

Saint Mirin's Parish, Paisley | Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Bishopston

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All liturgies are at the cathedral unless otherwise noted.

Changes to the regular schedule will be included in the notices below.

Masses:

Sat: 10am; 4pm (Vigil)

Sun: 8am; 9am (OLOL); 9.30am (St James's); 11am; 11am (OLOL); 2.30pm [Polish]; 6.30pm (OLOL)

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Wed: 8am; 9.30am (St James's); 6pm **Eucharistic Services:** **Wed/Sat:** 10am (OLOL)

Confessions:	Sun: After 11am Mass (OLOL)	Adoration:	Mon/Fri: 9.25am—10am (OLOL)
	Wed: 5pm—5.50pm		Wed AM: 9am—9.25am (St James's)
	Sat: 10.30am-11am		Wed PM: 5pm—5.50pm
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Livestream: **St Mirin's:** <https://bit.ly/StMirin-Paisley> **OLOL:** <https://bit.ly/OLOL-Bishopston>

Sunday 2nd February 2025 | The Presentation of the Lord (C)

Special Collection: Across the diocese, the second collection next weekend (9th Feb) will be for the work of our diocesan SPRED group, which offers people with learning disabilities a personal friend who takes time to share life and faith, spiritual nurture in a small community of faith; and a sense of belonging to a parish community. In 2024, there was a deficit of £20,815 which was funded from general reserves. Thank you for your generosity.

Gift Aid Envelopes: Because many St Mirin's parishioners have moved to online giving or Standing Orders over the past few years, several boxes of GA envelopes have gone uncollected. These come at a considerable cost to the parish. This year, before we place the order, we will clear the list of those ordering envelopes and we ask those who **DO** want GA envelopes to inform us, either by signing up in the sacristy or by emailing stmirinscathedral@rcdop.org.uk.

Online Giving: At the start of the pandemic, the Diocese of Paisley set up online giving with PAYA Charity to allow parishioners to donate to parishes. PAYA Charity no longer provides the same level of service, so the diocese has moved to Charities Trust. You can find the new link for your parish at <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/online-giving>. The most efficient way to donate on a regular basis to your parish is by using standing orders, which can be set up using a form or using online banking. The Charities Trust however is a useful additional way of giving to your parish and allows visitors to parishes to make one-off donations.

Cathedral Coffees: There will be no Coffee Morning after 11am Mass today, Sun 2nd Feb.

Mass with Religious: The religious of the diocese will renew their vows at 1pm Mass on Mon 3rd Feb in the cathedral. This year, this celebration takes on special significance in the context of the Holy Year, when we are all called to be Pilgrims of Hope. Bishop John invites all the faithful to join him as he receives these vows and prays for the renewal of religious life in our diocese.

St James's: Fr Joe is on holiday this week, and Fr Ryan has meetings related to his role as VE for Youth. Please note that there will be a Eucharistic Service at 9.30am on Wed 5th Feb in St James's church.

OLOL: Please note that there will be Eucharistic Services at 10am on Thu 6th Feb and Fri 7th Feb (OLOL). The Eucharistic Service on Wednesday at 10am in OLOL will be celebrated as normal.

Mary Russell School: Deacon Patrick will celebrate a Eucharistic Service at 1pm in the cathedral on Wed 5th Feb with children from Mary Russell School. All are welcome to welcome them.

No 8am Mass: Bishop Keenan and priests of the diocese are participating in an ongoing formation event at the end of the week. Please note that there will no 8am Mass in the cathedral on Fri 7th Feb.

Funeral: A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 1pm in the cathedral on Fri 7th Feb for the happy repose of the soul of Joe Fox. His remains will be received into the cathedral immediately before Mass. *Requiescat in pace.*

Baptism: This week, we pray for Maya McFadden who will be baptised in the cathedral on Sat 8th Feb.

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 Joseph's, Clarkston, on Fri 7th Feb; Adoration & Confession from 6pm.

Rome Pilgrimage: Those booked on the St Mirin's Pilgrimage to Rome (Oct 2025) are reminded that a third deposit of £200pp is due before 28th Feb 2025. Cash, cheque or bank transfer. Cheques made payable to St Mirin's Cathedral. Those doing a bank transfer **must** inform Fr Joe or Fr Ryan immediately after the transfer has been completed, for records.

