

Saint Mirin's Parish

Paisley

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Sunday 5th April 2026 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection (A)

St Mirin's Parish | THIS WEEK

Mass: Sun: 8am; 9.30am (St James's); 11am
also at 2.30pm in Polish

M, T, T, F: 8am; 1pm (*no 1pm on Tuesday*)

Wed: 8am; 9.30am (St James's); 7pm

Sat: 10am; 4pm (*Vigil*)

Confessions: ~~Wed: 6-6.55pm~~
(with Exposition) Sat: 10.30-11am

Exposition (without Confessions):
~~Tu~~, Th, Fri: 12-12.55pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish | THIS WEEK

Mass: Sun: 9am; 11am; 6.30pm
M, Tu, Th, Fri: 10am

Eucharistic Services:
Wed, Sat: 10am

Confessions:
Sun: After 11am Mass

Exposition:
Mon & Fri: 9.25-10am (*Vocations*)
Fri: 9.25-10am (*Vocations*)

Happy Easter: Bishop John, Fr Joe, Fr Ryan, Fr Laurent, and Deacon Patrick wish all parishioners and friends of our parishes a happy and holy Easter. May the light of the Risen Christ come down upon you and your loved ones this Eastertide. *Resurrexit sicut dixit, Alleluia!* He is risen as He said, Alleluia!

Teas and Coffees: There will be no teas & coffees after Masses this weekend at Our Lady of Lourdes or St Mirin's.

Children's Liturgy: This is suspended over the Easter holidays. It will resume on Sunday 26th April.

Easter Fundraiser: Some of the young people from Our Lady of Lourdes parish are taking part in the Diocese of Paisley Youth Pilgrimage to Paris in September, this year. They will be fundraising in the coming months to help with the cost of their trip. This Easter, they will be holding a 'Guess the Birthday' raffle after Sunday Mass, to win a giant Easter chick and a large chocolate egg. Look out for our young people this weekend in the porch, where you can pay £5 for your chance to win! Cash/card payments accepted. The lucky winner will be revealed next Sunday, 12th April. Good luck!

Cathedral Wedding: Please pray for Alistair and Monica who will be married in the cathedral on Tuesday 7th April.

Tuesday Afternoon: There will be no lunchtime Mass or Exposition on Tuesday because of the Wedding.

No Confessions: There will be no Confessions on Wednesday evening in the cathedral. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7pm as usual.

St Mirin's Men's Group: The Men's Group meets weekly on Fridays at 7am in the diocesan office for prayers before the Blessed Sacrament, spiritual readings and coffee. Men aged 18+ are welcome.

Cathedral Baptism: Please pray for Baby Kievah who will be baptised in the cathedral on Saturday 11th April.

Clergy Moves: Bishop Keenan has appointed Fr Ryan as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Bishopton. The appointment took effect at 12 noon on Monday 23rd March. However, Fr Ryan will continue to live at Cathedral House until the end of April. His last Sunday Masses in St Mirin's parish will be on Sunday 26th April, after which he will move to Bishopton. Please pray for Fr Ryan and for Fr Dan Fitzpatrick, who has been appointed as Parish Priest of St Joseph's parish in Clarkston and St Bridget's parish in Eaglesham.

Prayers: Please pray for those who have died recently, including: Anne Lynn, Irene Armstrong, Danny Irvine, Brian McGoldrick, Jim Farren, Ian Lauther, Jennifer Galloway, Mary Heron, and Richard Crimp; and for those whose anniversaries occur around now, including: John Black, James and Frances McGinty, Daniel McBride, Maisie and Bill Harman, Maura McVitie, Alex McVitie, Kathleen Tait, Trevor Foxton, Catherine Bennett, Kevin Gaffney, Margaret Hannigan, Catherine and John Cairney, Betty and Jim Moore, Helen McComasky, Margaret Hewitt, Mary Tierney, Fr Francis Bradley and Fr Albert Chandler; and for the one month's mind of Mary Fee. Please pray also for the sick, especially in our parishes

St Mirin's Envelopes: Parishioners who have signed Gift Aid Declarations in the past but who do not contribute via Standing Order can collect their personalised envelopes from the sacristies of the cathedral and St James's church this weekend. Anyone who has signed a Gift Aid Declaration and who contributes via Standing Order should let Fr Joe know if they want special collection envelopes, which can be provided soon.

Our Lady of Lourdes Envelopes: Parishioners who have signed Gift Aid Declarations in the past but who do not contribute via Standing Order can collect their personalised envelopes from the hall after Masses. Those who have signed Gift Aid Declarations and who do contribute via Standing Order can collect a box of yellow envelopes for special collections (thus allowing these contributions to be Gift Aided) from the sacristy after Masses. Those who have not signed Gift Aid Declarations but who nevertheless prefer to use envelopes for weekly contributions can collect these from the hall after Masses.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Join Bishop Keenan and other clergy at St Mary's church in Paisley on Sunday 12th April for Adoration and Confessions from 4pm and Holy Mass at 5pm. All welcome.

Quiz Night: The next Quiz Night will take place from 7pm until 10pm on Friday 17th April. 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.

Safeguarding Thought for the Month: We aim to make the Church an increasingly safe place for all. (April 2026)

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: A Rachel's Vineyard retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Glasgow on Friday 24th - Sunday 26th April. 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. For more details, see www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk.

Sponsored Fundraiser: This August, Michael Riddoch will be taking part in "The Drop", a 15-mile navigation challenge. He's raising funds for the diocesan Youth Commission, which supports young people in our community, providing them with opportunities for growth, faith, and community involvement. To sponsor Michael, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/page/dyp2026>. Thank you!

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 0797 338 0443.

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: Tuesday 21st April, 7pm, Diocesan Centre (Paisley); Saturday 16th May, 10.30am, St Mary's (Greenock); Tuesday 9th June, 7pm, Diocesan Centre (Paisley).

*That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.*

*Victorious King, Thy mercy show!
Amen! Alleluia!*

From the Easter Sequence

Statement from the Bishops of Scotland

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, following a request from the Holy See, the Bishops of Scotland have been invited to reflect on how the structures of the Church in our country can best serve her mission in the years ahead, specifically whether the present situation of eight dioceses is suitable. We are all aware of the challenges before us — fewer clergy, changing patterns of practice, and increasing pressures on our diocesan resources, among other things. Yet our mission remains unchanged: to proclaim the Gospel and to lead our people to Christ. **Two possible pathways are being proposed for careful discernment: developing deeper cooperation and the sharing of resources across dioceses within our present structures, or the merging of some dioceses.** In order to best inform ourselves and the Holy See, each bishop will engage with his diocese over the coming months for the first part of this process. Everyone will be given the opportunity to pray, reflect, and contribute. Following-on from the presentation of a discussion paper, responses from each diocese will contribute to the initial findings which will be given to the Holy See in the Autumn. This is not simply an administrative exercise. It is a pastoral and missionary response to our changing landscape. This process will ensure our Church in Scotland will continue to grow ever more missionary, more Christ-centred, and more collaborative in the service of God's people. Entrusting this work to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to the intercession of Our Lady, we move forward together with confidence and renewed hope.