

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish, Bishopton

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Holy Mass:	Sun :	9am; 11am; 6.30pm
	Mon—Sat (excl. Wed):	10am
	Wed:	6pm (N.B. earlier time)
Confessions:	Wed:	5.15pm—5.45pm (N.B. earlier time)
	Sat:	10.30am—11am
Adoration:	Mon, Fri:	8.50am—9.50am for vocations
	Wed:	6pm—6.50pm (N.B. earlier time)
	Sat:	10.30am—11am
Rosary:	Tue, Thu:	9.30am



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Sunday 13th September 2026 | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Prayers: Please pray for those who have died recently, including Maureen Young, Joe McKenna; and for those whose anniversaries occur around now, including Frances Crilly, Mary Carr, Americo Raso, Arthur McCrory, Mary and Willie Hartford, Eileen and Hugh Freer, Rea Doherty, Norah Robertson, Fr Donald Bonnar, and Canon James Morrow. Please pray also for the sick, especially in our parish.

P4-P7 Retreat Day: TODAY. The diocesan Youth Commission invites children in P4-P7 to a Retreat Day on Sunday 13th September from 1.45pm-5pm. The theme is "Called by God: Abraham." The Retreat takes place in St James's church and hall on Greenock Road in Paisley (PA3 2LD). It will include Holy Mass. A light dinner will be provided. Registration is necessary: <https://tinyurl.com/DPY-September-Retreat>. Speak to Fr Ryan for more info.

Welcome: We welcome Monsignor Joe Burke from the cathedral, who will celebrate the 6.30pm Mass this weekend to allow Fr Ryan to celebrate Mass with our young people at the Retreat.

Vocations Awareness Week: This weekend marks the beginning of Vocations Awareness Week in Scotland. Our parish has experienced firsthand in recent months the impact a smaller number of priests has on our diocese. Please pray that more men will respond generously to the Lord's call. A special second collection will be taken up across the Diocese of Paisley for Vocations this weekend. This collection helps to fund the formation of our diocesan seminarians. You can also scan the QR code.



Holy Hours for Vocations: These times of quiet prayer before the Lord (Mondays and Fridays, from 8.50am) will end with the Rite of Benediction. Come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the priesthood.

Parish Pastoral Council: The PPC will next meet tomorrow, Monday 14th September. If you have anything you would like to be discussed, please speak with a member of the PPC or drop a note into the Suggestions Box in the church porch.

Diocesan Vocations Mass: Bishop John invites everyone to join him in St Mirin's Cathedral for the annual Vocations Mass at 6.30pm on Tuesday 15th September, the Feast of St Mirin, the patron of our diocese. This is an important day for everyone involved in parishes. We will pray for more vocations to the Priesthood for the diocese under the intercession and guidance of St Mirin. **Please attend if you can, to pray for vocations to the priesthood in our diocese.**

Wednesday: Please note that on Wednesday evenings, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 5pm for adoration, and Confessions will be heard from 5.15pm – 5.45pm. This trial schedule will run for a few weeks to determine whether the earlier times are viable, as it would free up another evening for Fr Ryan, for meetings and classes.

Sick & Retired Clergy: A special second collection will be taken up next weekend across the Diocese of Paisley to help with costs associated with looking after the sick and retired clergy of our diocese.

Catechism Corner | Weekly Articles from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* | Art. 1422

Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labours for their conversion.

Do you pay tax? Please sign a Gift Aid Declaration for the parish. Speak to Fr Ryan for more information.

OCIA: LAST CHANCE TO GET IN TOUCH. Do you feel something is missing in your life? Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? The Catholic Church's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) process helps people to learn more about the Catholic faith. It is an extended period during which you will be given pastoral and spiritual formation and guidance for living the Catholic faith in the world. As you discern God's call for you as an individual, now is the time to talk to Fr Ryan because sessions will begin soon.

Teas and Coffees: S6 pupils from Trinity HS will soon join the rota to serve teas and coffees after 11am Mass on Sundays. We thank them and all volunteers for their service.

Month of Our Lady of Sorrows: In the Catholic Church, the month of September contemplates the seven sorrows that marked the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a month to walk beside our suffering Mother. You might wish to pray the Seven Sorrows Devotion each day this month (see below).

Seven Sorrows Devotion: Meditate on each of the following seven events, and pray one Hail Mary for each: (1) The Prophecy of Simeon; (2) The Flight into Egypt; (3) The Loss of Jesus in the Temple; (4) Meeting Jesus on the Way to Calvary; (5) Standing at the Foot of the Cross; (6) Mary Receives the Dead Body of Jesus; and (7) The Burial of Jesus.

Prayer through Our Lady of Sorrows: *We will pray after Masses in September:* O let intercession be made for us, we beseech You, O Lord Jesus Christ, now and at the hour of our death, before the throne of Your mercy, by the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Mother, whose most holy soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the hour of Your bitter Passion. Through You, O Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

P4 and P7 Sacramental Preparation: If your child is in P4 or P7 (at a Catholic or a non-denominational primary school) and you would like to know more about presenting them for First Confession, First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation at Our Lady of Lourdes in the coming school year, now is the time to talk to Fr Ryan.

Stained Glass Window: To commemorate 100 years of our church, the Parish Pastoral Council has agreed to pursue the installation of a stained-glass window of Our Lady of Lourdes in the central window behind the sanctuary. The entire project will cost £20,000 - £25,000. We hope that our fundraising efforts will cover the entirety of the cost of this important work. In the Tradition of the church, the "way of beauty" serves as a tool of evangelisation, leading people towards an encounter with God. Please pray for the success of this project and support our fundraising efforts as best you can.

Window Envelopes: Donation envelopes are available in the church porch for those who wish to contribute towards our stained-glass window. Those who pay tax are warmly encouraged to provide personal details and gift aid their contributions by ticking the relevant box. This will augment your donations by 25% at no extra cost to you.

Piety Stall: We are looking for volunteers to run the Piety Stall after all three Sunday Masses. If you would be interested, please speak to Fr Ryan or email him at ourladyoflourdes@rcdop.org.uk.

Safeguarding: Thought for the Month (September): We work to ensure prevention of harm is our greatest priority.

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 19th September, 10.30am, St Mary's (Greenock); Tuesday 6th October, 7pm, St Joseph's (Clarkston); Saturday 31st October, 10.30am, Diocesan Centre (Paisley).

Season of Creation Film: Everyone is warmly invited to watch together a film about the care of the earth, our common home, on Wednesday 23rd September, from 7pm to 9pm St Mary's church hall, Greenock. *The Letter: A Message for our Earth* features Pope Francis and people representing the voices of the poor, the youth, indigenous leaders, and the unheard voices of wildlife.

Youth to Lourdes 2027: The Diocese of Paisley Youth to Lourdes pilgrimage will take place from Thursday 1st July to Friday 9th July 2027. This pilgrimage is intended for young people who will be in S3-S6 during the academic session 2026-2027. To register your interest, visit <https://tinyurl.com/Y2L2027-interest>.

Pregnant? Worried? No Support? You can choose to have your baby and we will help. Any woman, from any ethnic origin, any religion or none, faced with a crisis pregnancy is welcome to contact the Cardinal Winning Pro-life Initiative for help and support (see poster in porch). Phone 0141 433 2680 or 07377 565291.

Marriage Support: If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. Email www.retrouvaille.org.uk; call 07973 380 443.