LOLO Centenary: In 2026, we will celebrate the centenary of the opening of Our Lady of Lourdes parish church. Fr Dan would like to mark this celebration with a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes in October 2026. This would be open to all parishioners. For more info, and to register your interest, please add your name to the list in the church porch before the end of February.

Prayers: Please pray for those who have died recently, including: Joe Fox, Joe Dillon, Kellie Griffen, Joseph McGeer, Sadie Tinney, Martin McLaughlin, Letty Zonfrillo, Ronald McKenzie, Joe Kerr, Janette Keenan, Maureen Kennedy, Julia Orr, Joe Fitzhenry, and Stephen Murray; and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including: Denise Connor, Joseph Cunningham, Kathleen and Danny Walsh, Bernard O'Donnell, Aidan John McColl, Joe McCarra, Daniel Fitzpatrick Snr, Henry Black Jnr, Helen Black Blane, Denis Black, Martin Gilmartin, James Fitzpatrick, Charlotte Carr, Peter and Marie Campopiano, and Veronica Black. Please pray also for the sick, especially those in our parishes.

Holy Family Icon: NEW HOSTS NEEDED. Can you host an icon of the Holy Family for one week and pray for the parish and other intentions? You might consider inviting friends, neighbours or fellow parishioners to join you at some point in the week. You can also have Fr Joe or Fr Ryan visit to pray the Rosary and bless your home. Sign up in the sacristy or email stmirinscathedral@rcdop.org.uk.

SMFC (Scottish Cup): We have 6 tickets for sale for the St Mirren – Hearts fixture on Mon 10th Feb. Reduced price of £20 for adults and £10 for children. Contact Fr Joe or Fr Ryan to book.

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Quiz Nights: The next Quiz Night will take place on Fri 21st Feb, from 7pm until 10pm in the cathedral hall. Entry costs £2 per adult and £1 per child. BYOB. Max 8 per team. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received. All are welcome.

Podcast: In the latest episode, Patrick O'Hara looks at the possible opening of a Cause for Canonisation of Scottish football legend Tommy Burns. You can listen to all episodes at www.rcdop.org.uk/podcast and on all major streaming platforms. Don't forget to subscribe/follow and review!

Alpha: Alpha is a series of group conversations, in which all can explore the basics of the Christian faith. The Alpha course begins on Wed 5th Feb at 6.30pm. A Youth Alpha will start on Sun 9th Feb, at 2:30pm. Pizza and a friendly discussion are guaranteed. Both courses will take place in St Bernadette's church hall in Erskine. Register at www.catholicerskine.website.

Lourdes Fundraiser: All are invited to a Fundraising Dinner on Sat 1st Mar in Greenock Town Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm. £40pp (incl. 3-course meal). Email ianmclean@rcdop.org.uk or call 07950483042. A bus will be provided for those travelling from the Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire deaneries.

Little Sisters: Join the Little Sisters at the Holy Rosary Residence in Greenock for an Open Day on Sat 1st Mar.

Human Rights and Dignity: The Church ardently urges that respect for the dignity of the human person beyond all circumstances be placed at the centre of the commitment to the common good and at the centre of every legal system. Please ask your MSPs and MPs not to allow assisted suicide to become legal in Scotland: <https://writetothem.com>.

Donegal-Scotland: Donegal County Council is seeking photographs of Donegal people at work in Scotland between 1940 and 1990 for an upcoming exhibition. Participants are encouraged to share images, stories, documents or objects that reflect the working lives of Donegal people in Scotland. For more info, email donegalscotland@donegalcoco.ie or call 00353 74 916 3824. The exhibition will be launched in spring 2025.

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 one year ago, please sign up for a training session. Contact Sarah Jane on 0141 847 6138 or safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk. The next sessions are on **Tue 25th Feb at 7pm in the Diocesan Offices, Paisley;** and on **Sat 29th Mar at 10.30am in St Mary's church hall, Greenock.**

Vocation: "Behold, I have come to do your will, O God". Can you make that offer, to put yourself at the disposal of God's plan for his people and for the world? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr John Morrison: 01418892026; vocations@rcdop.org.uk.

