



Parish Bulletin

St. Mary's ' Paisley

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

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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A parish of the Diocese of
Paisley

The Thirtieth Sunday of the Year -
24/25th October 2026

Sick Parishioners - Of your charity, please pray for those who are sick in our community and beyond: Susan Sludden, Mary McKinney, James Donnelly, John McGarry, Tommy Ward, Jackie Murray, Sister Ella (Salesian Sister), Allan Price, Marie Fraser, Patrick Kelly, Jim Nolan, Grace McGarry, Stephen O'Neill. Anna McCartin, Jonathan McArthur, Richard Woods & Eileen Logan,

Recently deceased: Canon John McGrory (Archdiocese of Glasgow), May Church,

Anniversaries: Sadie Lochrie, Tony Ferrie, Olga May Martin, Patrick McCabe, Christopher Donnelly, Sarah Stachura, Annie Stretton, Angus Cameron & Maureen Ann Lunney.

Upcoming Dates: Meeting of 150th Anniversary Committee Tuesday 3rd November; Meeting of Pastoral Parish Council Monday 30th November 7.30pm.

Sunday 25th October - A Special Celebration at St Mary's, Paisley: As part of the celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of St Mary's, we will celebrate a special Mass on Sunday 25th October at 10.00 am for everyone who has received a Sacrament in our church—including Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and Holy Orders. Whether the Sacrament was celebrated recently or many years ago, we warmly invite you and your family to return and give thanks for the part St Mary's has played in your journey of faith.

Bishop Keenan: Bishop John has been advised to step back temporarily from duties for medical reasons. Please keep him in your prayers. We entrust his health to Our Lord and the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, praying for a full and speedy recovery. For now, the Vicar General Monsignor Joe Burke will look after the day-to-day administration of the diocese.

November Lists: If you would like your deceased loved ones remembered at the Masses here in the parish during November, then please take a list & envelope from the porch and complete it at home. All envelopes are opened, your list and any offering removed, and the stipends will be offered for Masses for your dead. At the end of November the lists will be destroyed.

Papal Prayer Intention: Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for October 2026 is "For mental health ministry. He asks us to pray that mental health ministry develops throughout the Church, helping to overcome stigma and discrimination against people living with mental illness.

Sharing Our Faith • In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40) Jesus brings us back to the heart of our faith: love God and love your neighbour. These two commandments belong together. The love we receive from God is a gift we are called to share. Sharing our faith can begin with something very ordinary: telling a friend that we are praying for them, explaining why coming to Mass matters to us, or inviting someone to join us at church. We do not need to have every answer. We can simply speak honestly about the hope and strength we find in Christ. Our kindness gives credibility to our words; our words can help others discover the source of that kindness. Someone close to us may be waiting for a gentle invitation to take a first step—or to come home. This week, pray for one person with whom you could share your faith. Listen with care, speak with warmth, and leave room for God to work. A small invitation can open a door.

Saint Conval's Cemetery Mass: All are welcome to attend the annual November Holy Mass at Saint Conval's Cemetery, for the happy eternal rest of the souls of those buried there. Holy Mass will begin in the cemetery at 2pm on Sunday 8th November

Handmade Keepsakes: As part of our 150th Anniversary parish celebrations, a selection of handmade keepsakes will be available to buy over the next few months. The items are on display at the back of the church after mass and an order form will also be available via the QR code below. Please speak to Hannah and Nora after Mass who will be glad to show you what they've been making!



Parish Schedule

Safeguarding Thought for the Month of October: We continue to ensure our parishes are safe places.

Parish Retreat: To prepare ourselves spiritually for 150th Anniversary. Fr Joe McGill will lead an evening if refection at 7pm on 4th November. Please come along

Our Parish Partners: St. Andrew's Academy, St. Mary's PS, St. Paul's PS.

All Saints: Sunday 1st November is the Commemoration of All Saints. Monday 2nd November is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Plenary indulgence for the souls in putgatory from midday 1st to midnight 2nd. Similarly any day from 1st to 8th for visiting a cemetery and praying for those buried there.

Bulletin Deadline: Items for the bulletin (including anniversaries) should be submitted by Noon of the preceding Tuesday for inclusion in the bulletin.

World Youth Day 2027: The Holy Father is inviting young people from around the world to Seoul in South Korea, in August 2027. The Diocese of Paisley is responding to Pope Leo's invitation. Will you be aged 19-35 in Summer 2027? Do you want to know more? Register your interest now at www.rebrand.ly/DPY-WYD-2027. Email Father Ryan at VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk with enquiries.

Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator meetings: All Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators are warmly invited to attend one of our forthcoming safeguarding meetings:

- Thursday 19th November at 6:30pm
- Saturday 21th November at 10:30am

Both meetings will be held at the Diocesan Offices, with tea and coffee available

Young Adults Talks: The Young Adults talks on "Vocation: Becoming who God wants you to be!" Continues Wednesday 28th October at 7pm in the Diocesan Office, Incle Street, Paisley, with Father Paul on "Knowing the voice of God". All young adults (18-35 yrs old) welcome. (GRAPHIC ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL.)

Safeguarding Induction Training (CHANGE OF DATE):

If you are a new volunteer, or one who has attended Part 1 but yet to complete Part 2 training, you are invited to sign up for one of the following training sessions. Please contact Sarah Jane Colhoun at the Safeguarding Office to register. Telephone 01418476138 or email safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk.

Date

Venue

Saturday 31st October, 10:30am

Diocesan Centre, Paisley

Please note the training session previously scheduled for Saturday 14th November has now been cancelled and rearranged for Saturday 31st October at 10:30am in the Diocesan Centre, Paisley

Annual Safeguarding Announcement: This year's annual safeguarding announcement will be read out at all masses on Sunday 8th November.

Date	Event
Monday 26 th October Dedicated to the Holy Spirit	8.30am Mass at St. Paul's PS 6.30pm October Devotions 7.00pm Mass at St. Mary's
Tuesday 27 th October Dedicated to the Holy Angels	9.30am Mass @ St. Mary's Followed by Confessions
Wednesday 28th October Feast of Saint Simon & Saint Jude Dedicated to St. Joseph	9.30 am Mass @ St. Mary's
Thursday 29th October Dedicated to the Eucharist and the Priesthood	9.30 am Mass @ St. Mary's
Friday 30th October Dedicated to Our Lord's Passion	9.30am at St. Mary's
Saturday 31st October Dedicated to our Lady	9.30am Mass @ St. Mary's Sunday Services as normal