



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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14/15th December 2024
The Third 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 Goodbrandt, 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, Ann Kerse & John Bolland.

Anniversaries: Patrick Friel & Linda Dawson

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 continue 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.

St. Paul's PS: We welcome to Mass on Monday morning, the staff and pupils from St. Paul's. The P4 pupils from St., Paul's PS who will be making completing their 'Rite of Enrolment'. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Parish Stewardship: First Collection: £888.50 - Second Collection - £270.00 (Building Fund). Thanks for your continuing generosity. Please note that these figures do not include Standing Orders or online donations.

Christmas Fayre 7 December and grand raffle: Thanks to everyone who organised, supported and attended our Fayre on Saturday! The day was a great success, Many thanks! The sum raised (including the raffle) was £2972.30.

St. Andrew's Academy: The school will be holding its Christmas Concert on Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm.

Think Vocation: Could God be calling you to be a priest to help today's world to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, please get in touch with Fr John Morrison, our Diocesan Vocations Director, tel: 01418892602 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH - DECEMBER 2024: The Church seeks to restore the fabric of broken lives and heal the pain of survivors.

THE POPE'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

SSVP Christmas Appeal: Our parish conference are appealing for mince pies, chocolate biscuits, cake, shortbread and tinned. If you can help please drop off items at the Church or Parish House.



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.



Catechism Class @ St. Mary's: The class will be taking a break in the month of December.

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.

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.

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

200 Club: The draw will take place this weekend.

FIRST FRIDAYS FOR LIFE - 3rd January 2025 - St Mary's, Greenock: Will you fast and pray every First Friday for Life? Bishop John invites you to fast and pray on the First Friday of each month to protect the unborn child and for the flourishing of the Pro-Life movement so that our society will build an authentic culture of life. Join your priests throughout the diocese on the First Friday of each month as we pray for life! The next Mass of the season will be offered in St Mary's, Greenock, on Friday the 3rd of December at 7 PM; Adoration & Confession from 6 PM.

Crib: We're looking for volunteers to help erect the Crib on Sunday after the 10am Mass.

Christmas Mass Times:
Tuesday 24th December
4pm (Children's Mass), 8pm (Proceeded by Carol Service from 7.30pm)
Wednesday 25th December
10am
Thursday 26th December
- Parish closed

Parish Diary:

| Date | Event(s) |
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| Monday 16th December | Mass at 8.30am @ St. Paul's Primary School Mass at 10.00am @ St. Mary's with Staff & Pupils from St. Paul's Mass at 7.00pm @ St. Mary's |
| Tuesday 17th December | Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's <i>Eucharistic Adoration prior to Mass</i> <i>Confessions available after Mass</i> |
| Wednesday 18th December | Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's Reception & Vigil Prayers 6.00pm |
| Thursday 19th December | Requiem Mass of Mrs Ann Kerse RIP 10.00am @ St. Mary's Mass at 1.15pm @ St. Andrew's Academy |
| Friday 20th December | Mass at 9.30am - St. Mary's PS in attendance |
| Saturday 21st December | Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's. Vigil Mass as normal. |

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

