

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

HOLY WEEK

In Holy Week the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation in Christ's latter days on earth, beginning with his entry into Jerusalem where he was acclaimed as Messiah.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday

*Christ Jesus redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God chiefly through his Paschal Mystery: "Dying he destroyed our death; rising he restored our life". The TRIDUUM (=Three Days) of his Passion, Death and Resurrection is the culmination of the entire year with its climax in the celebration of the **EASTER VIGIL MASS** by which the Church is intimately linked with the Lord's passage from this world to his Father.*

NEXT SUNDAY:

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS

APRIL 2025

For the use of the new technologies

That the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

PARISH PRAYERS

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

John O'Donnell, Sandi Bray,
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:

**Catherine Loughran,
Jane (Janice) Morrison,
Danny Maloney.**

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

especially:

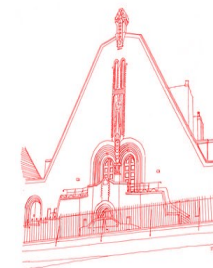
Kimberley Reid,
Margaret McIntyre,
Margaret Galbraith,
John Lavelle.



ST. PATRICK'S BULLETIN

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

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard Gallagher



13th. April 2025

PALM

***For the times of Mass and the Liturgies
of Holy Week and the EASTER TRIDUUM,
please see:***

"The Liturgical Celebration of Holy Week & Easter 2025"

TODAY'S LITURGY

Procession Gospel: Luke 19.28-40

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'

1st. Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

*I hid not my face from disgrace,
and I know I shall not be put to shame*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22 (21)

R./ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

2nd. Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

'He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.'

THE GOSPEL: Luke 22. 1-49

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



Today's Liturgy: Our liturgy today is a real mixture of emotions. We begin by waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna!". It is not long before we shout "Crucify him!". The people of Jerusalem were a fearful and fickle crowd, and the Apostles not much better. As we enter the great drama of Holy Week, how are we going to react to the swell of emotion that Holy Week brings?



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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HOLY WEEK 2025

Please try to join us for the great Liturgies of **Holy Week** if you possibly can, especially on **Holy Thursday (6.30pm)**, **Good Friday (3.00pm)** and **Holy Saturday Night (8.30pm)**, the culmination of the Church's year. The supplement to the Bulletin, "**The Liturgical Celebration of Holy Week & Easter 2025**" has all the times of our Holy Week and Easter liturgies and times for the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation.

MASS OF THE CHRISM

On **Wednesday evening at 7.00pm** in **St. Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley**. Bishop John invites the priests and people the Diocese to celebrate the Chrism Mass with him.

COACH TO THE CHRISM MASS If you would like to go to the Chrism Mass on the parish coach, please put your name on the list at the car park side door of the church. **The coach will leave from the church at 5.30pm. The numbers will be counted on Monday morning after 10.00am Mass.**

The Mass of the Chrism is a great opportunity for us to celebrate and express our faith together. During the Mass the priests of the Diocese will renew their priestly commitment and the oils will be blessed for use in the celebration of the Sacraments throughout the Diocese in the coming year. Refreshments in the Cathedral hall after Mass. All welcome.

PARISH HALL EVENTS

TEA & COFFEE in the Parish Hall today after 11.00am Mass.

QUIZ NIGHT THANK YOU to everyone who helped organise or who supported our Quiz Night on behalf of the Diocesan **Youth to Lourdes** group. Just over £1,500 was raised. Thanks also to all who contributed prizes for the raffle and bingo and items for the auction. Several of our young people from the parish will be going to Lourdes this year with the group.

PARISH FINANCE

THANK YOU for the last week's **Offertory Collection** which came to **£1,269.18**.

PARISH STALL has a wide selection of Easter Cards and cards suitable for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. **The stall is in the Parish Hall and is open after 11.00am Mass on Sunday.**

IRH CHAPLAINCY We 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.



PRO-LIFE MATTERS

ASSISTED SUICIDE POSTCARDS

Please take away a postcard from the disability campaign group called *Not Dead Yet UK* and ask your MPs to vote against the legalisation of assisted suicide in the Westminster parliamentary vote at **Third Reading**, likely on **16th. May**.

The Second Reading vote passed by a narrower margin than expected due to churches mobilising against the Bill. Now **only 28 MPs need to change their vote at Third Reading to defeat the Bill**, and your continued opposition will make a crucial difference.

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE CHAIN,

EDINBURGH On **Saturday 26th. April**, from **11.00am-1.00pm, on Lothian Road, Edinburgh**, Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) annual Pro-life Chain. This date recalls when the 1967 Abortion Act came into effect and the almost 11 million unborn children lost to abortion since that date. Please consider joining the chain and standing shoulder to shoulder in defence of life.

GRIEF TO GRACE A Healing Retreat for **Victims of Abuse, 29th. April to 4th. May in Perth**. This is a specialised 5-day programme of healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious/member of the clergy. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact: Grief to Grace (Scotland) at margaret.clarke@griefftograceuk.org

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

are available for collection. Thanks to everyone who has taken envelopes or signed a Gift Aid Certificate and/or Standing Order.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES may be collected from the back porch of the church and are allocated unless you have signed up to pay by standing order or by cheque, in which case you do not need allocated envelopes.

PLEASE put your name & address on the envelopes for the first three weeks of use.

NON GIFT AID ENVELOPES may be collected from the side doors of the church and are not allocated. Please simply pick up a box of envelopes.

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STANDING ORDER If you would like to pay by standing order, forms are available in the sacristy today.

GIFT AID If you would like to sign up to Gift Aid, forms are available in the sacristy.

Only three things are required:

1. You contribute to the parish in a way which can be recorded (envelopes, standing order, cheque);
2. You pay tax at the normal rate;
3. You sign a Gift Aid form.

Gift Aid does not cost you any more than you already give in the Collections.
