

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### ORDINARY TIME

*The Ordinary Time of the Church's Year is devoted to the unfolding of the Mystery of Christ in all its aspects.*

### TODAY:

**6th. Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C.**

### SATURDAY: THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER, THE APOSTLE.

This feast celebrates the teaching authority of the Pope. The chair (or *cathedra*) is the symbol of the bishop's authority to teach and the Bishop's church is the cathedral where his chair is kept. The chair of St. Peter is the Pope's authority to teach as successor to St. Peter, the first pope.

### NEXT SUNDAY:

**7th. Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C.**

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### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS

**For vocations to the priesthood and religious life**

That the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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## PARISH PRAYERS

**We pray for all who are ill or housebound, especially:**

George Bennett, Michael Fitzharris,  
Gina Robb, Isobel Diorio,  
Anne Faller, Nan Scullion,  
Lexi Kerr (baby), Amy Hunter,  
Linda Scott, Maureen Hanvey,  
Emma Sinclair, Maureen Houston,  
Anne Kane, Jessica Glover,  
Caroline McNeil, Joanne King.

**We pray for all who have died recently,**

**R.I.P., especially:**

**Rev. Douglas Macmillan,  
Christopher McVey,  
Joseph Scullion,  
Sadie Tinney,**

Tommy Jack, Jim Duffy,  
Mary Shirley, Cathy Gallacher,  
Elizabeth (Betty) Docherty.

**We remember those whose anniversaries are at this time, R.I.P., especially:**

Miriam Slaven, Gaynor Gillen,  
Danny, Jimmy & Richard Lyons,  
Patrick O'Neill.

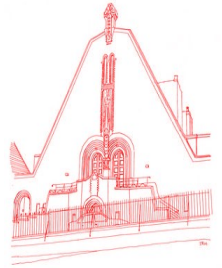
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## ST. PATRICK'S BULLETIN

St. Patrick's Presbytery,  
5 Orangefield Place,  
Greenock, PA15 1YX.

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard Gallagher



### 16th. February 2025

**SUNDAY MASS: Saturday Vigil; 5.30pm Sunday; 9.30am & 11.00am**

**Sunday Readings: 6th. Sunday in Ordinary time: Year C**

**WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday-Saturday: 10.00am**

**Weekday Readings: Week 6 of Ordinary Time: Year 1**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday-Friday: 9.00-9.30am**

**PENANCE & RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 10.30am; 4.45-5.15pm, & on request.**

**Divine Office: Week 6 of Ordinary Time Psalms: Week 2**

**Baptism: Sunday after 11.00am Mass**

**Marriage: Please give at least 6 month's notice of Marriage.**

### TODAY'S LITURGY

**1st. Reading: Jeremiah 17.5-8**

*'Cursed is the man who trusts in man;  
Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD.'*

**Response to the Psalm: Psalm 1**

**R./ Blessed is the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.**

**2nd. Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12,16-20**

*'If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.'*

**THE GOSPEL: Luke 6.17.20-26**

*'Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich.'*



**Today's Liturgy:** As in Matthew's Gospel, Luke's version of the Sermon gets under way with the Beatitudes. In Matthew it is the "Sermon on the Mount". In Luke Jesus descends from a mountain and teaches the crowds at ground level. Here, each 'beatitude/blessing' addressed to the poor and the suffering is countered by a warning to the rich and self-absorbed. Luke's version displays more typical traits of how a Jewish teacher of the Law might work: comparing and contrasting traits—poverty and riches, hunger and plenty, tears and rejoicing!

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### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Parish Hall to help:

**Sunday 12.00pm & Tuesday: 7.00pm**

**Parish helpline, please call:**

**07907876505.**



**Telephone: 01475 720223**

**E-mail: [stpatrick@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:stpatrick@rcdop.org.uk)**

**Website: [www.stpatricksgreenock.info](http://www.stpatricksgreenock.info)**

**Twitter: [@stpatricksrcdop](https://twitter.com/stpatricksrcdop)**

## **CENTENARY OF ST. PATRICK'S PARISH**

**1924-2024**

**SUNDAY 16th. MARCH 2025**

**We will celebrate our Centenary**

**on**

**SUNDAY 16th. MARCH 2025,**

**The Vigil of St. Patrick's Day.**

**Mass will be at 6.00pm**

followed by an informal reception.

