St Mary's, Paisley

Incorporating the territory of St Paul's, Foxbar
Parish Priest: Fr John Morrison
A parish of the Diocese of Paisley

THE 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 14 / 15 NOVEMBER 2026

MASSES & CONFESSIONS

Saturday Vigil: 4.00pm Sunday: 10.00am
Weekday Mass: See parish diary on page 2.
Confessions: After 9.30am Mass on Tuesday and Saturday; Saturday 3.30-3.50pm.
Baptisms, weddings and funerals by arrangement.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

1st Collection: £617.80 Gift Aid; £693.00 non-Gift Aid
2nd Collection: £91.00 Gift Aid; £269.60 non-Gift Aid.
Thank you for your continued generosity. Last month £360.00 was received by Standing Order and BACS.

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Please remember in your prayers

Sick: Susan Sludden, Mary McKinney, James Donnnelly, 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, Walter Traquair, Eileen Logan, Kathleen Bowers and Brian Hurley.

Recently deceased: Elizabeth Corrigan, Padar Hegarty, Kevin McDonald, Christopher Barclay and Chris Jones.

Anniversaries: Tony Campbell, Harry McGlynn, Michael Kerr, Betty O'Neil, Partricia Whitelaw, Harry McCullagh, Jean McAllister, Gordon Francis Mothersole, Raymond Cameron McCue, Joseph McDade, Diane Carroll, and all those named on our November lists.

Dates for your diary

Monday 30 November, 7.30pm: Parish Pastoral Council.
Tuesday 1 December, 7.00pm: 150th Anniversary Committee.

November Lists

To have your deceased loved ones remembered at parish Masses in November, take a list and envelope from the porch and complete it at home. Envelopes are opened, and lists and offerings removed. Offerings will be used for Masses for your deceased loved ones. Lists will be destroyed at the end of November.

Discernment weekend for vocations

"Come and See" (John 1:39). Is God calling you to the Priesthood? Priests for Scotland will hold a "Come and See" weekend from Saturday 5 to Sunday 6 December for men discerning a vocation to the priesthood. The weekend offers prayer and reflection and an opportunity to explore the call more deeply. To express interest, email the Diocesan Vocations Director, Father Eoin Patten: VE-Vocations@rcdop.org.uk.

Papal Prayer Intention

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for November 2026 is for the proper use of wealth: that, resisting selfishness, wealth may serve the common good and solidarity with those who have less.

Sharing the Gift of Faith

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 25:14–30), Jesus tells the parable of the talents. The message is simple: the gifts God has entrusted to us are not meant to be hidden away, but shared.

One of the greatest gifts we have received is our **faith**. Yet how often do we keep it to ourselves, perhaps because we feel embarrassed, uncertain, or afraid of what others might think?

Sharing our faith doesn't mean having all the answers or preaching to others. It can begin with something as simple as inviting someone to Mass, speaking naturally about what faith means to us, or offering a word of encouragement to someone who is struggling.

Faith grows when it is shared. This week, perhaps we might ask ourselves: *Who in my life might be waiting for an invitation, a conversation, or a gentle reminder that God loves them?*

The greatest risk is not that we might share our faith imperfectly, but that we never share it at all.

Handmade Keepsakes

As part of our 150th Anniversary celebrations, handmade keepsakes are available to buy over the next few months. Items are on display at the back of the church after Mass. Please speak to Hannah and Nora, who will be glad to show you what they have made.

Scan to order anniversary keepsakes.

Mass of Commitment and Enrolment

This Sunday at the 10.00am Mass, we welcome pupils from St Paul's and St Mary's Primary Schools who will receive Confirmation during Eastertide 2027. Our liturgy will include catechesis and the Rite of Commitment.

Next Sunday, 22 November, we welcome children from both schools preparing for First Holy Communion for their Mass of Enrolment. This will coincide with our parish celebration of Catholic Education Week.

The second collection on Sunday 22 November will be for Catholic Education.

Parish diary · 16–21 November

DAY	MASS & SERVICES
Monday 16 November Feast of St. Margaret of Scotland	8.30am Mass at St. Paul's Primary School 9.30am–12 noon Retreat for St. Mary's Primary School Church & Hall 6.30pm Holy Souls Devotions 7.00pm Mass
Tuesday 17 November Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary	9.30am Mass at St Mary's, followed by Confessions
Wednesday 18 November	9.00am Eucharistic Adoration 9.30am Mass at St Mary's
Thursday 19 November	9.30am Mass at St Mary's 1.15pm Mass at St Andrew's Academy
Friday 20 November	9.30am Mass at St Mary's
Saturday 21 November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am Mass at St Mary's

Our Parish Partners

St Andrew's Academy, St Mary's Primary School and St Paul's Primary School.

Our Lady of the Wayside Friday kitchen

Our Lady of the Wayside special works conference is appealing for volunteers to help one Friday a month, 6pm–8pm, serving a meal and providing a welcoming space for anyone in need. Contact 07944 660093. Holy Trinity and Saint Barnabas Scottish Episcopal Church, Saint James' Place, Bank Sneddon Street, Paisley, PA3 2AF.

Bulletin Deadline

Items for the bulletin, including anniversaries, should be submitted by noon on the preceding Tuesday.

World Youth Day 2027

The Holy Father is inviting young people from around the world to Seoul, 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? Register your interest at www.rebrand.ly/DP1-WYD-2027. Enquiries: Father Ryan at VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk.

Prayer to St Michael

Recited after Mass from Monday 2 November.
St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Support St Mary's

You can support St Mary's by donating online using the QR code in the parish bulletin. Thank you for your generosity.

Diocese of Paisley · Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from **Friday 2 July to Thursday 8 July 2027**. Anyone interested in joining is warmly invited to register their interest. Contact Anne Louise Buchanan: 01475 638132 | annebuchannan@rcdop.org.uk

Safeguarding Thought for November

We continue to ensure our parishes are safe places. Parish Safeguarding Officer: Helen McLaren · helenmclaren@rcdop.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator meetings

All Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators are warmly invited to one of these meetings:
Thursday 19 November, 6.30pm
Saturday 21 November, 10.30am
Both meetings will be held at the Diocesan Offices, with tea and coffee available.

Annual Safeguarding Announcement

ding announcement will be read at all Masses on Sunday 29 November.

St Andrew's Ceilidh · 20 November 2026

As part of the continuing 150th celebrations, there will be a ceilidh in the Church Hall on Friday 20 November, 7pm–11pm. Music and dancing start at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 and are available at the back of the church after Mass or from Caroline Kerr at the Sunday Tearoom; call 07740 414225 to reserve. Please pay as tickets are issued to help with costs. Music will be provided by Lyndsey-Anne Gallagher and her Ceilidh Band. Dances will be called for you. BYOB and nibbles. Hope to see you there!

Civic Reception

A civic reception will follow our 150th Anniversary Mass on Saturday 12 December. We invite expressions of interest from those who would like to attend. Please complete the expression of interest form and return it to the parish.

World Youth Day Event for S1 to S3

S1–S3 pupils are invited to a special World Youth Day celebration on **Sunday 22 November, 2pm–5pm**, at Saint Francis' Church, Port Glasgow. The afternoon includes music, fun activities, an escape room, crafts, prayer, Adoration and Mass, followed by pizza and refreshments.

Come along and enjoy a taste of World Youth Day and the journey towards Seoul! Express interest and complete the consent form at **tinyurl.com/ejz8mwh5**. For information, contact iainmclean@rcdop.org.uk.