste of the life of St. Joseph's Parish, and there are many ways you can become involved. To help in the life of this community and participate in any ministry, group or organisation, please get in touch with the relevant Parish point of contact given in this booklet.

As well as the Parish bulletin, which can be found in the porches each Sunday, information on the life of the Parish is available through the e-bulletin, the Parish website and Facebook page.

The first St. Joseph's 'Chapel-School' was opened in 1880 by Archbishop Charles Petre Eyre of Glasgow at a cost of £1,200. In July 1971, the Church as it is today, was dedicated by Bishop Stephen McGill who asked the people to 'treasure your church and make it a joy to the Lord.' These words provide the cornerstone to all the activities and opportunities which flourish within St. Joseph's Parish.

Our Parish is blessed with three wonderful Catholic schools, two primaries, St Joseph's and Our Lady of the Missions, and our Secondary High School, St Ninian's. The Parish and the schools work together in teaching our young people the true values of our Catholic faith, and recognizing the importance of parents as the first educators of their child in the ways of faith.

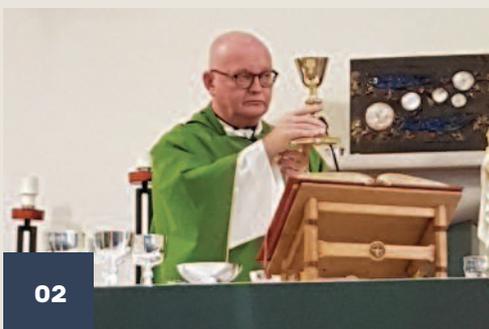
One of my predecessors, Bishop Brian McGee, the bishop of Argyll & the Isles, served here as Parish Priest in the late 90's, offering himself with great love for the people and the life of this Parish. He instilled this faith in Action. May we continue to express that faith in our homes, schools and Parish.

I very much hope that you will feel at home in the Parish and come to love it as much as I do. If I can be of help to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With Blessings,

Father Stephen

Father Stephen



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Parish Priest

Rev Father Stephen Baillie

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Liturgical Services

Holy Mass times at St Joseph's

Saturday: 4.00pm Vigil

Sunday: 10.00am, 12.00 noon & 5.00pm

Weekdays: 9.30am

Saturday: 10.00am

Holiday of Obligations

7.00pm vigil

9.30 am and 7.00pm

Rosary

Weekdays: 9.10am

Saturday: 9.40am

Adoration: times may change out-with school term times. Check bulletin for up-to-date information.

Tuesday: 9.00am - 9.25am, 10.00am - 10.30am & 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Wednesday: 9.00am - 9.25am & 10.00am - 10.30am

Thursday: 9.00am - 9.25am & 10.00am - 11:00am

Divine Mercy:

Monday after Mass at the Green Chairs

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 9.30am - 10.00am and after 4pm Vigil Mass

Catholic Schools in the Parish

St Ninian's Secondary School T: 0141 577 2000

St Joseph's Primary School T: 0141 570 7380

Our Lady of the Missions Primary School T: 0141 570 7280





SACRAMENTAL AND RELIGIOUS

"I thank my God each time I think of you; and every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy"
Philippians, 1: 3-4

House Blessings

House blessings are available on request. Father Stephen will be happy to arrange a time to visit your home. Please contact him at stjosephclarkston@rcdop.org.uk or by phone on **0141 644 2640**.

Weddings

The Church rejoices with you as you prepare to enter the Sacrament of Marriage and wants to support you as you start your journey of married life. It is important to contact Father Stephen ideally twelve months, but at least six months before your intended wedding date. This allows time to arrange documentation and obtain any necessary permission to marry.

Marriage Preparation

As part of preparation for marriage, you are invited to attend a day for engaged couples designed to encourage you, enrich your relationship and enhance your understanding of the Catholic Church's teaching on marriage and family life. The day runs from 10.30am – 3.30pm at the Diocesan Centre in Paisley. Further details can be obtained from the Diocesan Office in Paisley by either emailing marriageandfamily@rcdop.org.uk or phoning **0141 847 6130**.

Baptisms

The Church rejoices and welcomes your child into the family of God through the sacrament of Baptism. Baptisms take place on a Sunday at 1pm by prior arrangement with Father Stephen. Parents wishing to have their baby or child baptised should first complete a Baptismal request form. This can be downloaded from the Parish website <http://stjosephclarkston.com/> or obtained from the sacristy or Parish house. On completion, this should be e-mailed to stjosephclarkston@rcdop.org.uk or handed into the Parish House, and Father Stephen will make contact with you.

