



# 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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1st/2nd February 2025  
Feast of the Presentation

**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, 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, 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:** Betty Graham, Evelyn Stevenson, Joseph Fitzhenry, Kevin Kelly & Thomas Hegarty.

**Anniversaries:** Silvester Krepewicz, Carol Marie Hodge & John Gemmell

**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 - £710.70 & Second Collection £246.60 (Building Fund) Thanks for your continuing generosity. Please note that collection figures do not include Standing Orders or online donations. **Next weekend's 2nd collection will be for SPRED.**

**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, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, 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 will resume in February.

**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 [iaimclean@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:iaimclean@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*

**Diocesan Safeguarding Action Plan 2025:** Following analysis of the results from the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (SCSSA) self-evaluation exercise our updated safeguarding action plan for 2025 has now been published on the Diocesan website. An updated version of the 2023/24 action plan has also been uploaded for reference. Both documents have been approved by the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group and Bishop Keenan with a link to the plans available at [Diocese of Paisley | Safety In Our Catholic Communities | Paisley, UK](https://www.dioceseofpaisley.org.uk/Safety%20In%20Our%20Catholic%20Communities/Paisley,UK)

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

| Date  | Event(s)   |
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| <b>Monday 3rd February</b>  | Mass at 8.30am @ St. Paul's Primary School<br><b>Requiem Mass of Betty Graham at 9.30am (Reception 6.00pm Sunday)</b><br>Mass at 7.00pm @ St. Mary's |
| <b>Tuesday 4th February</b>   | <i>No 9.30am Mass - Fr Morrison attending funeral</i>  |
| <b>Wednesday 5th February</b>   | Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's  |
| <b>Thursday 6th February</b>  | Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's  |
| <b>Friday 7th February</b>  | Mass at 9.30am @ St. Mary's - St. Mary's PS in attendance.   |
| <b>Saturday 8th February</b><br>Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul | 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**

