

Saint Mirin's Parish

Paisley

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Sunday 11th January 2026 | Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (A)

St Mirin's Parish | THIS WEEK

Mass: Sat: 10am; 4pm (*Vigil*)
Sun: 8am; 9.30am (St James's); 11am
also at 2.30pm in Polish
M, T, T, F: 8am; 1pm (*also Wed this week*)
Wed: 8am; 9.30am (St James's); 1pm; ~~7pm~~
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 (*Funeral on Thu*)
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: Anne Mackie, Alexander Aitchison, Ronnie McLaughlin, Pat Byrne, Edmund Patrick, John Rooney, Regina Crumlish, John Kelly, Helena Ekerot, Michael Muggins, Gerry McDonald, and Stuart McNamara; and for those whose anniversaries occur around now, including: Margaret Mullin, Sister Marietta, Harry Morin, Thomas Docherty, Kathleen Dougan, Henry Boyle, Mary McGill, Sadie Bradley, Monica Keeney, John McMillan, Anthony Charles Fitzpatrick, Tony Fitzpatrick Jnr, Alicia Ward, Margaret Hanretty, Helen Girolami, William Devine, Catherine McGurk, and Jackie Kavanagh. Please pray also for the sick, especially in our parishes.

Explore Paris with Diocese of Paisley Youth: FIRST GROUP MEETING TODAY. 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!). The first group meeting will be held today—Sunday 11th January—in St James's church in Paisley, at 2pm. Register your interest at: www.tinyurl.com/dpy-paris. For more info, email kerry.miller@rcdop.org.uk.

Cathedral Funeral: A Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St Mirin's Cathedral at 1pm on Monday 12th January for the happy repose of the soul of Anne Mackie, whose mortal remains will be received into the cathedral immediately before Mass. *Requiescat in pace.*

No Exposition: To allow for the celebration of a Funeral Service at a local crematorium, there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the cathedral on Tuesday 13th January.

Wednesday: To allow for the Reception of Remains in Bishopton, there will be no evening Mass or Confessions in the cathedral on Wednesday 14th January. In addition to the 8am Mass that day, ***Holy Mass will also be celebrated at 1pm on Wednesday.***

Young Adults: The diocesan Young Adults group is launching a new series, on the Doctors of the Church. It begins on Wednesday 14th January at 7pm in the Diocesan Office, with a talk on St Augustine by Fr Joe McGill. All young Catholics (18-35) are welcome. For more info, contact Fr Joe McGill (joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk) or Fr Paul Laverty (paul.laverty@rcdop.org.uk).

Bishopton Funeral: A Requiem Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes church at 10am on Thursday 15th January for the happy repose of the soul of Ronnie McLaughlin, whose mortal remains will be received into the church at 6pm on Wednesday 14th January. *Requiescat in pace.*

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.

Quiz Night: THIS FRIDAY. The next Quiz Night will take place from 7pm until 10pm on Friday 16th January. 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.

P4-P7 January Retreat Day: The diocesan Youth Commission invites children in P4-P7 to a Retreat Day on Sunday 18th January from 1.45pm-5pm. The theme is "Our Friends, the Saints: The Younger Saints." The Retreat takes place in St James's church and halls on Greenock Road in Paisley (PA3 2LD). It will include Holy Mass. A light dinner will be provided. Registration is necessary: www.tinyurl.com/dpy-jan-retreat. Email Fr Ryan for more info: VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk.

Food Bags Update: Thanks in part to your donations at the cathedral and St James's, the SSVP Our Lady of the Wayside conferences who produce food bags out of St Mirin's Hall distributed 400 bags in December 2025. Thank you for your support!

Word of God Sunday: To commemorate the Sunday of the Word of God (Sunday 25th January), everyone is encouraged to bring their Bibles to Masses that weekend so that they can be blessed. If you don't have one, this is a good time to buy one if you are able to do so.

Christian Unity Week: To commemorate Christian Unity Week (18-25th January), Bishop Keenan has invited Reverend James Gibson, interim moderator and minister of Paisley Abbey, to preach at the 11am Mass in the cathedral on Sunday 25th January. All are most welcome.

Cathedral Stall: After many years of service behind the scenes, Valerie is 'retiring' from the Cathedral Piety Stall. We are grateful for all her hard work. Volunteers are now required to join Tracy in looking after the Stall. Please speak to Fr Joe or Fr Ryan as soon as possible.

Safeguarding Training: Safeguarding Induction training has been organised into one course only. If you are a new volunteer—or one who completed Part 1 training more than two years ago—you are invited to sign up for one of the following training sessions. Please contact Sarah Jane Colhoun at the Safeguarding Office to register (0141 847 6138; safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk). Next sessions: Saturday 10th January, 10:30 am, St Joseph's (Clarkston); Tuesday 10th February, 7pm, Diocesan Office (Paisley); Saturday 28th March, 10.30am, St Joseph's (Greenock); Tuesday 21st April, 7pm, Diocesan Centre (Paisley); Saturday 16th May, 10.30am, St Mary's (Greenock); Tuesday 9th June, 7pm, Diocesan Centre (Paisley).

2025 Diocesan Safeguarding Action Plan: A copy of the completed Safeguarding Action Plan for 2025 is now available on the diocesan website. This plan was reviewed at the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group on 11th December 2025 and has now been approved by Bishop John. As always, we extend our thanks and gratitude to all our clergy, PSC's and church volunteers who commit themselves to ensuring our Church communities remain as safe and protected as humanly possible.

Vocations: Please join us in praying for more vocations to the Diocese of Paisley. Have you connected with our new diocesan Vocations social media accounts? Instagram – [diocesefpaisleyvocations](https://www.instagram.com/diocesefpaisleyvocations/); TikTok – [paisleyvocations](https://www.tiktok.com/@paisleyvocations); X - [@DoPVocations](https://twitter.com/DoPVocations). Vocations Director Fr Eoin Patten explains our new Vocations message, "He is There!" Be sure to like, follow and share.

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.* 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.