

Masses: Today's Masses are at 9am, 11am and 6.30pm.

There will be Mass each day this week at 10am. Friday will be the Funeral Mass for John Owens.

These Masses will be livestreamed.

YouTube link is: <https://youtu.be/kMpQCtEj6PU>

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday after 10am Mass until 11am. Or on request.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday and Friday at 9.25am until 9.55am.

Feasts and Memorials: **Wednesday:** St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions.

Thursday: St. Matthew. **Saturday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina.

Safeguarding Training: The new training course for volunteers is being introduced in the diocese. Dates and times: Sat 16th Sep (10am, St John's church hall, Barrhead); Tue 26th Sep (7pm, St Mary's church hall, Greenock); Sat 30th Sep (10am, St Mary's church hall, Greenock); Sat 7th Oct (10am, St Mirin's Cathedral Hall); and Tue 7th Nov (7pm, St John's church hall, Barrhead). To book your place, email Sarah Jane at safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk.

Safeguarding thought for the Month of September: We are committed to improving the culture of Safeguarding in order to rebuild trust and confidence in the ways in which we ensure that children and vulnerable adults are kept safe.

Retreat Day for Primary School Pupils: We are hosting a retreat for primary school pupils (P4-7) at St Mary's in Paisley on Sunday 17th September from 2-5.30pm. The retreat will start in the church hall, and will include Holy Mass, activities and the chance to meet new friends. All participants must bring a signed consent form, which can be obtained from parishes and primary schools. For more info, contact Fr John Morrison by emailing vocations@rcdop.org.uk or by calling 0141 889 5056.

Marriage Counsellor Sought: The Diocese of Paisley is looking for an experienced counsellor to assist its excellent marriage counselling team. For more information and contact details, visit: <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/news/marriage-counsellor-wanted>.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer for Priests: On 18th September, Bishop John, and the priests of Paisley Diocese, will gather together for a time of prayer, reflection, study, and fellowship. This is part of our programme of on-going formation as priests. You are invited to come during this day to pray for Bishop John and your priests. There will be a time of silent Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament between 2pm and 7pm in St. John Bosco Church, Barwood Road, Erskine. The time will conclude at 7pm with Benediction.

2023 National Pilgrimage: The 2023 National Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 17th September from 12.30pm – 6pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. 12.30pm-1.50pm, Refreshments and sale of candles & goods; 2pm, Holy Hour with Rosary, Confession, Silence, Hymns & Benediction; 3pm, Reflection & Novena Prayers; 3.30pm, Break for refreshments and sale of candles & goods; 4.30pm, Holy Mass.

Note from SPUC: The Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill, tabled by Gillian McKay MSP, will soon be debated in Holyrood. This Bill will introduce so-called buffer zones around abortion clinics. It bans prayers in certain areas—a massive attack on religious freedom—and removes a lifeline for women who want to keep their babies but feel they have no other choice than abortion.

Please contact your Members of the Scottish Parliament to make your views known. To enable people to contact all eight MSPs at once, we have created an easy-to-use webtool, which can be found here: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/nobufferzonesScotland> Entering your postcode brings up who your MSPs are, together with editable email template. You can then edit the email template and submit the email to all eight of your MSPs.

Catholic Parliamentary Office: Please contact your MSPs today to inform them about the dangers of assisted suicide. We should be improving palliative care in Scotland and caring for vulnerable people, not killing them. Please visit rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide/ for more information including a guide to contacting your MSPs, or email office@rcpolitics.org.

Diamond Jubilee: On the Feast of St Matthew, Thursday 21st September, Monsignor Charles Cavanagh celebrates his Diamond Jubilee. Together with the parish community of St Mary's in Greenock, we give thanks to God for Monsignor Cavanagh's sixty years of priestly service. All who know him from his various parish assignments over the last 60 years are invited to join the parish community for the joyous occasion. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7pm.

Lourdes 2023 Reunion: Sunday 8 October 2023 at St. Ninians' Gourock, PA19 1PW. Reunion will begin with Marian Devotions in the Church at 2 pm. This will be followed afterwards by Tea etc in the Church Hall and a chance to catch up.

Please pray for those who are sick:

Anna Boyle, Ian Watson, Paul Rob, Julie Crawford, Layla Docherty, Neil Craig, Dan Doherty, Gerard & Anne Barr, Kenneth Stewart, Rosaleen McCrae, Tony Conroy, Jean Galbraith, Tony Cooper, Paul Cooper, Jim Gallacher, Heather Cumming, John McMahon, Erin Thanes, Teresa Cook, Robert McCallum, Margaret Sherry, Janet McLaughlin, Norrie Campbell, John Margach, Mary Kelly, Cathy Dean, their loved ones and all who care for them.

Please pray for those who have died recently:

John Owens, Anthony Quigley, Una Walker.

Please pray for the anniversaries of:

Eileen & Hugh Freer, James Ferris, Bridie Docherty, George Archbold, Norah Robertson.

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