

Saint Mirin's Parish

Paisley

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Sunday 1st February 2026 | 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

St Mirin's Parish | THIS WEEK

Mass: Sun: 8am; 9.30am (St James's); 11am
also at 2.30pm in Polish
Mon, Tue: 8am; 1pm
Wed: 8am; 9.30am (St James's); 1pm; 7pm
Thu: 8am; 10am
Fri: 1pm
Sat: 8am (First Sat); 10am; 4pm (*Vigil*)

Confessions: Wed: 6-6.55pm
(with Exposition) Sat: 10.30-11am

Exposition (without Confessions):
Tu, ~~Th~~, Fri: 12-12.55pm

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Mass: Sun: 9am; 11am; 6.30pm
M, Tu, Th, ~~Fri~~: 10am

Eucharistic Services:
Wed, Sat: 10am

Confessions:
Sun: After 11am Mass

Exposition:
Mon: 9.25-10am (*Vocations*)
Fri: 9.25-10am (*Vocations*)

Prayers: Please pray for those who have died recently, including: Mary Hughes, Laura McBride, Mary Connelly, Joan Caldwell, John Arthur Gallacher, Josephine Dvorak, Rose Friel, Neil Matthew, Nan McMahon, Margaret Brannan, Winnie Lumston, Rhona Dalling, Lawrence Redmond, Brenda Wood, and Mary Dunn; and for those whose anniversaries occur around now, including: Ellen McKenzie, James Friel, Martin Gilmartin, Sadie Dempsey, Agnes McInnes, Jim Tohill, Margaret Booth, Michael Costello, James Fitzpatrick, Charlotte Carr, Peter and Marie Campopiano, Joseph Muir, Susan Gaffney, and Maureen Quinn. Please pray for the sick, especially in our parishes.

Crib Appeal: This weekend is your last chance to donate to the Crib Appeal. The Cribs in St Mirin's parish will remain in place until tomorrow, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ (also known as Candlemas). All proceeds from the Crib Appeal will go to St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society, which supports some of Scotland's most vulnerable children. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Cathedral Baptisms: Please pray for Luna Ray Watt who will be baptised in the cathedral today.

Presentation of the Lord: On Monday 2nd February, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Those who are consecrated to the Lord in Religious vows will renew their commitment at 1pm Mass with Bishop Keenan. All welcome.

St James's PS: The school community will join us for Holy Mass at 9.30am on Wednesday 4th February 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 February in the cathedral. During this Mass, we will mark the retirement of Mr Coyle, the Headteacher of Mary Russell School. All are welcome.

Ongoing Priestly Formation: As part of the ongoing formation, Fr Joe, Fr Ryan and Fr Laurent will join Bishop John and the priests of the Diocese of Paisley for an overnight from Thursday 5th – Friday 6th February. Please pray for all your priests.

Thursday: To allow the priests to attend the overnight for ongoing formation, **there will be no Exposition or 1pm Mass in the cathedral on Thursday 5th February.** Holy Mass will be celebrated in the cathedral on Thursday at 10am.

Friday Morning (Cathedral): To allow the priests to attend the overnight for ongoing formation, **there will be no 8am Mass in the cathedral on Friday 6th February.** Exposition at 12 noon and Holy Mass at 1pm as normal on Friday.

Friday Morning (Bishopton): To allow the priests to attend the overnight for ongoing formation, **there will be no 10am Mass or Eucharistic Service in Our Lady of Lourdes church on Friday 6th February.**

St Mirin's Men's Group: The Men's Group will meet as normal at 7am on Friday 6th February, with visiting Deacon James Ward presiding. 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.

Acutis Evenings: S4-6 pupils are invited to the next Acutis Evening for catechesis, dinner and prayer, on **Friday 6th February**. 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 an authentic culture of life. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7pm in St Charles's, Paisley, on Friday 6th February; Adoration & Confession from 6pm.

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

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.**

200 Club: Those who won in the January draw (announced on Sunday 4th January in the bulletin) can collect their winnings from the sacristy: Anne Martin (2nd place); and Claire Cuning (3rd place).

Madha Discount: Owned and run by parishioners, Madha in the Merchant City area of Glasgow offers the varied flavours of North and South Indian cuisine all under one roof. A first for Scotland! A family-owned restaurant, they serve traditional dishes of exceptional quality. Vegan and gluten-free menus available. For a 15% discount in Madha, simply mention St Mirin's Cathedral when you arrive.

SMFC: We have two tickets for sale for the following fixture at the SMiSA Stadium: Heart of Midlothian (3rd February). Reduced price of £20 for adults and £10 for children. Contact Fr Joe or Fr Ryan to book.

Our Lady of Lourdes Centenary Celebrations

Lourdes Pilgrimage Update

Tuesday 13th October - Sunday 18th October 2026
Bus from church to Edinburgh Airport; Return flight (Edinburgh – Biarritz).

Approximate cost will be in the range of £970 - £1040 per person.

Spaces are still available; please note the deadline to sign up is 8th February.

Are you interested in joining a sub-committee to plan our centenary celebrations? Arranging the pilgrimage to Lourdes, organising a Mass for our parishioners, and fundraising for a stained-glass window are our three main goals. Please email fionacoyle2000@gmail.com if you wish to be involved. Also, if anyone has photos of parish events over the past 30 years, please give them to Morag Hesselst who is compiling our Centenary Parish Booklet. Thank you, from the Parish Pastoral Council.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

A two-session course will be offered by the diocesan Liturgy Commission for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. *Everyone who wishes to serve as an Extraordinary Minister in 2026, either at Mass or in homes, must complete this course, if at all possible.* The course will be offered in each deanery over two Saturdays, thus allowing the option to attend another venue if the date for any particular deanery does not suit someone. The course will cover introductions to the Theology of the Church and Mission, the Theology of Ministry, and on the second week, Eucharistic Theology and the Liturgy of the Mass. Registration for the sessions will begin from 11am each day; the first input will be from 11.30am until 12.30pm; from 12.30pm until 1pm there will be tea and coffee (participants should bring their own lunch if they wish); the second input will be from 1pm until 2pm. The session will end at 2pm. Those attending must complete a form and bring it with them to the first session. Forms can be collected from Margaret Mills, or from a priest. The dates are as follows:

Renfrewshire: ~~January 31st and~~ February 7th in St Charles' Hall, Paisley.

East Renfrewshire: February 21st and 28th in St Joseph's Hall, Clarkston.