Baptism Preparation

Prior to the Baptismal Service you will be invited to a short pre- Baptismal preparation meeting to discuss the significance of the Sacrament. For more information please contact Linda Henderson on **07747 038909**.

Hospital

If you have a planned admission to hospital for a serious procedure, it is recommended that you receive the Sacrament of the Sick before going to hospital. Please speak to Father Stephen about this.

When you are in hospital and wish a visit from a priest or hospital chaplaincy team you must request this. Due to Data Protection Regulations this can only be done by calling the hospital chaplaincy team or asking the ward staff to contact them on your behalf. The admission to hospital advice and patient's religious declaration form are available on the parish website <http://stjosephclarkston.com/>

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Thank you for supporting the parish in the ways that you do

Planned Giving

Many of the parishioners donate to St Joseph's using a weekly envelope or by Standing Order. If you would like to use either of these methods to make your offering please email stjosephclarkston@rcdop.org.uk or phone Father Stephen on **0141 644 2640**

Gift Aid

Since the Parish is a part of the Religious Charity of the Diocese of Paisley (SC013514), taxpayers can make a Gift Aid Declaration for their offerings to St Joseph's. Tax that has already been paid on your donations can then be reclaimed by the Parish. If you pay tax above the basic rate, you can claim back the difference between the rate you pay and basic rate on your donation.

Over the course of a year Gift Aid brings around £29,250 into our Parish funds. This helps with repayment of the Parish debt, which has arisen as a result of recent renovations to the Church. If you are interested in making a Gift Aid Declaration, forms are available in the sacristy or from the Parish website <http://stjosephclarkston.com/>

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Increases your weekly offerings by **25%** at no extra cost to you.

Parish Lottery

The 200 Club is the Parish lottery, with 100% of profits going towards the Parish debt. Members subscribe for a 12 month period with winners drawn every month. Each monthly entry costs £5, and most members pay by direct debit. Members can have more than one monthly entry. There is a monthly prize of £300 and a special Christmas prize of £500. Winners are automatically notified so there is no need to make a claim. To join the 200 Club, or to take out an additional entry, please contact **Chris McLaughlin**.

Phone/text/WhatsApp **07957 644546**
or e-mail christopher_mclaughlin@hotmail.com



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES

Dear St Joseph

Help us to love and care for our friends and family
To be gentle and fair to each other
Help us to work and play together
Help us to live and grow together
To be always glad to help each other

Please bring healing and comfort to those who are sick
Help us to be guided by our Pope and other religious
leaders

Help us to use our eyes to see our friends
Help us to open our ears to hear our teachers
Help us to open our mind to learn new things
Watch over us and care for us, just as you did with Jesus
Amen

Altar Servers

Many young people from both primary and secondary schools serve the Parish in this special ministry. If you have a young person in your family who would like to volunteer please contact Michael for more information.

Michael Stringer

T: 0141 571 2271

E: snhs07@yahoo.co.uk

Children's Liturgy

Attending Mass together is a vital part of being a Catholic Family and a loving and caring community. At Children's Liturgy of the Word things are kept clear and simple. Children are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding. In this way it allows children to enter the celebration more fully. We would welcome more parents to come and join our team of volunteers, simply to observe and help with the tasks of caring and supporting the children. For more information please contact Frank.

Frank Rankin

T: 07958 482882

E: frankrankin1971@gmail.com

Pope Francis Faith Award

(Primary Schools Our Lady of the Missions and St Joseph's)

Primary school children undertaking their Pope Francis Award activities are welcomed and assisted by Louise Sheridan, the St Joseph's Parish point of contact. How beautiful it would be if each of you, every evening, could say: "Today at school, at home, at work, guided by God, I showed a sign of love towards one of my friends, my parents, an older person!" (Pope Francis, addressing young people, April 2013). For more information please contact Louise.

Louise Sheridan

T: 07969 571406

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Pope Benedict XVI Caritas Award

(St Ninian's Secondary School) This award encourages and promotes the ongoing faith journey of young people. It recognises that some are already active and committed within their homes, schools, parishes and Dioceses and it invites others to respond to God's call of love. It supports and celebrates the faith witness which young people give within their communities. For more information please contact Carol.

Carol Ward

St Ninian's High School

T: 0141 577 2000

Sentry

Sentry is a school term-time youth group, held on Saturday mornings from 10:30am to 12 noon in St Joseph's Church Hall. Sentry has been part of our Parish for over 25 years. Young people from Primary 4 up to 3rd Year of High School are invited to come along for a morning of fun, games, fellowship, drama, activities, sports, team challenges and much more. Sentry is a place where young people can meet friends and grow in confidence - all in a healthy, safe and faith-based environment. Each week there is a different theme, usually linked to the Sunday gospel, around which the morning and activities are based. A wide range of young people currently attend from our local schools. If you are 4th year and above, we'd also love to invite you to come along as part of our volunteer team- all are welcome! Our current volunteer team is made up of 4th, 5th and 6th Years, university students, young professionals and parents. For more information please contact Fergus or Cathy.

