



Parish Bulletin

St. Mary's ' Paisley

(Incorporating the territory of St. Paul's, Foxbar)



A parish of the
Diocese of Paisley

Parish Priest: Fr. John Morrison

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Service Times:

Sunday Mass

St. Mary's 4.00pm (Vigil) & 10am.

Weekday Mass: Please see parish diary overleaf

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals: By arrangement with Fr. Morrison.

Confessions:

After 9.30am Mass on & Tuesday & Saturday; 3.30pm - 3.50pm Saturday

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30th November/1st
December 2024
The First Sunday of Advent

Sick Parishioners - Of your charity, please pray for those who are sick in our community and beyond: Lily Graham, Angela Hurley-Jordan, Stephanie McMaster, Theresa Smyth, Rose Geilty, John McGarry, Donna Lynch, Dolly Gallagher, Yvonne McRory, Cathie Gray, Theresa Miller, Isabel Fletcher, Ged Farrell, Declan Healy, Donna Sim, Ian Scott, Doreen Chain, Elena Carroll, Sean McMenemy, Rose Stepford, Rosaline Goodbrand, Rachel Burns, Joe Fitzhenry, Patricia O'Neill, Joe McLain, Susan Sludden, Helen Watson, Maureen McCready, Sarah Jessiman, Winnifred Kidd, David Friel, Ann McBride, Stella Pace, Betty Johnstone, Rosaline Goodbrand, Guy Whaley, Robert Alexander, Pearl White, Rosemary Goodbrand, Joe Johnstone, Monsignor Charlie Burns, Katie Rayment, Peter Callaghan, Grace McGarry, Andrew Taylor, May Scott, Mary McLaughlin, Alan Price, Thomas Curran, Ann Moohan, Paul Kirkwood, Malakai Austin, James Brogan, Mary Docherty, James Donnelly, Nicky Byara, Nan Moore, Maureen Kennedy, Ian Gallacher & Agnes Browning.

Recently deceased: John Deveney.

Anniversaries: Tony Ferrie, Patricia Whitelaw, Joan McVey, Elizabeth Burnett McMahon & Jeanie Graham.

New Lectionary: On the First Sunday of Advent all parishes in Scotland will begin using our new translation of the Lectionary, taken from the English Standard Version Catholic Edition of the Bible (published 2018). All the readings we will hear throughout the Liturgical Year are the same portions of Scripture we know and are accustomed to, yet this new translation offers the opportunity to read them with fresh eyes, to hear them with attentive ears, and to receive them as a pure and inexhaustible gift from God. As St Ephraim once said, 'within Sacred Scripture God has buried manifold treasures, so that each of us might grow rich in seeking them out.'

Jubilee - 2025: Pope Francis proclaimed the 2025 Jubilee Year on May 9, 2024, with the papal bull *Spes non confundit*, which means "Hope Does Not Disappoint". The Jubilee Year will begin on Christmas Eve, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. Over the coming weeks and months, we'll be considering how can mark the Jubilee in our parish & cluster.

Advent: This Sunday we begin our Advent journey. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for both the celebration of Jesus's birth at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year in Western Christianity. The season of Advent in the Christian calendar anticipates the "coming of Christ" from three different perspectives: the physical nativity in Bethlehem, the reception of Christ in the heart of the believer, and the Second Coming.

Parish Stewardship: £703.00 (1st Collection) & £311.30 (2nd Collection). Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Christmas Fayre 7 December and grand raffle: Please bring in items for the Raffle and items for the hampers. Volunteers are needed on the day to help with the sale of raffle tickets and tombola tickets, assisting stall holders etc and any other general tasks which arise. Home baking would be welcome and the Hall will be open after Mass on the Saturday morning for the delivery of baked goods. On Thursday 5 December, the Hall will be set up from 2 pm until early evening. Help is needed and will include sorting through the generous donations to make up the prizes. Your help would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help on either day please let Fr. Morrison know as soon as possible.

Catholic Education: This weekend we welcome staff and pupils from St. Mary's Primary School. The children from St. Mary's will animate the 10am Mass. We congratulate Mrs Lynsey Mothersole who has recently been appointed Acting HT!



Our parish QR code - This is linked to our Parish PAYA Charity On-line Giving page. The QR code means that parishioners and donors can use their mobile phone to take them straight to the donation page, allowing them to enter their card payment details.



PPC Meetings: 3rd December at 7pm.

Catechism Class @ St. Mary's: Catechism class is available for children (p1-s1) prior to the 10am Sunday Mass (9.20-9.50am).

Hawkhead Cemetery Mass: The annual Mass in Hawkhead Cemetery will be celebrated at 2pm on Sun 24th Nov. All are welcome to come and pray for the repose of the souls of those buried there. RIP

CAMPAIGN AGAINST ASSISTED DYING – URGENT: The Decision of the UK Parliament to pass the first reading of the Assisted Dying Bill (England & Wales), at a first reading, means that it is crucially important that we increase our efforts to stop similar legislation being passed in Scotland. Please contact your MSP to register your concerns about Assisted Dying Legislation. For all your MSPs, go online to “write to them”, put in your postcode and you'll access both George Adam (Paisley) and all your List MSPs. If you're not sure what to write to put over the legal and ethical reasons why this shouldn't go ahead, email eileenmccartin@btinternet.com.

Think Vocation: "Watch so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the cares of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If you think God is calling you to be a priest in the Diocese of Paisley please contact our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr John Morrison phone 01418892602 or email vocations@rcdop.org.uk.

P4-7 Advent Retreat: The diocesan Youth Commission invites children in P4-7 to an Advent Retreat Day on Sunday 1st December from 2-5pm. The theme is The Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The day begins and ends in St Mirin's Cathedral Hall, with Holy Mass in the cathedral. A light dinner will be provided. Registration is necessary: <http://tinyurl.com/dpy-primary-advent>. Email Fr Ryan for more info: VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk.

Gift Aid: If you pay tax and haven't already signed a Gift Aid declaration for the parish please do so. All your contributions will be augmented by 25% at no cost to you. Thanks for your continuing generosity. Please be aware that if you previously Gift-Aided at St. Paul's you are required to sign a new form. If you require new envelopes please inform Fr. Morrison. Forms are available in the Sacristy. Apologies for any inconvenience.

St. Paul's PS: Fr Morrison will be meeting with the parents of children in p4/7 who are receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion this year at 2.30pm in the school on Wednesday 4th December.

First Fridays for Mass: Mass at St. Aidan's Johnstone at 7pm.

Bulletin Deadline: Items for the bulletin (including anniversaries) should be submitted by Noon of the preceding Tuesday for inclusion in the bulletin.

Safeguarding Thought for the Month – November: We regard as paramount our concern for the safety of all in our parish communities especially children and vulnerable adults

An Advent Prayer: "Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas"

Parish Diary:

Date	Event(s)
Monday 2nd December	Please note No Mass at 8.30am @ St. Paul's Primary School - School Holiday Mass at 7.00pm @ St. Mary's
Tuesday 3rd December	Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's <i>Eucharistic Adoration prior to Mass</i> <i>Confessions available after Mass</i>
Wednesday 4th December	Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's
Thursday 5th December	Mass @ 9.30am @ St. Mary's Mass at 1.15pm @ St. Andrew's Academy
Friday 6th December	Mass at 9.30am - St. Mary's PS in attendance
Saturday 7th December	Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's. Vigil Mass as normal.

Parish Partner's: St Mary's PS, St. Paul's PS & St. Andrew's Academy

