Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish, Bishopton

Diocese of Paisley | Scottish Charity Number SC013514

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Parish Priest: Very Rev. Ryan J. Black VE

Holy Mass:	**Sun :**	9am; 11am; 6.30pm
	Mon—Sat *(excl. Wed)*:	10am
	Wed:	6pm
Confessions:	**Wed**:	5.15pm—5.45pm
	Sat:	10.30am—11am
Adoration:	**Mon, ~~Fri~~**:	8.50am—9.50am *for vocations*
	Wed:	5pm—5.50pm
	Sat:	10.30am—11am
Rosary:	**Tue, Thu, Sat:**	9.30am

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Sunday 25th October 2026 | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Prayers: Please pray for those who have died recently, including Mary Barry, May Church, Eddie Weston, Jean Brawley, and Hugh Scott; and for those whose anniversaries occur around now, including Henry Bradley, Vincent Bradley, George McGill, Tom Glancy, Mona McMahon, John McCann, Mary White, Canon Henry Hart, Fr Joseph Hamill, Fr Joseph Sheary, and Canon William McDade. Please pray also for the sick, especially in our parish.

Bishop Keenan: Bishop John has been advised to step back temporarily from duties for medical reasons. Please keep him in your prayers. We entrust his health to Our Lord and the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, praying for a full and speedy recovery. For now, the Vicar General Monsignor Joe Burke will look after the day-to-day administration of the diocese.

Annual Census: The annual census for Mass attendance will be taken up across Scotland this weekend.

October Devotions: In the Catholic Church, the month of October is devoted to the Holy Rosary. In addition to praying the Rosary on Tuesdays and Thursdays, in October we will also pray the Rosary at 9.30am on Saturdays.

Sacramental Preparation: Children preparing for First Confession, First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation (and their parents) are invited to sacramental preparation sessions this Monday at 6pm (First Confession/First Holy Communion) and 7pm (Confirmation) in the church hall.

Trinity High School: In addition to the weekly lunchtime Mass on Monday (open to all pupils and staff), a class Mass for S1.5 will be celebrated on Wednesday morning. All pupils in S1 will have the opportunity to attend a class Mass before Advent.

Young Adults: The Young Adults talks on "Vocation: Becoming who God wants you to be!" continue this Wednesday, 28th October, at 7pm in the diocesan office in Paisley. Fr Paul Laverty will speak on "Knowing the Voice of God". All young adults (18-35 years old) are welcome.

Parish Men's Group: Thanks to everyone who attended the first meeting of the parish men's group. We have agreed that we will meet weekly at 7am on Fridays in the church, for faith and fraternity. All men aged 18+ are welcome for half an hour before the Blessed Sacrament followed by half an hour in the hall for coffee and a chat.

Funeral: A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10am on Friday 30th October for the happy repose of the soul of May Church, whose mortal remains will be received into the church at 5pm on Thursday 29th October. *Requiescat in pace*.

No Exposition: To allow us to prepare for the Funeral Mass, there will be no Exposition on Friday morning this week.

Wedding: Please pray for Pamela and Robin who will be married in the church on Saturday afternoon.

Catechism Corner | Weekly Articles from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* | Art. 2447

The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbour in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. the corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God .

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

Thanks: Thanks to everyone who attended last week's Mass of Thanksgiving and Reception, and to all who worked to ensure our celebrations were as special as possible. Monday was an historic day in the life of our parish.

November Lists: Envelopes are now available for collection. Masses will be celebrated each day in November for the happy repose of the souls of our beloved dead, especially those whose names appear on our November Lists; may they rest in the peace of Christ. Please return your completed lists with any offerings enclosed as soon as possible in the collection baskets or through the letterbox at the presbytery.

Annual Safeguarding Announcement: Please note that this year's annual safeguarding announcement will be read out at all Masses across the diocese on Sunday 8th November.

Parish Quiz Night: All are invited to a monthly Quiz Night in the church hall, 7-10pm on the second Friday of every month. The next Quiz will be on Friday 13th November. BYOB and snacks. Raffle prizes gratefully received. £2 per adult and £1 per child. Max 8 per team. Don't have a team? Come along and we'll sort it out!

Stained-Glass Window Fund: So far, we have raised **£10,473.33** (incl. Gift Aid) from your donations via the envelopes. Thank you for your generosity. The project is expected to cost £20,500. We still have a way to go so your continued support and any fundraising ideas you might have will be gratefully received.

St Mary's, Paisley: As part of the celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of St Mary's, 10am Mass on Sunday 25th October will be celebrated for everyone who has received a sacrament in our church. You and your families are warmly invited. A particularly warm invitation is extended to anyone who has not been to church for a while. Please spread the word and invite family members, friends and former parishioners to this joyful anniversary celebration.

SPUC Torchlight Vigil: You are invited to attend SPUC's Candlelight Procession to ensure the precious lives lost by abortion are not forgotten. On Thursday 29th October, the Rosary will be prayed at 6.30pm outside the Mercat Building on Glasgow Cross, then the Candlelight Procession will begin at 7pm, heading toward St Andrew's Cathedral. Holy Mass will be celebrated there at 7:30pm.

St Conval's Cemetery Mass: All are welcome to the annual November Holy Mass at the diocesan cemetery, for the happy eternal rest of the souls of those buried there including many of our deceased priests. Holy Mass will begin in the cemetery at 2pm on Sunday 8th November.

World Youth Day Event: S1–S3 pupils are invited to meet for a special World Youth Day celebration on Sunday 22nd November from 2pm to 5pm at St Francis' church, Port Glasgow. The afternoon will include music, fun activities, an escape room, crafts, prayer, Adoration and Mass, followed by pizza and refreshments. Come along, get involved and experience a little taste of World Youth Day and the journey towards Seoul! Please express interest and complete consent form via: https://tinyurl.com/ejz8mwh5. For further information please contact iainmclean@rcdop.org.uk.

Young Adults Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The Diocesan Young Adults group is planning on joining the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes next year, Thursday 1st July to Friday 9th July 2027. If you will be 18 to 35 years old at the time of the pilgrimage and would like to go as part of the Young Adults group, please register your interest here: https://shorturl.at/Zj3qx.

Centenary Dinner

Our Lady of Lourdes parish is delighted to announce that we will celebrate the centenary of our church with a special dinner in the Grand Marquee at Ingliston Estate and Country Club on Friday 5th February 2027. We will do so in the company of two special guests – ***Tom Boyd*** and ***Packie Bonner***, two outstanding Celts with close to 1000 appearances for the Hoops and over 150 international caps between them. Tom and Packie will be talking to our host ***Gerry McDade*** before taking part in a Q&A session with the audience. In addition, we will have raffle prizes and auction opportunities raising funds for the church's stained-glass window fund. Join us for a unique celebration with two uniquely Celtic legends!

Tickets cost £75 and include admission, a drink on arrival, a 3-course dinner, and music and dancing. To book your places, email Fr Ryan at ourladyoflourdes@rcdop.org.uk or call 01505 862471 and leave a voicemail. Dress code: Formal/Smart.