Fergus Coyle

on 07465 425951 or

Cathy Holmes

on 07810 871556. They can also be reached by email at sentryyouthgroup@gmail.com or through their Facebook page which is titled, 'Sentry Youth Group.'

The logo for Beavers, featuring the word 'BEAVERS' in a stylized, colorful font with yellow, blue, and red letters.The logo for Cubs, featuring the word 'cubs' in a lowercase, green, sans-serif font.The logo for Scouts, featuring the word 'SCOUTS' in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font.

116th Glasgow Scout Group Beavers

Our Beaver Colony (6-8 year olds) meets in St Joseph's Parish lower hall every Tuesday from 6pm - 7pm. The Beavers leaders put together a fantastic programme each week with a variety of games and activities on offer and everyone looks forward to the annual trip to the pantomime at Eastwood Theatre.

Cubs

The Cub Pack (8-10 year olds) meet every Tuesday evening in Carolside Primary School from 6.15pm - 7.30pm. The pack is run by an excellent leadership team who put together a fun filled and varied programme, joining the Beavers on the Pantomime trip each year and also enjoying camping at Auchengillan through the season.

Scouts

The Scout Troop meets after the Cubs in Carolside Primary School, from 7.30pm - 9.15pm. The Troop runs a varied programme mixing fun games and challenges to help our Scouts meet the badge requirements we work towards each year. We also camp at Auchengillan each year for more adventurous activities like kayaking and rock climbing. For more information on Beavers, Cubs or Scouts please contact Thomas.

Thomas McCabe

T: 0141 571 7663

E: thommccb@gmail.com



PARISH LIFE



Music Liturgy

Organists, choirs, cantors and folk music all enhance our Parish celebrations by helping us rejoice in the Sunday liturgies & the different seasons of the Church's year. For more information please contact Joe.

Joe Byrnes

T: 0141 644 2171

E: joeveronica@btinternet.com

Choir

The choir rehearse for an hour every week during school term time. They enhance the liturgy by singing at all major feasts and occasionally at Sunday Masses. New members are always warmly welcomed. For more information please contact Joe.

Joe Byrnes

T: 0141 644 2171

E: joeveronica@btinternet.com

Altar Society

A number of volunteers generously give of their time to keep the Church looking beautiful and ready for all liturgical celebrations. There is also a small group of volunteers who undertake the laundry of purificators, altar cloths etc. For more information please contact Veronica.

Veronica Byrnes

T: 0141 644 2171

E: joeveronica@btinternet.com

Pass-keepers

Our team of pass-keepers is on hand to welcome parishioners as they enter the church, providing assistance where required and also arranging the offertory collections and processions. New members to our team are always warmly welcomed. For more information please contact Peter.

Peter McMillan

T: 07791 651525

E: mcmillan96@btinternet.com

Sunday Mini Bus Drivers

We have a transport service for anyone who has difficulty getting to 12:00 Mass on Sundays. Management of the rota of drivers, pick-ups and waiting list for the service is managed by Pat. We are always keen to have additional volunteer drivers and helpers to assist the parishioners. For more information please contact Pat.

Pat O'Brien

T: 0141 571 8169

Pastoral Council

The members of the pastoral council organise and participate in a range of activities and events which support Father Stephen in developing the pastoral and spiritual life of the Parish community. The broad areas of involvement are: Faith and Spirituality, Parish Community, and Children and Young People. The council meetings take place 4 times a year, with sub-groups meeting when necessary. The minutes of the meetings are available in a folder in the side porch of the church and on the St Joseph's website. For more information please contact Pat.

Patricia Hassett

T: 0141 571 0937

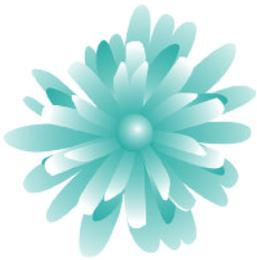
E: patricia.hassett@ntlworld.com

Fertility Care Clinic at St Joseph's

"Nature's Way – God's Way."

