



# 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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4th/5th January 2025  
The Feast of the Epiphany

**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 & Thomas Hegarty.

**Anniversaries:** John McNena, George Campbell,

**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 & Second Collection - figures not available at time of printing. Thanks for your continuing generosity. Please note that collection figures do not include Standing Orders or online donations. Sunday - the Epiphany we have a Second collection for Justice & Peace. In 2024 our Justice & Peace collection raised £16,793 with an additional £1,373 from Gift Aid and £1,665 in interest, bringing total income to £19,831. In 2024 our total (draft) expenditure was £34,953 with £10,300 as our Diocesan pro-rata contribution to the National J&P work and £24,653 for the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. So, our costs in 2024 were £15,122 (76%) higher than our income. 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.

**SVDP:** All of the box income received by St. Mary's Conference over the festive period will be donated to the Special Works Conference at St. Vincent's Hospice in Howwood. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

**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.

**Message from Fr. Morrison:** I thank you for your unwavering support & encouragement. Thank you also for your incredible generosity by way of Christmas cards and gifts. They are much appreciated! Thank you.



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](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.

**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.

**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](mailto:helen.mclaren@rcdop.org.uk)

Parish Diary:

Date	Event(s)
Monday 6th January	Mass at 8.30am @ St. Paul's Primary School Mass at 7.00pm @ St. Mary's
Tuesday 7th January	Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's - St. Mary's p4/5 in attendance. Children on retreat in hall afterwards nb No <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> prior to Mass or <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Confessions available after Mass</i>
Wednesday 8th January	Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's
Thursday 9th January	Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's
Friday 10th January	Requiem Mass of Mrs May Scott at 9.30am (Reception prior to Mass)
Saturday 11th 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**

