

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
CHRISTMAS**

Next to the Easter Mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memory of Christ's birth and early manifestations; his Baptism in the river Jordan and the declaration by his Father that he is his "Beloved Son"; the beginning of his public ministry at the Marriage Feast in Cana.

TODAY: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.
End of the Christmas Season.

ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY: ST. KENTIGERN or MUNGO
(518-603), Bishop, Patron of Glasgow.
Friday: St. Anthony the Abbot
(251-356), Religious.

NEXT SUNDAY:
2nd. Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year C.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS
JANUARY 2025**

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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:

Edward Orr,
Mary Rodgers,
Patrick Dougan,
Rosemarie McDougal,
Vera Lafferty.

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

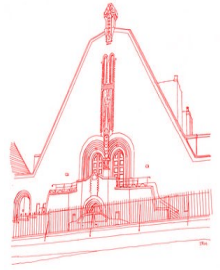
Rt. Rev. Philip Tartaglia,
4th. Bishop of Paisley.
Myra Wilson, Tony Quigg.
James & Rose Clark,
Gerald O'Rourke, Kathleen O'Rourke,
Agnes & Thomas Lyons,
Mary Cameron, Patrick Black,
Michael & Ina Farren,
Thomas Owens, Mary Owens,



ST. PATRICK'S BULLETIN

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

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard Gallagher



12th. January 2025

SUNDAY MASS: Saturday Vigil; 5.30pm Sunday; 9.30am & 11.00am
Sunday Readings: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: Year C
WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday-Saturday: 10.00am
Weekday Readings: Week 1 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 1 of Ordinary Time Psalms: Week 1
Baptism: Sunday after 11.00am Mass
Marriage: Please give at least 6 month's notice of Marriage.

TODAY'S LITURGY

1st. Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5,9-11
The glory of the Lord shall be fulfilled and all flesh shall see it together.
Response to the Psalm: Psalm 104 (103)
R./ Bless the Lord, O my soul!
My God, how great you are!
2nd. Reading: Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7
He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.
THE GOSPEL: Luke 3.15-16,21-22
When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened.
Today's Liturgy: "Baptism" literally means "immersion". Before his ministry begins, Jesus immerses himself in water as a sign that he immerses himself in the will of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is the only time in the Bible where the Trinity is manifested in ways that humans can recognise. The Father's voice is heard, the Son is in human form, and the Spirit is visible as a dove. Here, among humans, is God, visible, audible and tangible.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
In the Parish Hall to help:
Sunday 12.00pm & Tuesday: 7.00pm
Parish helpline, please call:
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MASS THIS WEEK

Monday-Saturday: 10.00am.

As Monday is the **Feast of St. Kentigern (Mungo)** we will have Mass on Monday morning.

NEXT SUNDAY

2nd. Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C.

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.

THANK YOU for last week's **Offertory Collection** which raised **£1,159.73** and for the collection for **Justice & Peace** which raised **£632.38**

THIS WEEKEND Door Collection in support of the **St. Margaret Adoption Society**. Thank you for the £283.46 already given at the Crib.

St. Margaret's does fantastic work in placing children for adoption and is well deserving of our support, please give any help you can.

NEXT WEEKEND: Special Collection for the **Sick & Retired Priests** of the Diocese.

R.C.I.A. The Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults mark the process by which we introduce adults to membership of the Church. The Rites culminate in the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday Night (this year, Saturday 19th. April) when the Church celebrates the Resurrection of Christ from the dead.

Anyone who is thinking of becoming a catholic, or who would just like to find out more about what is involved in being a catholic, is asked to speak to Fr. Gerry as soon as possible. Any preparation will begin very soon.

PARISH STALL 2025 Church Art Calendars, Diaries and other seasonal gifts, with a selection of cards for other occasions, are available in the Parish Stall **after Mass on Sunday** and **10.30am Mass on Thursday.**

DIOCESAN YOUTH COMMISSION

YOUNG ADULTS TALKS: The series of talks, 'Ascend the Mountain - 7 Deadly Sins and 7 Lively Virtues' continues on **Wednesday evening, 15th. January, at 7.00pm** in the **Diocesan Offices, Paisley**. The theme is with 'Wrath vs Mercy' by Fr. Bernard Mournian. All aged 18-35 are welcome. For more information contact Fr. Joe McGill at joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk

RETREAT DAY for children in **P4-7** **NEXT Sunday, 19th. January, 2.00-5.00pm** at **Holy Family Parish, Port Glasgow**. The theme is **The Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary**. The day will include Holy Mass. A light dinner will be provided. Registration is necessary:

www.tinyurl.com/dpy-january-retreat.

E-mail Fr Ryan for more info:

VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk.

LOURDES HOSPITALITÉ: If you would like to go to Lourdes as a **registered sick pilgrim** with the 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage, you are invited to a meeting on **Sunday 26th January at 2.00pm** in **St Ninian's, Gourrock**. The dates of the Pilgrimage are **28th June-3rd July 2025**.

You can now book for the **Pilgrimage** via the Tangney Tours website. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Louise, Pilgrimage Co-ordinator, on 01475 638132.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - 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 or phone 07950483042

Donations for the raffle/auction greatly appreciated.

SAFEGUARDING

DIOCESAN ACTION PLAN 2025

Following analysis of the results from the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (SCSSA) self-evaluation exercise our updated safeguarding action plan for 2025 has now been published on the Diocesan website. An updated version of the 2023/24 action plan has also been uploaded for reference. Both documents have been approved by Bishop John and by the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group, with a link to the plans available at [Diocese of Paisley | Safety In Our Catholic Communities | Paisley, UK](https://www.paisleydiocese.org.uk/safeguarding)

DIOCESAN PODCASTS In the latest podcast Vanda Kettelhut speaks to Fr. Jim Duggan about the Diocese of Paisley plans for the Jubilee Year. Listen to the podcast on [rcdop.org.uk/podcast](https://www.rcdop.org.uk/podcast) or wherever you listen to your podcasts.

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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.