Trained Billings Ovulation Method teachers offer a free confidential service to couples who wish to postpone pregnancy for a time or need help to conceive a longed-for child. The Billings Ovulation Method is a natural, healthy, effective alternative to hormonal or mechanical methods of family planning. Fertility Awareness is important knowledge for all girls/women from adolescence to the menopause. The centre at St Joseph's has been running on alternate Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9pm in the church hall for 35 years. Posters in both entrance porches and outside the hall show the dates for the year. There is a Billings centre in the Paisley Diocesan offices.

Visit our website www.fertilitycare.org.uk or for more information please contact Angela.



Fertility Care Scotland
Diocese of Paisley

Learn More About Your Fertility

- **Achieving Pregnancy**
- **Delaying Pregnancy**
- **Menopause**
- **Breastfeeding**

Registered Scottish Charity SC022875

Angela McCallum

T: 0141 638 6802

Fertility Care Scotland

T: 0141 221 0858

E: info@fertilitycare.org.uk

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

The RCIA group helps adults who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith. If any of your friends or family are thinking about becoming a Catholic they are very welcome to come along. For more information please contact Alice.

Alice Connolly

T: 0141 644 5704

E: ae.connolly@btinternet.com

Bethany Bereavement Group

St Joseph's Bethany Bereavement Group is for anyone who is in need of support. Whether the bereavement was recent or in the past, whatever the loss, we are here to help. We are caring, understanding and most importantly, listen to you and your needs. We can offer practical help and signpost you to other agencies if needed. For more information please contact Elaine.

Elaine Allan

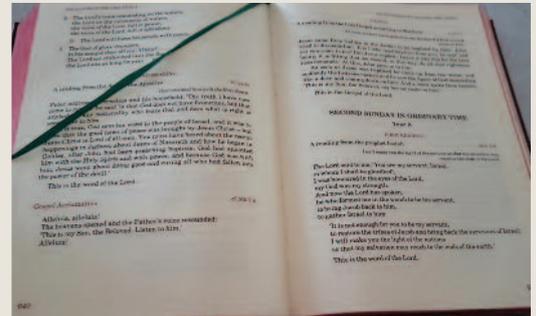
T: 07814 236551

E: elaine.allan24@gmail.com



HELPING IN PRAYER AND WORSHIP

“Let not your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me”
John 14: 1



Eucharistic Adoration

Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honouring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves "the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us". This allows those present to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament in a very close and personal way. For more information please contact Dorothy.

Dorothy Graham

T: 0141 577 0121

E: dpatgraham@hotmail.com

Readers (Sunday)

"When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel"

Parishioners have come forward to proclaim the Word of God through which God speaks to his people. They serve us both at the Sunday and weekday services and their service is essential to our celebration of the Eucharist. We support our readers to prepare for their important ministry in various ways including the publication of a rota. New readers are always welcomed into our team. For more information please contact Heidi.

Heidi Fawcett

T: 07899 970541

E: fawcett@f2s.com

Readers (Weekdays)

For information about weekday readers, please contact Joe.

Joe Byrnes

T: 0141 644 2171

E: joeveronica@btinternet.com

Eucharistic Ministers (Sunday)

These parishioners serve us both at the weekday & Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist. Their service is essential to all our celebrations of the Eucharist. They also bring communion to the sick & housebound. If anyone would like communion brought to themselves or to a relative, please let Father Stephen know & he will arrange this. Or for more information please contact Michael.

Michael Jordan

T: 0141 644 4655

E: michaeljordan73@hotmail.com

Eucharistic Ministers (weekdays)

For information on about weekday Eucharistic Ministers, please contact Jean.

Jean Wardrop

T: 0141 571 7865

E: jeanandhughwardrop@gmail.com

Eucharistic Services

As directed by Father Stephen it is sometimes necessary to hold a Eucharistic Service rather than a morning Mass. At the service the Liturgy of the Word is read and communion distributed. For more information please contact Joe.

Joe Byrnes

T: 0141 644 2171

E: joeveronica@btinternet.com

Parents in Prayer

This group meets on Thursday mornings from 10am-11am in the lower hall of St Joseph's church. The purpose of the group is two-fold: to meet other parents in the Parish and to have an opportunity to pray midweek. There is plenty of tea, cake, and chat plus time to look at the coming Sunday Gospel and discuss how we can make it relevant in our family lives. Children are very welcome and the group looks after them so that parents can relax and have a time of peace. For more information please contact Emma.

Emma Merriman

E: stjosephsparentsinprayer@gmail.com

CARING FOR OTHERS

SPRED (Special Religious Development) at the Diocese of Paisley

SPRED is a special way of helping every person who has a learning disability to grow in faith and develop their own prayer life within their parish and the wider church community. Adult and youth groups meet mainly in the Spred Centre next to St Peter's Church, Glenburn, although some outreach groups are based in parishes. There are also children's groups within schools for children with additional support needs, where they receive Sacramental preparation. All groups are led by trained volunteers who share their Catholic faith together. For more information please contact Norma.

