



# 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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**15/16th February 2025**  
**Sixth Sunday of the Year**  
**(Year C)**

**Sick Parishioners - Of your charity, please pray for those who are sick in our community and beyond:** Lily Graham, Angela Hurley-Jordan, 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, 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, Mary McLaughlin, Alan Price, Thomas Curran, Ann Moohan, Paul Kirkwood, Malakai Austin, James Brogan, Mary Docherty, James Donnelly, Nicky Byara, Nan Moore & Ian Gallacher.

**Recently deceased:** Evelyn Stevenson, Joseph Fitzhenry, Jeanette Keenan,

**Anniversaries:** Desmond Moore.

**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. **We'll be celebrating a cluster Mass to begin our celebration of the Jubilee on Thursday 20th February.**

**Parish Stewardship:** First Collection: £858.670 - Second Collection - £511.30 (SPRED). Please note that these figures do not monies contributed by standing order or by online payment. Thanks for your continuing generosity.

**Esther's Ball:** To mark Mother's Day 2025 on the last Saturday of March. More details to follow.

**Parish Survey:** Thanks to everyone who completed and returned the recent parish survey. By a very small majority it was decided to retain the time of 10am on Sunday Mornings. There was no vote of favour in returning to the Distribution of Communion under both kinds. Fr Morrison will contact those who volunteered for the various volunteering roles outlined in the questionnaire in the coming weeks.

**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.

**Prayer for the Jubilee 2025: Father in Heaven, Help us in this Jubilee Year, as Pilgrims of Hope, to increase our Faith in You, to place our Hope in You and to Love You more. We place our hope in You in the certainty that nothing and no one can ever separate us from Your love. Help us in this Jubilee Year, as Pilgrims of Hope, to grow closer to You and to experience your merciful love. May we be Signs of Hope for our world by: being peacemakers; welcoming new life; praying for those deprived of their freedom; caring for the sick; welcoming migrants escaping danger and looking for safety; encouraging the young and valuing the elderly; reaching out to the poor at home and across the world; caring for Your Creation and working for justice in the developing world. To you our God, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.**



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 has resumed in the Church before the 10am Mass. All children of primary school age welcome.

**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 [iainmclean@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:iainmclean@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)

**SAFEGUARDING Induction Training – 2025:**

Safeguarding Induction training has been organised into one course only. If you are a new volunteer, or one who completed Part 1 training more than one year ago, you are invited to sign up for one of the following training sessions. Please contact Sarah Jane Colhoun at the Safeguarding Office to register. Tel: 0141 847 6138 or [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk)

*Tuesday 25th February at 7pm in the Diocesan Centre, Paisley*

*Saturday 29th March at 10.30am in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Greenock*

*Tuesday 29th April at 7pm in the Diocesan Centre, Paisley*

*Saturday 10th May at 10.30am in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall, Paisley*

*Tuesday 3rd June at 7pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Greenock*

**Divine Mercy Mass - February 26th at 7pm.**

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Next meeting 25th February.

**Ash Wednesday:** This year Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 5th March.

**SCIAF:** SCIAF 'Wee boxes' are now available at the back of the Church

**P4-P7 Lenten Retreat Day:** The diocesan Youth Commission invites children in P4-P7 to a Lenten Retreat Day on Sunday 9th March from 1.45pm-5pm. The theme is The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The Retreat takes place in St James's church and halls on Greenock Road in Paisley (PA3 2LD). It will include Holy Mass. A light dinner will be provided.

Registration is necessary: [www.tinyurl.com/dpy-lent25](http://www.tinyurl.com/dpy-lent25). Email Fr Ryan for more info: [VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk).

Parish Diary: Liturgical Year Sundays Year C  
- Weekdays Year 2

Date	Event(s)
Monday 17th February	<b>No Mass at 8.30am @ St. Paul's Primary School</b> <b>No Mass at 7.00pm @ St. Mary's</b>
Tuesday 18th February	<i>9.30am Requiem Mass of Jeanette Keenan RIP (Reception Prior to Mass) @ St. Mary's - St. Mary's P3 in attendance for retreat.</i> <i>No Adoration prior to Mass</i> <i>No Confessions after Mass</i>
Wednesday 19th February	Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's
Thursday 20th February	Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's
Friday 21st February	Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's
Saturday 22nd February Feast of the Chair of St. Peter	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