Bishop John will preside at our Centenary Mass.

We hope that as many parishioners as possible

will join us for this Mass.

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### **MASS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday-Saturday: 10.00am.**

**Friday, 10.00am: Funeral Mass of**  
**Christopher McVey, R.I.P.**

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### **PARISH HALL EVENTS**

#### **WARM HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP**

In the Hall today after 11.00am Mass, soup, sandwiches and hot drinks free of charge to anyone who comes along. We need some volunteers to help, so if you would like to volunteer please contact Father Gerry.

**QUIZ NIGHT** in the Parish Hall **THIS EVENING (Sunday)** at **7.30pm.**

BYOB and eats. £2 entry adults, children free. Tea/Coffee biscuits will be served. Donations for the raffle always welcome.

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### **CHURCH CLEANING TEAM**

Our dedicated team of cleaners is greatly in need of new members, especially with our Centenary celebration coming up. They meet every second Wednesday after 10.00am Mass for approximately one hour. Anyone who is able to help will be most welcome. The next "clean" is on **Wednesday of this week after 10.00am Mass.**

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### **PARISH FINANCE**

**THANK YOU** for last week's **Offertory Collection** which raised **£1,145.72.**

**THIS WEEKEND: Special Collection** for the work of **SPRED**, which assists our brothers and sisters with additional support needs to learn about and celebrate their faith.

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### **LOURDES HOSPITALITÉ**

**FUNDRAISING DINNER** on **Saturday 1st. March 2025** in **Greenock Town Hall** at **7.00pm.** Tickets cost £40 (including 3 course meal). For tickets and further information please email [iainmclean@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:iainmclean@rcdop.org.uk) or phone 07950483042. Donations for the raffle/auction greatly appreciated.

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### **DIOCESAN YOUTH**

**P4-P7 LENTEN RETREAT DAY** for children in **P4-P7** on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 1.45-5.00pm** in **St. James' Church and Halls, Greenock Road, Paisley, PA3 2LD.** The theme is *The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary*. The day will include Holy Mass and a light dinner will be provided. Registration is necessary: [www.tinyurl.com/dpy-lent25](http://www.tinyurl.com/dpy-lent25).

**E-mail Fr Ryan for more info:**  
[VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk)

**YOUNG ADULTS** the series of talks, 'Ascend the Mountain - 7 Deadly Sins and 7 Lively Virtues', continues with 'Sloth vs Zeal' by Fr. Matthew Carlin on Wednesday 26th. February at 7.00pm in the Diocesan Offices. All 18-35s are welcome. For more information contact Fr. Joe McGill at [joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk)

**YOUNG ADULTS TO LOURDES** to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage from 27th June-3<sup>rd</sup> July. Fr. Joe McGill is leading the group of young adults(18-35). If you are interested in joining the group, please email [joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk) by 1<sup>st</sup> March.

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**SCIAF ZOOM EVENT** – Reflections of my visit **Colombia** with Canon Michael Hutson: This zoom event will take place on **24<sup>th</sup> February 7.00pm-8.00pm.**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88968244691>

Meeting ID: 889 6824 4691

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**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT** A Rachel's Vineyard retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of **Glasgow** on **Friday, 21st. to Sunday 23rd. March.** 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 e-mail [sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk](mailto:sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk)

For more details go to

[www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk)

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**SSVP SCOTLAND VACANCIES** Society of St Vincent De Paul Scotland is recruiting for two new posts based in the National Office in Glasgow: **National Youth Co-ordinator,** and **Finance and Administration Manager.** More details are available on the Website [www.ssvpscotland.com](http://www.ssvpscotland.com) and on the SSVP Scotland Facebook page.

**IRH CHAPLAINCY** In addition to our 24/7 emergency chaplain cover at IRH, we also have a catholic chaplaincy team who are happy to visit patients in the hospital for non-emergency visits. Please let Fr. Gerry know that you or your relative would like a visit from a catholic chaplain.

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