Norma Scott

SPRED Director

T: 0141 884 8866

E: spred@rcdop.org.uk

FB: Facebook: SPRED Paisley

The Wayside Club

The Wayside Club was established in 1932 to meet the needs of the homeless and those suffering from hardship or addiction to alcohol or gambling. It is operated by the Legion of Mary, a Catholic lay organisation with helpers from other religions and none. We listen, comfort, give advice if required and try to assist those who come to us to progress to a more hopeful future. The club provides a warm, friendly and safe environment every evening and Saturday afternoon throughout the year including all the Public holidays. Those attending are offered free food, washing facilities and support. The Wayside Club Centre exists thanks to the generosity of individual donations and financial support from Trusts, Legacies, businesses, and a variety of organisations and churches. We have no fixed income or Government funding. If you would like to support our work for the homeless and socially excluded, or to volunteer, you can do so by visiting www.thewaysideclubcentre.co.uk or for more information please contact Jim or Mary.



Jim White or Mary Hegarty

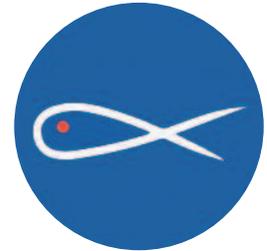
T: 0141 637 5806

T: 0141 637 7875

CARING FOR OTHERS

SSVP

The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is to help the poor and disadvantaged. At St Joseph's we are a small Conference of six who meet weekly to bank the money donated at Sunday Mass and consider how that money should be spent. Our immediate concern is for people within the Parish, and when we have excess funds these are forwarded to Special Works Conferences of SSVP e.g. St. Vincent's Hospice and The Wayside Club. We also contribute to the running costs of a minibus which transports some of our elderly parishioners to Mass on Sunday mornings. A very important part of our work within the Parish is visiting people, sometimes in their own home or hospital and also in local care homes. These visits take place weekly and we always visit in twos. We welcome any new members so if you can spare a couple of hours per week please come and join us. For more information please contact Anne Marie.



Anne Marie Kelly

T: 07772 890917

E: anne.marie@proudmother.co.uk

Justice & Peace

The group's main purpose is to debate and intervene, where appropriate, in matters relating to social justice, human rights, peace, development and integrity of creation. We speak up for those who are marginalised and exploited, and raise awareness of what is happening locally and nationally. As an eco-congregation we are committed to promoting the principles underlying care for the environment. We are a founder member of Eastwood Ecumenical Peace and Justice Forum, which enables us to share our experiences and add weight to campaigns with other member churches in the area. We meet once a month on dates that are published in the church bulletin and anyone wishing to attend is most welcome to do so. For more information please contact John.



John Seenan

T: 0141 644 2725

E: jeseenan@btinternet.com

Starter Packs

Starter Packs Glasgow is a charity based in Govan working to alleviate poverty across the city. By providing packs of essential household goods to those moving into a new tenancy, often after homelessness, we can make houses more homely, and help people to sustain their tenancy. The Parish customarily organises an annual collection of goods during February. Those wishing to donate furniture should call Starter Packs direct to arrange collection. For more information visit www.starterpacks.org.uk or please contact Jacqui.



Jacqui Flynn

T: 0141 440 1008



PARISH CLUBS AND EVENTS



Sunday Social

Our Sunday Social is an event run for the Parish community by the Bereavement Group. It is an opportunity for parishioners to get together over a cup of tea, refreshment and cake and enjoy some fun and live entertainment. Whether you are on your own or in a group you will be made most welcome. Please come along, meet new friends and enjoy the musical evening. Doors open at 7pm and we finish at 9pm. If you require assistance, we have designated drivers who can bring you and take you home. Details of the next event will be published in the Parish bulletin. For more information please contact Eleanor.

Eleanor Maxwell

T: 07931 171565

E: eleanortaylormaxwell@gmail.com

Bridge Club

Bridge club meets at 7pm on Wed evening and 1pm on Friday afternoon in St Joseph's Hall and is open to all. For more information please contact Mike.

Mike Harris

T: 0141 639 6361

E: michhrr@ntlworld.com

Art Club

Watercolour art class is a paint along class for beginners and those who would like to develop their artistic skills in a relaxed and friendly environment. A professional artist will guide you through simple steps to create your own watercolour masterpiece. The class meets every Tuesday morning 10:30am - 12:30pm in St. Joseph's Church Hall and all materials are supplied. For more information please contact Gerry.

