

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### EASTERTIDE

*The fifty days from Easter Sunday to PENTECOST are celebrated in joyful exultation as one great feastday, one "GREAT ALLELUIA!", for CHRIST IS TRULY RISEN!*

**Monday:** *St. Rita of Cascia (1381-1457),  
Wife, Mother, Religious.*

**Thursday:** *St. Bede The Venerable  
(672-735), Religious.*

**Friday:** *St. Philip Neri (1515-1595),  
Priest & Religious.*

**Saturday:** *St. Augustine of Canterbury  
Bishop & Religious (+605).*

### NEXT SUNDAY:

#### PENTECOST

Conclusion of the Easter Season.

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### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS MAY 2023

#### **For church movements and groups**

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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## PARISH PRAYERS

**We pray for all who are ill or housebound. In particular, we remember:**

Mary McCauley, Maura Gallagher,  
Linda Scott, Lauren McInnes,  
Pat McCabe, Charlie McEleny,  
Maureen Hanvey, Billy Paul,  
Sebastian Kesson, Ross Moran,  
Emma Sinclair, Maureen Houston,  
John O'Donnell, Anne Kane,  
Nancy Mew, Jessica Glover,  
Caroline McNeil, Joanne King,  
Teddy O'Neil.

**We pray for all who have died recently, R.I.P., especially:**

**Lyle Flynn,**

Elizabeth Anderson, Neil Cannon.

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

**Rev. Vincent E. Grace,**

Parish Priest here 1966-1968,

**Rev. James A. Byers,**

Assistant priest here, 1978-1987,

**Rev. Deacon Paul Rogers,**

Margaret & Michael Lafferty,

Becky Marshall, Helen Gillen,

Tommy, Peggy & Jimmy Munro.

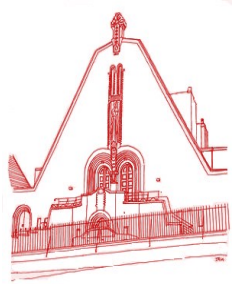
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## ST. PATRICK'S BULLETIN

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

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard Gallagher



**21st. May 2023**

**7th. SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

**Sunday Readings: 7th. SUNDAY OF EASTER: GOSPEL: Year A**

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

**Weekday Readings: 7th. Week of Easter**

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

**PENANCE & RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 10.30am (in the Cry Chapel) & on request.**

**Divine Office: 7th. Week of Easter Psalms: Week 3**

**Baptism: Sunday after 11.00am Mass**

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

### TODAY'S LITURGY

**1st. Reading: Acts 1.12-14**

*All joined in continuous prayer.*

**Response to the Psalm: Psalm 26**

**R./** I am sure I shall the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.

**2nd. Reading: 1 Peter 4.13-16**

*It is a blessing for you when they insult you  
for bearing the name of Christ.*

**THE GOSPEL: John 17.1-11**

*Father, glorify your Son.*

**Today's Liturgy:** The prayer of Jesus focusses on the concept of glory. In Hebrew 'Glory' has the same root as the word for the liver, the heaviest organ of the body, and so can be thought of as "giving weight" to something. Jesus glorifies the Father when he gives the most weight to the Father's will and fulfils the mission with which he has been entrusted. We in turn give glory to God when we allow the things of God to tip the scales in our lives and become the most pressing focus, the most important voice.

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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**

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

**NOVENA PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT  
IN PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

V./ Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R./ And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, you have taught the hearts of the faithful  
by the light of the Holy Spirit.

Grant that, by the Gift of that same Spirit,  
we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**EASTERTIME 2023**

On the Sundays of Eastertime we will begin Mass with the Rite of Sprinkling with the Easter Water as a reminder of our Baptism. This Rite replaces the Penitential Rite. We will continue to use the Apostles Creed as our Profession of Faith on the Sundays of Easter.

**TODAY** we are in the period of the Novena of Prayer in preparation for the celebration of Pentecost next Sunday. The Novena Prayer is printed above.

Today is also World Day of Prayer for Communications.

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**RCIC SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION  
OF CHILDREN 2023**

We had a lovely day at Carfin Grotto on Tuesday with our P4 boys and girls who were making a thanksgiving pilgrimage for their First Holy Communion. The children were much complimented on their behaviour and their ability to answer questions.

Now we look forward to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with our young people of P7 on Wednesday 31st May, the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady.

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**THANK YOU** for last Sunday's Offertory Collection which came to £937.84 and for the Special Collection for Vocations and Ecclesiastical Students which came to £644.74.

**THIS WEEKEND** Special Collection for Communications. This collection pays for the national Scottish Catholic Media Office which provides a service to the press and media with information on the activities of the Church in Scotland.

**SCIAF WEE BOXES** Thanks for all the SCIAF Wee boxes already handed in. If you haven't already done so, please, could you hand them in as soon as possible.

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**PARISH STALL** is open in the Hall after 11.00am Mass. We have a selection of cards and gifts for Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

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**"WARM HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP"** Soup, tea-coffee and sandwiches in the Hall after 11.00am Mass, free of charge, thanks to funding from Inverclyde Council and the Scottish Government. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Hall after 11.00am Mass.

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**LOURDES HOSPITALITÉ**

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS** The Lourdes Hospitalité will organise buses to take pilgrims to Edinburgh Airport on 30<sup>th</sup> June '23 and return from Edinburgh Airport on 7<sup>th</sup> July '23. The charge for the bus will depend on numbers. If you wish to book seats on the buses, please contact Anne Louise at [annebuchannan@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:annebuchannan@rcdop.org.uk)

**PRE-PILGRIMAGE MEETING** on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00pm in St. Ninian's, Gourock.

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**YOUNG PEOPLE**

**YOUTH TO LOURDES** Race Night on Friday evening, 26th. May, in St Mary's Church Hall, Paisley. Entry costs £5. 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. BYOB. Reserve tickets by emailing [jainmclean@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:jainmclean@rcdop.org.uk). Raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

**PENTECOST PRIMARY SCHOOL DAY**

Reflection and activities for P4-P7 next Sunday, 28th. May, at St. James', 50 Greenock Road, Paisley, 2.00—5.30pm. The afternoon will include activities, catechesis, Mass and dinner. All

attendees must bring a completed consent form. These can be collected from Primary schools, Parishes or by e-mailing, [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk).

Further information or queries please contact Fr. John Morrison Tel: 0141 889 2026 or e-mail as above.

**DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULTS (18-35)**

Our series of talks on Catholic moral teaching, continues on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7.00pm in the Diocesan Office, Paisley, on the theme of, *The Lord Gave, and the Lord Has Taken Away*. Dr Joseph Bradley will discuss euthanasia.

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**BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS EXHIBITION,  
ST. MARY'S, LARGS**

If you are in Largs over the weekend of 10th.-11th. June, when we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the church of St. Mary, Star of the Sea, from 11.00am-6.00pm on both Saturday and Sunday.

There will also be an exhibition in the Parish Hall about the Eucharistic Miracles documented by Bl. Carlo Acutis on the website he created for this purpose.

The exhibition will be open:  
**Saturday 10th. June, 11.00am-8.00pm;**  
**Sunday 11th. June, 11.00am-6.00pm.**

There will be videos, a side exhibition on Bl. Carlo, the sale of religious items, including for children, and more.

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