

Saint Mirin's Parish

Paisley

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Sunday 1st March 2026 | Second Sunday of Lent (A)

St Mirin's Parish | THIS WEEK

Mass: Sun:	8am; 9.30am (St James's); 11am <i>also at 2.30pm in Polish</i>
M, T, T, F:	8am; 1pm (<i>no 1pm on Thu</i>)
Wed:	8am; 9.30am (St James's); 1pm; 7pm
Sat:	8am (<i>First Sat</i>); 10am; 4pm (<i>Vigil</i>)
Confessions:	Wed: 6-6.55pm
(with Exposition)	Sat: 10.30-11am
Exposition (without Confessions):	
Tu, Th, Fri:	12-12.55pm
Stations of the Cross:	Wed: 5.30pm
	Fri: 12.30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish | THIS WEEK

Mass:	Sun: 9am; 11am; 6.30pm
	M, Tu, Th, Fri: 10am
Eucharistic Services:	
	Wed, Sat: 10am
Confessions:	
	Sun: After 11am Mass
Exposition:	
	Mon & Fri: 9.25-10am (<i>Vocations</i>)
	Fri: 9.25-10am (<i>Vocations</i>)
Stations of the Cross:	Tue: 7pm
	Thu: 9.30am

Prayers: Please pray for those who have died recently, including: Thomas McClure, Franciess Fay, Patricia Thompson, Terence Kelly, Michael O'Malley, Ryan Muirhead, Anne Kearney, Brenda Keegan, Julia Baldwin, Hugh Hendry, Tony Ramsey, Sally Joyce, and James Kerr; and for those whose anniversaries occur around now, including: Frances Oswald, Robert Harkins, Pasqualino Napolitano, Margaret Cochrane, David Howat, Hugh Morton, Danny Anderson, Maria Castelvechi, Stewart Findlay, Nuala McGlone, Peter Gerard Flynn, Peter Flynn, and Jim McMillan; and for the 1 month's minds of Ann McGinley and Regina Crumlish; the 3 months' mind of Teresa O'Donnell; and the 6 months' mind of Anne Messer. Please pray also for the sick, especially in our parishes.

Bishopton Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be prayed in Our Lady of Lourdes church at 7pm on Tuesdays & 9.30am on Thursdays in Lent (unless there is a funeral at 10am).

Cathedral Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the cathedral at 6.30pm on Wednesdays and at 12.30pm on Fridays (unless there is a funeral at 1pm, as there is this week). *Please note that during Lent, there will be no Exposition on Friday afternoons. We will pray for vocations during Exposition on Thursdays.*

Lenten Evening Masses: From Monday-Thursday in Lent, there will be an evening Mass throughout the cluster: Mondays in St Mary's (7pm); Tuesdays in St Peter's (6.30pm); Wednesdays in St Mirin's (7pm); Thursdays in St Charles's (7pm).

St James's PS: The school community will join us for Holy Mass at 9.30am on Wednesday 4th March in St James's church. All are welcome.

Mary Russell School: Members of the school community will join us for Holy Mass at 1pm on Wednesday 4th March in the cathedral. All are invited to join the children for Holy Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council: The St Mirin's PPC will meet at 6.45pm on Wednesday 4th March. If you have anything you would like to be discussed at the meeting, please speak to a priest or a member of the PPC.

Wedding: Please pray for Conor and Emma who will be married on Thursday afternoon in the cathedral.

Thursday: Please note that there will be no 1pm Mass on Thursday in the cathedral to allow the Wedding to take place.

St Mirin's Men's Group: A men's group in the parish will meet weekly at 7am on Friday mornings in the diocesan office, for faith and fraternity, finishing for 8am. Coffee, prayer and time to reflect. All men aged 18+ are welcome. Email Fr Ryan for details: ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk.

Erskine Home: The first Friday Mass will be celebrated in The Erskine Home at 11am on Friday 6th March.

Cathedral Funeral: A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 1pm on Friday 6th March in the cathedral for the repose of the soul of Franciess Fay, whose mortal remains will be received at 6pm on Thursday 5th March. *Requiescat in pace.*

Exposition: There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the cathedral on Thursday because of a wedding. There will be no Exposition on Friday afternoons during Lent.