Gerry Donaghy

T: 07908 475475

E: g.donaghy21@gmail.com

Tuesday Club

The club is set up for retired members of the Parish and their friends. We meet in St Joseph's Hall on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm for afternoon tea / coffee with home baking and entertainment. Come along and enjoy the fun and company. For more information please contact Margaret.

Margaret Logan

T: 07596 315103

E: mags611@hotmail.co.uk

MORNING COFFEE / TEA

Coffee and Tea are served in the hall on Mondays and Fridays after morning Mass. All funds are donated to the Parish Building Fund. Once a month a special Charity Coffee morning is held, where parishioners are invited to nominate a charity. Everyone is most welcome to come and enjoy a friendly chat over a cup of tea or coffee. For more information please contact David.

David Fulton

T: 0141 569 5395

COMMUNICATIONS

Bulletin Notices

Anyone who wishes to place a notice in the weekly Parish bulletin is required to submit this by noon on Thursday at the latest. The request can be hand-written or e-mailed however the envelope or e-mail heading must clearly be marked as "Bulletin Notice Request"

stjosephsclarkston@rcdop.org.uk

Similarly requests for prayers to be offered for the sick or dead must be submitted by at latest noon Thursday and clearly marked accordingly.

Father Stephen

E: stjosephsclarkston@rcdop.org.uk

E-Bulletin

The e-Bulletin ensures that you always receive the latest Parish news, even if you are away on holiday. The e-bulletin contains all the information in the printed version but in addition includes the contact information for all the Parish groups as well as links to web pages and e-mail addresses. It is also more environmentally friendly as it saves paper as well as reducing printing costs. To sign up for the e-bulletin, or for more information, please contact Chris by e-mail or text or WhatsApp or phone.

Chris McLaughlin

T: 07957 644546

E: christopher_mclaughlin@hotmail.com

Hall Bookings

To book the parish hall, please phone the Parish House and ask for David Melvin. David will confirm whether your booking request has been accepted. For more information please contact David.

David Melvin

T: 0141 644 2640

Safeguarding - St Joseph's Parish

The Parish Safeguarding Coordinators (PSCs) are Veronica Dowling and David Melvin. Contact with the safeguarding coordinators should be made in person or via the Diocesan office. For more information please contact Veronica or David.

**Veronica Dowling
and David Melvin**

T: 0141 847 6130

E: safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk

Safeguarding - Paisley Diocese

The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor is Mary Kearns, who can be contacted by phone or e-mail.

Mary Kearns

T: 07939 486290/0141 847 6130

E: safeguardingadvisor@rcdop.org.uk

The Diocesan Safeguarding Administrator is Sarah Jane Colhoun who can be contacted by phone or e-mail

Sarah Jane Colhoun

T: 0141 847 6138

E: safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk

Catholic Truth Society (C.T.S)

The CTS has been publishing inexpensive booklets explaining our Faith since 1868. Our stall in the church porch carries a range of titles on scripture, spirituality, apologetics, biographies of the saints and Christian living. Grow in the knowledge and practice of your faith by buying and reading CTS titles from our stall or online at <http://www.ctsbooks.org/>

Frank Rankin

T: 0795 848 2882

E: frankrankin1971@gmail.com

Parish Website

St Joseph's Parish website can be found at: <http://stjosephclarkston.com/>
This includes information about Mass times, as well as the Parish Welcome & Information Booklet and minutes from the Pastoral Council meetings.

Chris McLaughlin

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E: christopher_mclaughlin@hotmail.com

Parish Facebook

The Parish Facebook page has up-to-date information about Parish and Diocesan events. If you have anything you wish posted on the Parish Facebook page please contact Maureen.

Maureen Harcombe

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E: maureenharcombe@gmail.com

PARISH AND DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS



Building Fund (1st Sunday of every month)

Due to extensive building work carried out over previous years, the parish incurred a significant debt to the Diocese of Paisley. The yearly interest payments for the loan are approximately £12,000. In 2019 the parish made payments totalling £70,370 towards the debt. As a result, as of February 2020, the St Joseph's Parish debt to the Diocese of Paisley stands at £317,844.

Additional essential remedial work within the grounds is also required. We are now focusing on reducing this debt which, with everyone's support, we hope to achieve in a timely manner.

Our target is to raise a minimum of £50,000 per year, through our monthly Building Fund collection, the 200 Club and additional fundraising activities. We hope that everyone in the Parish will support these appeals so we can significantly reduce the Parish debt.



