

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

There will be Mass each day during the week (except for Friday) at 10am. There will be A Service of Holy Communion on Friday at 10am. These Masses and Service will be livestreamed.

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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday morning from after 10am Mass until 11am. Or on request at other times.

Second Collection today for Ecclesiastical Students' Fund: This collection pays for our Paisley seminarians studying in Rome and Spain. Currently we have one student who is completing his studies in Rome this summer, and a new student (currently in his propaedeutic year in Spain) taking his place. We also have one student studying for the permanent diaconate. In 2022 our total vocations income was £80,644 with collections raising £34,434, friends standing orders totalling £8,326, grants of £33,333 and other income of £4,551. Our total expenditure was £72,831 which included fees £59,510, student grants £6,936 and other expenses totalling £6,385. This left us with a modest surplus of £7,813.

Children's Liturgy: Children's Liturgy resumes today at 11am Mass.

First Communions and Confirmations: First Communion will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 18th May at 10am and 12noon Masses. Confirmation for those in P7 will take place on Wednesday 1st May in St. Mirin's Cathedral. Those in St. John Bosco's School will join those from St. Anne's School in Erskine and St. James' School in Renfrew for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for all those who will receive their First Communion and those who will be confirmed and their families.

SCIAF Lenten Wee Boxes: If anyone has a Lenten SCIAF Box which they wish the parish to pass onto to SCIAF on their behalf, we would be grateful if you could return them by Sunday 28th April at the latest. A number of these boxes have already been handed in with a total of £881 which has been sent to SCIAF. Thank you.

Sponsored Walk: Fr Ryan Black will walk from St Mirin's Cathedral in Paisley to Celtic Park in May 2024 to raise funds for the Diocese of Paisley Young Adults' Pilgrimage to Poland. All contributions will be gratefully received, and all benefactors will be remembered in prayer during the pilgrimage. To donate, visit www.justgiving.com/page/dopya-poland.

Safeguarding Thought for the Month: We will be judged on how fully we commit to Safeguarding those who are vulnerable.

Quiz Nights: Come along to some or all of 3 Quiz Nights at the Cathedral Hall to help raise funds for the Young Adults pilgrimage to Poland later this year. £5 per ticket. Raffle prizes appreciated. Max 6 per team. The first Quiz starts at 7pm on Sat 4th May. BYOB.

A Family Day with Mary: Bishop John and the Marriage, Family, and Life Commission warmly invites you to join families throughout the Diocese for an afternoon of celebration and fun in honour of Mary our Mother! The day will begin at 2pm in St John's, Barrhead Parish Hall on Sunday the 12th of May and will include prayer, games, activities for children and refreshments for all. We will conclude with Holy Mass at 4pm.

The Shroud of Turin: Please join us for a presentation on The Shroud of Turin, on Sunday, 5th May, at 1:30pm in the Hall (St. Joseph's, Clarkston). As we prepare to contemplate this 'icon written in blood' (Pope Benedict XVI). 'This image, impressed upon the cloth, speaks to our heart and moves us to climb the hill of Calvary, to look upon the wood of the Cross, and to immerse ourselves in the eloquent silence of love.' (Pope Francis). Guest speaker and author, Mike Pietrzyk, will be visiting St Joseph's, Clarkston.

Adult Formation: Learning more about our Faith helps us to live the fullness of Christian Life: You are warmly invited to Turnbull Hall (G12 8LG) on Saturday 27th of April. Three short talks on important aspects of our Faith covering the human person, culture and evangelisation and a Catholic view of womanhood will be offered. The morning is free and the programme will begin at 9am with Holy Mass and will end at 12.00 noon.

Safeguarding Training: Safeguarding induction training has been reorganised into one course only. If you are a new volunteer, or one who completed the Part 1 training course more than a year ago, you are invited to sign up for one of the next training sessions taking place on Wed 1st May at 7pm in St Mary's Parish Hall, Greenock; Sat 8th June at 10.30am in St John's Parish Hall, Barrhead. Contact Sarah Jane Colhoun at safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or call her on 0141 847 6138 to book a place.

Please pray for those who are sick:

Anna Boyle, Ian Watson, Paul Rob, Layla Docherty, 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, Janet McLaughlin, Norrie Campbell, John Margach, Mary Kelly, Mee Salek, Rhys Conlon, Cameron Hood, Maureen Budas, Tomas Kieran, Sarah Macauley, Matt McComb, Grace Bellard, Tim Doherty, Penny Campbell, Andrew Higgins, Catriona Johnson, their loved ones and all who care for them.

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Jim Carr, John Lamont, Michael Connor, Vincent Friell.

Please pray for the anniversaries of:

John Francis McFadden, John McFadden, Andy Cumming, Bill & Margaret Campbell, Thomas & Catherine Ferris.

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