

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

There will be Mass each morning during this week at 10am. These Masses will be livestreamed. YouTube link is: <https://youtu.be/kMpQCtEj6PU>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday Morning after 10am Mass and at other times on request.

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

**Day for Life:** Next Sunday the Catholic Church in Great Britain and Ireland marks our annual Day for Life, established by Pope Saint John Paul II to recognise the value of human life at every stage and condition, and to draw attention to the seriousness of abortion and euthanasia and other aspects of human life deserving our consideration. In recent years our Day for Life Collection has helped fund our traditional pro-life organisations as well as supporting survivors of sexual abuse and those with addictions and caring for refugees and asylum seekers. This year's theme, *The Lord is My Shepherd*, focuses on Compassion and Hope at the End of life against current efforts to legalise assisted euthanasia. To read the Bishops' Message and moving testimony of a hospital chaplain please see ( <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

**Retreat:** A Rachel's Vineyard retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th June. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call/text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email at [sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk](mailto:sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk). For more details, see [www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk)

**Diocesan Vocations Mass:** On Thursday, 12th September, we will celebrate the Diocesan Vocations Mass at St. John's in Port Glasgow (6.30pm). Bishop John invites you to attend this Mass and to pray between Pentecost and the 12th of September for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life. Bishop John asks that between Pentecost and the 12th September (National Vocations Awareness Week), we pray daily for an increase in vocations. You may find it suitable to offer a daily Rosary or a visit to the Blessed Sacrament for this intention.

**Jubilee 2025:** Jubilee 2025, marks 25 years since the great Jubilee of 2000 with Pope Saint John Paul II, and 10 years since the extraordinary 2015 Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis. The Holy Father will lead his second Jubilee, giving it the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," beginning just before Christmas Day 2024 and ending on the Solemnity of the Epiphany in 2026. Hopefully and prayerfully this will inspire Catholics and even those from other faith traditions to make plans to visit the Eternal City during the Holy Year. With not more than six months out from the Jubilee Year you will receive short bulletin excerpts of a catechetical nature covering the history, meaning and symbolism of the Jubilee which may help build our parishioners' awareness and anticipation, as well as their knowledge of the particular aspects and graces that flow from it.

**Jubilee 2025:** The motto Pope Francis chose for the Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of hope." The virtue of hope illuminates the pilgrimage of life, revealing all of us as companions on the journey. It is not a solitary wandering. It is a journey of confident and joyful people moving towards a new destination. The breath of the Spirit of life does not fail to brighten the dawn of the future that is about to break. The Heavenly Father tenderly and patiently observes the pilgrimage of His sons and daughters and opens wide the Way for them, pointing to Jesus who makes himself the way for all to walk through.

**Assisted Suicide:** Could you be a parish rep working in a diocesan group against the Assisted Suicide Bill before the Scottish Parliament? Reps will write to MSPs and encourage others to do the same; they will meet MSPs in their surgeries; they will call public meetings in Inverclyde, Renfrewshire and East

Renfrewshire, inviting local councillors, MSPs and MPs. Email Marianne at [curia@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:curia@rcdop.org.uk) for more info.

**General Elections Hustings, Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**: 6pm (tea/coffee) for 6.30pm in Lyle Kirk ( former Ardgowan Parish Church) in Union Street, Greenock. Organised by Inverclyde Christian Initiative. The SNP and Labour candidates will attend and other parties have been invited after their candidates are announced on 7<sup>th</sup> June. Candidates will be asked to respond to moral and other issues to let people know their own and their party's position. We look forward to healthy debates around the various issues.

**Think Vocation**: "Here are my mother and my brothers." Is Christ inviting you to let Him live in you through single-hearted service as a priest? Speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr John Morrison Tel: 0141 8895056 or email [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk).

**Let Life Flourish**: Between 28th December 2023 and 30th November 2024, the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and the Knights of St. Columba are uniting in prayer for an end to the culture of death and for a flourishing of the culture of life. You are warmly invited to participate in this most important work by joining us at St Mirin's Cathedral for a Holy Hour and Benediction on Monday the 17th of June at 7pm. There will also be an opportunity to venerate the relics of St. Gianna Beretta Molla, Patron Saint of Unborn Children.

**Diocese of Paisley Podcast**: Have you listened yet to our latest podcast? Sr. Roseann Reddy of the Sisters of the Gospel of Life talks about the Diocese of Paisley's First Friday Masses for Life. All the podcasts are available to listen to now on the Diocesan website ([www.rcdop.org.uk/podcast](http://www.rcdop.org.uk/podcast)), as well as on all the major streaming platforms; Apple Music, Amazon, Spotify etc. Search for 'The Diocese of Paisley Podcast' to download.

**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, Jim Gallacher, John McMahon, Erin Thanos, 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, Celia Mackie, Iain McCallum, Walter Reoch, their loved ones and all who care for them.

**Please pray for those who have died recently:**

Peggy McNeill, Rosina Moran, Alice Greenway.

**Please pray for the anniversaries of:**

Mark Docherty, Agnes Mackrell, Helen McGinley, Shona MacInnes.

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