Justice & Peace (January)

This collection helps fund our Scottish Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, our Marriage Tribunal and our Catholic Parliamentary Office. Our Justice & Peace Commission campaigns against renewal of Trident, for fairness for asylum seekers and refugees and for action against climate change and for the environment. It also networks with parishes and advises our Bishops on social justice, international peace and human rights.



Pro-Life (January)

The goal of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is a Scotland that protects life from conception to natural death. SPUC works to protect human lives at the national and local level, and to build a society free from abortion. We also campaign against other direct threats to the lives of vulnerable individuals, such as euthanasia and embryo abuse.



SPRED (February)

Our Paisley Diocese SPRED offers people with learning disabilities spiritual nurture in a small community of faith and a sense of belonging to a parish community. The collection supports groups to meet across the Diocese allowing parishioners to come together in faith and friendship to share and experience God's love.



Sick & Retired Clergy (March, April, Sept)

We remember our Sick & Retired Priests of the Diocese with great love and affection. We have fourteen retired priests still active in prayer and witness: one living in Rome, six in houses throughout the Diocese, four in parish presbyteries, and three at the Residence of the Little Sisters along with Bishop John Cunningham. We thank God for the gift of these priests and keep them in our prayers.



SCIAF (75%) & St Mirin's Fund (25%) (March)

The proceeds of this collection are divided, with 75% going directly to SCIAF and 25% contributing to our new St Mirin's Fund.

SCIAF is the official aid and international development charity of the Catholic Church in Scotland. Inspired by the gospel, SCIAF tackle the causes of poverty and injustice. We reach out with love to those in need, regardless of age, race or religion. We believe in supporting the whole person, including their spiritual wellbeing, political voice, cultural and community life.

SCIAF works in sixteen countries across Asia, Africa and Latin America helping the poorest in the world, regardless of religion, to work their way out of poverty. For further information visit www.sciaf.org.uk or phone Peter McMillan **07791 651525**.

The St. Mirin's Fund awards small grants for good causes that promote the Kingdom of God among us, with special consideration given to: children and young people, the elderly, those with disabilities and special needs, refugees and those suffering from poverty, mental illness or homelessness.



Holy Places (April)

This collection is for the upkeep and repair of the fifty shrines that are dear to Christians and pilgrims the world over; and for the Church's pastoral, educational, social and cultural mission in the Holy Land. These include the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the Church of Mary and Joseph's homes in Nazareth, Peter's house in Capernaum, the Upper Room of the Last Supper and of Pentecost and the Church of the Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre.



Vocations and Ecclesiastical Students (May)

This collection pays for our Paisley seminarians studying in Rome. Currently we have four students whose seminary fees are £20,000 per year. This collection also goes to the upkeep of our Scots College in Rome that welcomes many visitors from Scotland as a place of hospitality for Scots in Rome.

During Vocations Awareness Week, "Priests for Scotland" invite young people in our schools or parish youth groups to reflect on how they see themselves as God's "work of art"; on what it takes to be the kind of person God wants them to be, and how, for some, that might mean thinking about a vocation to priesthood or religious life of some kind.



Day for Life (May)

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. It highlights the Catholic Church's response to issues in our society including human trafficking, domestic abuse and accepting death. The proceeds of the Day for Life collection assist the work of various themes relating to the sanctity of life, with a different theme each year. Their website www.dayforlife.org has resources and information covering the journey of life.



Communications (June)

This collection pays for our national Scottish Catholic Media Office which provides a service to the press and media with information on the activities of the Church in Scotland.

On Communications Day we are asked to pray and support the work of the catholic media who work to protect, promote and proclaim our Catholic Values in an ever changing and challenging world.



Peter's Pence (June)

This is the practice of the laity to provide financial support to the Holy See to allow the Holy Father the means to respond to those suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. It is an ancient practice which began with the first community of the apostles. It continues to be repeated because charity distinguishes the disciples of Jesus: *"From this, they will all know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"* (Jn. 13, 35).



Apostleship of the Sea (July)

This provides practical and pastoral care to seafarers, regardless of nationality, belief or race through port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors. Ninety per cent of world trade is transported by ship but the life of a modern seafarer is dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their families and working in harsh conditions. The chaplains and volunteers welcome seafarers and offer welfare services, advice, practical help, care and friendship. Founded in Scotland, the Apostleship is now part of an international network known as Stella Maris that works in 250 ports around the world.



Mission Sunday (October)

Missio Scotland is the Scottish branch of the Catholic Church's mission aid agency. This enables missionaries to help communities in need through grassroots projects. They build and maintain hospitals, schools and seminaries, care for people in need and act for justice in the developing world, regardless of race, stigma, religion or gender. World Mission Sunday is the one Sunday in the year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity.



