



# Parish Bulletin

St. Mary's '

Paisley

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



A parish of the  
Diocese of Paisley

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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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21st/22nd December 2024  
The Fourth 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:** Ann Kersse, May Scott,

**Anniversaries:** Robert O'Donnell, Mark O'Donnell,

**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.

**St. Paul's PS:** Congratulations to the P4 pupils from St., Paul's who completed their 'Rite of Enrolment' on Monday morning. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

**Parish Stewardship:** First Collection: £1045. 60 - Second Collection - £ 486.50 (Building Fund). Thanks for your continuing generosity. Please note that these figures do not include Standing Orders or online donations. Fr. Morrison would like to thank the Donors who recently contributed respectfully sums of £500 and £100.00 to Church funds.

**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 recognise 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.

**Think Vocation:** "Behold, I have come to do your will, O God" (2nd reading) Can you make that offer, to put yourself at the disposal of God's plan for his people and for the world? Contact our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr John Morrison – call 01418892602 or email [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk)

**Carols in the Cathedral:** Join Bishop John Keenan and the Diocesan Choir for the annual Carol Service in St Mirin's Cathedral, Friday 27th of December at 2pm. Refreshments in the hall afterwards. All welcome!



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](mailto: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.

**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 January at 7 PM; Adoration & Confession from 6 PM.

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage - Fundraising Dinner 2025:** Saturday 1st March 2025, Greenock Town Hall, 7pm (for 7.30pm). Tickets cost £40 (including 3 course meal). For tickets and further information please email [ianmclean@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:ianmclean@rcdop.org.uk) or phone 07950483042. Donations for the raffle/auction greatly appreciated. A bus will be provided for those travelling from the Paisley side of the Diocese.

**Diocesan Priesthood:** Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood in 2025? The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information, please contact Fr. John Morrison - call 01418892602 or email [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk)

**WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR:** Now on sale in stall. Price £3.75.

Parish Diary:

Date	Event(s)
Monday 23rd December	<b><i>nb No Mass at 8.30am @ St. Paul's Primary School - School Holiday</i></b> Mass at 9.30am @St.Mary's Mass at 7.00pm @ St. Mary's
Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve	Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's <i>Eucharistic Adoration prior to Mass</i> <i>Confessions available after Mass</i> Mass at 4pm @ St. Mary's - <i>Children's Christmas Mass</i> Carol Service at 7.30pm @ St. Mary's Mass at 8.00pm @ St. Mary's
Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day	Mass at 10.00am @ St. Mary's
Thursday 26th December	<i>Parish closed</i>
Friday 27th December	Mass at 9.30am
Saturday 28th 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**

