



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

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Helen McLaren - email helenmclaren@rcdop.org.uk

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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11th/12th January 2025
The Feast of the Baptism of
the Lord

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, 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, Ian Gallacher & Agnes Browning.

Recently deceased: May Scott, Jane Brown, Margaret McVitie & Thomas Hegarty.

Anniversaries: James Brogan, Ken McAdam, Mary Simpson & Riley Kennedy.

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.

Parish Stewardship: First Collection - £777.90 & Second Collection £448.40 - . Thanks for your continuing generosity. Please note that collection figures do not include Standing Orders or online donations. Next Sunday - our Second Collection will be for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund.

St. Margaret's Children & Family Care: All donations to the Crib go to St. Margaret's Children & Family Care Society, the only Catholic adoption group left in the UK. This is their main way of raising funds for the year ahead.

SSVP Collection: Collection for St. Vincent's Hospice Special Works Conference raised as fantastic £1171.00. Many thanks. A cheque for this amount has already been delivered to the Special Works Conference.

Lourdes Hospitalité: Booking is now open for the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, 28th June-3rd July 2025. Booking is currently via the Tangney Tours website, booking forms will be available soon. If you have a life limiting, chronic medical condition or a taking regular medication you should register with the medical/nursing team. If you wish to come to Lourdes as part of the medical/nursing or helper team, please attend the meeting on 7th January at 7pm in St Ninian's, Gourrock. If you would like to come to Lourdes as a registered sick pilgrim please come to the meeting on 26th January at 2pm in St Ninian's, Gourrock. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Louise pilgrimage co-ordinator on 01475 638132

Young Adults: The Young Adults series of 'Ascend the Mountain - 7 Deadly Sins and 7 Lively Virtues' talks continue with 'Wrath vs Mercy' by Fr Bernard Mournian on Wednesday 15th January at 7pm in the Diocesan Offices. All young catholics 18-35 are welcome. For more information contact Fr. Joe McGill at joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk



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 resume in February.

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.

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 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

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

SAFEGUARDING: Safeguarding in the Catholic Church means doing everything in our power to try and prevent abuse; firstly, by having a safe system of recruitment for clergy, religious, employees and volunteers; which includes PVG checks, references and training; and secondly, by having a reporting system so people can come forward with disclosures and concerns, be listened to and have their disclosures acted upon. Each Parish has a trained safeguarding co-ordinator. HELEN MCLAREN is the safeguarding co-ordinator in this Parish. Her role is to ensure that all parish volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults are recruited safely and receive safeguarding training. You can also contact her if you have any safeguarding concerns. Her confidential safeguarding email address helen.mclaren@rcdop.org.uk

Parish Diary:

Date	Event(s)
Monday 13th January	Mass at 8.30am @ St. Paul's Primary School Retreat for p6 St. Paul's in Parish Hall am Mass at 7.00pm @ St. Mary's
Tuesday 14th January	Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's <i>Eucharistic Adoration prior to Mass</i> <i>Confessions available after Mass</i>
Wednesday 15th January	Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's
Thursday 16th January	Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's
Friday 17th January	Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's
Saturday 18th January	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