Scottish Catholic Education Service (October)

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 mission of the Catholic school is to develop as a community of faith and learning, providing the highest quality of education, and offering formation through the promotion of Gospel values, through celebration and worship, and through service to the common good.



Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals provides one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every school day. Our work is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty. Mary's Meals consists of, respects, and reaches out to people of all faiths and of none. For more information visit www.marysmeals.org.uk or please contact Eddie Deighan **0141 644 4498**

SCHOOLS



St. Joseph's Primary School



In St. Joseph's Primary School we are engaged in the pursuit of excellence. Our main aim is to provide a Catholic school education of high quality that will enable all young people to become; Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Effective Contributors, Responsible Citizens. This shared vision is supported by a number of strategies including; Promoting the Gospel values such as love, compassion, truth, integrity and wisdom and seeking to build a community where all members are held in high regard and their dignity, worth and individuality are respected. **Mrs S Martin Head Teacher**

Our Lady of the Missions Primary School



At Our Lady of the Missions Primary School we aim to ensure that our pupils have excellent learning opportunities to showcase their Terrific Talents, Amazing Attitude, Excellent Effort, God's Gifts and being Fantastic Friends. Within our Catholic school, founded as a Community of Faith, Our Lady of the Missions values honesty, respect, kindness, teamwork, independence, positivity and friendship. **Mrs C Dillon-Ruddy Head Teacher**

St. Ninian's High School

"There is a climate of aspiration in the school, which promotes that there is no limit to what can be achieved for the young people of St. Ninian's High School. This is underpinned by gospel values, the Catholic faith, mutual respect and nurturing relationships. Young people feel they have extensive opportunities to achieve their potential, and develop their wellbeing". Inspection of Saint Ninian's, Education Scotland, 4 June 2019



Education in a Catholic school puts before us a way of living which comes from the wisdom of God. The formation of young people '*Imago Dei*' calls for excellence, striving to achieve one's potential, encompassing the intellectual, the academic and more. Our Christian pedagogy focuses on the formation of the whole person – body and soul, heart and mind. The process of personal growth is nurtured in an environment of care, respect and trust. The interplay of education and faith is about how we live and, whether in the family or in the school, the personality of our children should be formed in imitation of Jesus Christ.

The best teachers plant a vision in the minds of their students, hope in their hearts, a discipline in their actions, and a strength in their soul that never fades. Catholic education aims to plant a seed of true wisdom, knowledge and goodness in the hearts and minds of our students. Our prayer is that this seed will fall on the rich soil of their intelligence, talents, gifts, generosity and compassion, and that it will produce its crop a hundredfold in the way they live and in what they achieve in the future. **Mr J Docherty Head Teacher.**

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is a duty that is rooted in the message of Jesus and in the mission of the Church. The Catholic Church in Scotland aspires to the highest standards with regard to the care and protection of children and vulnerable adults, and actively promotes justice for, and provides assistance to, those who have been abused.

We are committed to respecting, protecting and nurturing the dignity of all people. We are determined that the Catholic Church in Scotland will offer a safe place in all Church premises and activities, and with all Church personnel.

We are committed to improving the culture of our Safeguarding approach in order to rebuild trust and confidence in the ways in which we ensure that children and vulnerable adults are kept safe.

Our Safeguarding approaches, led by each Bishop and Major Superior, and delivered by clergy, Religious, safeguarding personnel and lay people in every parish community, Religious Institute and Catholic organisation, are designed to protect and heal, to safeguard and nurture all who have contact with Catholic faith communities across Scotland. For further information on Safeguarding in the Catholic Church in Scotland, go to www.bcos.org.uk/safeguarding. Alternatively, view the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Service website at www.scsafeguarding.org.uk/ or contact them on **0141 353 1177**.

For information on local safeguarding contacts, see Communications Section, page 14 under Safeguarding – St Joseph's Parish and Safeguarding – Paisley Diocese.

Prayer

Lord Jesus we praise you for calling us to the service of others.

We pray for a generosity of spirit to ensure the vulnerable are protected.

We pray for a compassionate heart so that we will reach out to those who are wounded by abuse.

We pray for courage and determination as we seek the safety of everyone in our parish communities.



Prayer

May the grace and blessing of the Heart of Jesus be with you:
The peace of the Heart of Jesus plead for you.
The love of the Heart of Jesus inflame you.
The virtues of the Heart of Jesus shine forth
in your every word and work.
and the joys of the beatific Vision by your
eternal recompense.
Amen



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