

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish, Bishopton

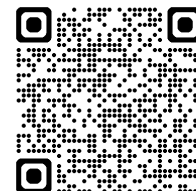
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Parish Priest: Very Rev. Ryan J. Black VE



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



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Sunday 20th September 2026 | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Prayers: Please pray for those who have died recently, including Kay Copley, Alex Tormey, James O'Mullan, and Maureen Young; and for those whose anniversaries occur around now, including George Archbald, Margaret Fitzsimmons White, John Sutherland, Walter Brown, Mary McDermott, Monsignor Henry Farrelly, and Fr Columba Fox. Please pray for the sick, especially in our parish.

Sick & Retired Clergy: A special second collection will be taken up this weekend across the Diocese of Paisley to help with costs associated with looking after the sick and retired clergy of our diocese. You can also scan the QR code to donate online.



Youth Pilgrimage: Fr Ryan is leading a diocesan youth pilgrimage to Paris this week, from 21st–26th September. Several young people from our own parish are participating. Please keep all of them in your prayers. We will pass on your prayers to Pope Leo, who himself is visiting Paris later this week!

Welcome: We welcome Monsignor Burke and Fr Laverty from the cathedral, and Monsignor Monaghan, who will celebrate Holy Masses this week to allow Fr Ryan to lead the pilgrimage to Paris. Fr Ryan will celebrate next Sunday's Holy Masses at 11am and 6.30pm.

Wednesday 23rd September: Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10am on Wednesday. There will be no evening Mass, Confessions or Exposition.

No Exposition: There will be no Holy Hours on Monday 21st or Friday 25th September.

Bulletin: There will be no parish bulletin next weekend. Names of those who have died recently and of those whose anniversaries occur around this time will be included in the bulletin and Bidding Prayers on Sunday 4th October.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

There will be no bulletin next weekend.

Sun 27/9	Regular schedule	
Mon-Fri	9.30am 10am	Rosary (Tuesday, Thursday) Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Sat 3/10	Regular schedule	

Cathedral Pilgrimage: Please note that next week (Monday 28th September – Friday 2nd October), Fr Ryan will be joining the St Mirin's parish pilgrimage to Ireland. This predates his appointment as Parish Priest at Our Lady of Lourdes. He promises to pray for the parish community in Knock, where Our Lady appeared in 1879.

Next Week's Schedule: In lieu of a bulletin next weekend, please note that from Monday 28th September – Friday 2nd October, we will welcome Deacon John Morrison who will celebrate Liturgies of the Word with Holy Communion. These will be at 10am in the church each day except Wednesday, when it will be at 6pm.

Catechism Corner | Weekly Articles from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* | Art. 1468

"The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship." Reconciliation with God is thus the purpose and effect of this sacrament. For those who receive the sacrament of Penance with contrite heart and religious disposition, reconciliation "is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation." Indeed the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true "spiritual resurrection," restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God.

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

Confessions and Exposition: Please note that there will be no evening Confessions or Exposition on Wednesday 30th September.

Erskine Veterans Village: Friday 2nd October is the first Friday of the month. Deacon John Morrison will celebrate a Service with Holy Communion in Erskine Veterans Village at 11am.

Acutis Evenings: S4-6 pupils are invited to October's Acutis Evening, for catechesis, dinner and prayer, on Friday 2nd October. It will take place in St James's church and hall (Greenock Road, Paisley) from 6-8pm. Please note that (one-time) registration for these events in necessary. Parents/guardians should visit www.tinyurl.com/dpy-acutis-evenings. Email Fr Ryan Black for more info at VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk.

Normal Schedule Resumes: The normal schedule resumes after Fr Ryan's return, on Saturday 3rd October with the celebration of Holy Mass at 10am followed by Exposition and Confessions.

Stained-Glass Window Update: Our proposal was accepted by the diocesan Fabric and Finance Committee, and we have now engaged Alec Galloway to work on the project. Alec has recently installed pieces in St Mary's, Greenock. The project is expected to cost £20,500.

Stained-Glass Window Fund: So far, we have raised **£6,838.33** (incl. Gift Aid) from your donations via the envelopes. Thank you for your generosity. We still have a way to go so your continued support and any fundraising ideas you might have will be gratefully received.

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.

OCIA: This year, our parish will join the OCIA classes at St Mirin's Cathedral at 6.30pm on Thursdays. This will give those from our parish who are discerning reception into the Catholic Church a better experience, joining with a large number of people who are on the same journey.

St John Bosco PS: The school community would like to welcome prospective parents of children, in their pre-school year, to St John Bosco Primary school on Wednesday 7th October, from 1.30pm – 2.30pm. They will be providing a tour of the school and an opportunity to see their exciting learning environments. The House Captains will be on hand to add their pupil voice to your visit. Members of the school leadership team will be available to answer any questions you may have.

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 first will be on Friday 9th October. 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!

Parish Men's Group: A new men's group in the parish will meet for the first time at 7am on Friday 23rd October 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. Finished for 8am. At this meeting, we will discuss the most suitable regular meeting time. Email Fr Ryan for details: ourladyoflourdes@rcdop.org.uk.

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: To practice this devotion, one meditates on each of the following seven events, typically followed by 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 this prayer 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.

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.

Choir: The Choir is appealing for new members who can sing at the 11am Sunday Mass. In particular, they are appealing for male voices to join them. Speak to Gavin after 11am Mass, or email Fr Ryan at ourladyoflourdes@rcdop.org.uk.

Diocesan Choir – Open Rehearsal: Come and join the Diocese of Paisley Diocesan Choir. New members are warmly invited to an Open Rehearsal on Thursday 8th October at 6:30pm in St Mirin's Cathedral.