Acutis Evenings: S4-6 pupils are invited to the next Acutis Evening for catechesis, dinner and prayer, on **Friday 6th March**. It will take place in St James's church and halls (Greenock Road, Paisley) from 6-8pm. Please note that (one-time) registration for these events is necessary. Parents/guardians should visit www.tinyurl.com/dpy-acutis-evenings. Email Fr Ryan Black for more info at VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk.

First Fridays for Life: Bishop John invites you to fast and pray on the First Friday of each month to protect the unborn child and for the flourishing of the Pro-Life movement so that our society will build a culture of life. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7pm in St Ninian's, Gourrock, on Friday 6th March; Adoration & Confession from 6pm.

First Saturday Devotions: Monthly First Saturday Fatima devotions will begin at 8am on Sat 7th March in the cathedral, with Holy Mass followed by adoration, rosary, scriptural meditation, Benediction and Confession.

White Flower Appeal: A special collection will be taken up for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) at all Masses in St Mirin's and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes next weekend. Speakers will make an appeal at the Vigil and 8am Masses in the cathedral, and at all Masses in Bishopton.

Icon of St James: A new icon of St James, which will be displayed in St James's church, will be blessed at next Sunday's 9.30am Mass.

Congratulations: Congratulations to the pupils at St Catherine's PS, St John Ogilvie PS & St James's PS who made their First Confession last week.

SMFC: We have two tickets for sale for the following fixture at the SMiSA Stadium: Partick Thistle (8th March); and Rangers (15th March). Reduced price of £20 for adults and £10 for children. Contact Fr Joe or Fr Ryan to book.

Quiz Night: The next Quiz Night will take place from 7pm until 10pm on Friday 20th March. Entry costs £2 per adult and £1 per child. Bring your own drinks and snacks. A maximum of 8 per team. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received. All are welcome.

Closure of Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme: In late January 2026, the UK Government announced the closure of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, which had allowed VAT to be reclaimed on repairs to listed places of worship (including St Mirin's Cathedral), at the end of March 2026. This announcement was unexpected and will end a scheme which has been vital over many years. The Bishops' Conference is working with other stakeholders to enter dialogue with both the UK and Scottish Governments – but we need you to make representations to your MP. It is better if as many people as possible in a constituency write to their MP. More details are available on the noticeboards.

WhatsApp: Follow the St Mirin's Cathedral channel on WhatsApp: <https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbCIX8s1dAvw0CJkLv05>.

Ireland Pilgrimage-Trip: £50 deposits are now due for those who have booked their places on the St Mirin's Pilgrimage-Trip to Ireland in September 2026. Call David Conway on 0141 563 7498 for more info. **A date will be arranged soon for an initial meeting.**

Coffee Morning Appeal: The Cathedral Coffee Mornings after 11am Mass are a good way to get to know other parishioners. Volunteers give of their time to host every week. In 2026, many of the FOURTH Sundays of the month are not covered. If we can't find volunteers to cover these days, we will have to cancel the Coffee Mornings. If you would be interested, please email Caroline at caroline.oneill1966@outlook.com. Thank you.

Sponsored Fundraiser: This August, Michael Riddoch will take on "The Drop", a 15-mile navigation challenge which will involve him trying to find his way home with no electronics or map. He's raising funds for the diocesan Youth Commission, which supports young people in our community, providing them with opportunities for growth in faith. To sponsor Michael, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/page/dyp2026>. Thank you!

Diocese of Paisley Podcast: This week, we hear from Canon Tom Boyle. As he approaches his 40th year in the priesthood, he looks back, talks about his different roles, and reflects on a few of his stand-out moments. You can listen at www.rcdop.org.uk/podcast or wherever you listen to your podcasts.

Explore Paris with Diocese of Paisley Youth: Those who will be in S4-S6 in the next school year are invited to join us in Paris from 21-25 September 2026 for a pilgrimage filled with faith and friendship (and a trip to Disneyland!). Limited spaces available. To secure your child's place, pay £100 deposit and complete the online form: <https://www.tinyurl.com/dpy-paris-registration>. For more info, email kerry.miller@rcdop.org.uk.