

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.

September:

The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady.

This week: Vocations Awareness Week

MONDAY:

**THE EXALTATION OF
THE HOLY CROSS.**

**TUESDAY: ST. MIRIN (6th. Century),
Priest, Patron of Our Diocese.**

**WEDNESDAY: ST. NINIAN
(c.360-432), Bishop.**

Thursday: Our Lady of Sorrows.

**Friday: St. Cornelius (+253), Pope,
& St. Cyprian (+258), Bishop,
both martyrs.**

NEXT SUNDAY:

25th. Sunday of Ordinary Time.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

September 2026

For the care of water

For a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

PARISH PRAYERS

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

James McGuinness, Ina Henderson,
Brian Bradley, Joan Birt,
Annabelle Melville,
Tommy Gallacher, Margaret McGarry,
Chris Jones, Sandi Bray,
George Bennett, Michael Fitzharris,
Gina Robb, Isobel Diorio,
Anne Faller, Nan Scullion,
Lexi Kerr (baby), 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.:**

**Esther Neeson,
Margaret O'Hagan,
Joseph Morrison,
Seamus Walsh, James Kinsella.**

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

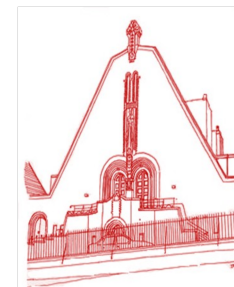
Michael Morrison, William Gillen,
Cathie Gillen, Michaelene Mc Cluskey
Maud Gallagher, Bridget Sweeney.



ST. PATRICK'S BULLETIN

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

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard Gallagher



13th. September 2026

24th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY MASS: Saturday Vigil; 5.30pm Sunday: 11.00am

Sunday Readings: 24th. Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday-Saturday: 10.00am

Weekday Readings: 24th. Week of Ordinary Time: Year 2

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday-Friday: 9.30-9.45am

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

Divine Office: 24th. Week of Ordinary Time Psalms: Week 4

Baptism: After 11.00am Mass on Sunday by arrangement

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

TODAY'S LITURGY

1st Reading: Sirach 27.30-28.7

*'Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done,
and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.'*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103 (102)

**R./ The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

2nd Reading: Romans 14.7-9

'Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.'

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 18.21-35

'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.'



Today's Liturgy: A big issue for any community: how often should you forgive a wrongdoer? Peter offers a generous suggestion—seven times? Peter must have thought he was doing well, but he is still wrong! How wrong is shown when Jesus talks of God's limitless forgiveness. Jesus tells of someone who was released from a debt of 10,000 talents, about 150,000 years wages! How much more then was this person morally obliged to release his brother from the smaller debt!



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.

Monday is the **Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross** and as it is a feast of Our Lord, we have Mass on Monday. The boys & girls from St. Patrick's Primary School will join us for this Mass which is the opening Mass of their School Term.

Wednesday, 10.00am: Funeral Mass of Esther Neeson, R.I.P.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

at 11.00am Mass. We invite all the boys and girls of Primary School age to join us each Sunday for this celebration of God's Word.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

begins today in Scotland.

PARISH HALL EVENTS

TEAS & COFFEES in the **Hall** after 11.00am Mass on Sunday.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meets on **Tuesday evening** at 7.00pm.

THANK YOU for last week's **Offertory Collection** which came to **£970.08** and for the **Building Fund Collection** which came to **£860.97**

TODAY: SECOND COLLECTION for **Vocations.**

200 CLUB The new season has now begun. Thanks to all who have paid their subscriptions and to our new

subscribers. We will definitely have a 50/50 Club and might even reach a 200 Club.

Thanks to all who have renewed or started a subscription and it is not too late to do so.

To begin or renew a subscription, (£1 per number per month) please place your money in an envelope, with your name, address and number (if you know it), and give it to Marie in the Hall after 11.00am Mass on Sunday.

Vigil Mass goers can place your envelope in the Offertory Basket clearly marked "200 Club", with your name and address and number (if you know it).

PARISH FOODBANK, run by our SVDP, gratefully accepts donations of groceries and foodstuffs. Please leave your donations at the collection point at the back porch of the Church.

SEASON OF CREATION 2026 You are warmly invited to the second of two films about the care of the Earth, our Common Home on **Wednesday 23rd. September**, 7.00pm to 9.00pm, again in **St. Mary's**, "The Letter, A Message for our Earth", featuring Pope Francis and people representing the voice of the poor, the voice of the youth, the voice of indigenous leaders and the unheard voices of wildlife.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

Bishop John invites everyone to join him in Saint Mirin's Cathedral for the annual Vocations Mass on **Tuesday 15th September** at 6:30pm. The 15th September is the Feast of Saint Mirin, the Patron of our Diocese, and is an important day for everyone involved in parishes. We will pray for more Vocations to the Priesthood for the Diocese under the intercession and guidance of Saint Mirin.

YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH TO LOURDES 2027 will run from **Thursday 1st. July to Friday 9th. July 2027**. The pilgrimage is for young people who will be in S3-S6 during the school year 2026-2027.

To register your interest visit <https://tinyurl.com/Y2L2027-interest>.

YOUNG CARITAS SCOTLAND, launched by SCIAF, is a new national movement aiming to encourage young adults across the country to engage in the international work of the Catholic Church. To find out how you can get involved, please visit sciaf.org.uk/youngcaritas.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. GERRY

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

The official handover to our new Parish Priest, Fr. David, takes place at midday on Friday, so this is my last Sunday with you.

Over the last nine years we have been together through "The beast from the East", and the Covid epidemic and we have celebrated the Centenary of the Parish along with our regular celebrations of Baptisms, Confirmations, First Holy

Communions, Marriages and the Funerals of our loved ones.

Thank you for so many kindnesses, for your patience and your co-operation. Thank you to the many people who do so much to ensure that everything that needs to be done in our parish gets done. Thank you to our two outstanding schools, Notre Dame H.S. and St. Patrick's P.S., and to the Headteachers and staff (teaching and non-teaching) with whom it has been a privilege to work. Thank you to our wonderful young people and to our boys and girls.

Thank you to the staff of Inverclyde Royal Hospital and Ardgowan Hospice with whom I have been privileged to work over the last 10 years, and to the staff at John Galt House and Merino Court Nursing Homes.

I am, of course, **sorry** for things left undone, for chances missed, and for any offence I may have caused, however inadvertently—I know that I can be, "a bit direct" at times!

Please remember me in your prayers as I will always remember you in mine. If I can ever be of any help to any of you, please do not hesitate to ask.

Fr. David and I have been friends for over 40 years. We both started in our first parishes on the same day in 1985, he here at St. Patrick's and I at St. Andrew's. We meet up regularly for lunch and so I will hear how you are all doing. I am sure he will be very happy here!

God bless you and your families.

Fr. Gerry
