

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. Green is the colour of the season.

February: The Holy Family.

TODAY:

5th. SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME.

Tuesday: St. Scholastica(480-543), Religious Foundress.

Wednesday: Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of Prayer for those who are Sick.

Thursday: St. Agatha (231-251) Virgin & Martyr.

SATURDAY: ST. CYRIL (826-869) & ST. METHODIUS (815-885), CO-PATRONS OF EUROPE.

NEXT SUNDAY:

6th. SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME.

N.B.: Wednesday 18th. February is ASH WEDNESDAY.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS February 2026

For children with incurable diseases

That children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Parish Hall to help:

Sunday 12.00pm—12.30pm.

Parish helpline, please call:

07746009763



PARISH PRAYERS

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

Margaret Steele, Joan Birt, Jim Docherty, 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., especially:

Ann McElhinney, Lawrence Barilli, Patricia Cullen.

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

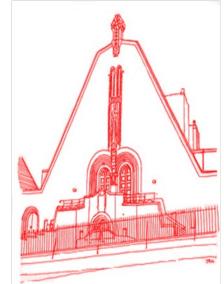
Art Magennis, Gerald Kilbride, Danny, Jimmy & Richard Lyons, Annabelle Allan, Annie (Nancy) Suijis,



ST. PATRICK'S BULLETIN

St. Patrick's Presbytery,
5 Orangefield Place,
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Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard Gallagher



8th. February 2026

5th. Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Sunday Readings: 5th. Sunday of Ordinary Time: Year A

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday-Saturday: 10.00am

Weekday Readings: 5th. Week of Ordinary Time: Year 2

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday-Friday: 9.30-9.50am

PENANCE & RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 10.30am & 4.45-5.15pm

Divine Office: 5th. Week of Ordinary Time Psalms: Week 1

Baptism: Sunday after 11.00am Mass by prior arrangement

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

TODAY'S LITURGY

1st Reading: Isaiah 58.6-10

'Your light shall break forth like the dawn.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112 (111)

R./ A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

2nd Reading: I Corinthians 2.1-5

'I proclaimed to you the mystery of Christ crucified.'

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5.13-16

'You are the light of the world.'



Following the Beatitudes, there are two short sayings, 'proverbs', depicting Jesus as a Wisdom teacher in the Jewish tradition. Jesus tells his new disciples that they are salt for the earth and light for the world: not that they will become these. This reminds us that we already give flavour and light to the world; but is it good or bad? We cannot choose not to be flavour, but we can choose what flavour to give!

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MASS THIS WEEK

Tuesday-Friday: 10.00am.

N.B. No 10.00am Mass or Confessions on Saturday morning.

ASH WEDNESDAY this year falls on **Wednesday 18th. February** (a week on Wednesday).

Here at St. Patrick's we will have Mass at **8.00am & 10.00am**.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

IN OUR DIOCESE: Ash Wednesday schedules for the whole diocese can be found on the diocesan website at rcdop.org.uk/ash.

You can search by parish, by time, by location, or download a spreadsheet with all the schedule information.

PARISH CENSUS Thanks to all who have already returned their Census Forms. To return your census forms, please just place them in the boxes provided at the doors of the Church.

Forms are still available at the doors of the church.

FINANCE

THANK YOU for last week's Offertory Collection which came to **£1,043.51** and for the Second Collection for the Building Fund which came to **£781.58**. Thank you also for **£100.00** which came in from teas & coffees in the Hall.

THIS WEEKEND SPECIAL COLLECTION

for the work of **SPRED** in our Diocese.

SPRED is the organisation which helps our brothers and sisters with additional support needs to learn about and to celebrate their faith in a way which is consistent with their additional needs.

SPRED offers people with learning disabilities a personal friend who takes time to share life and faith in a small community of faith with a sense of belonging to a parish community where opportunities are created for active belonging.

PARISH HALL EVENTS

WARM HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP in the Hall after 11.00am Mass.

Soup, sandwiches, cakes, hot and cold drinks are available thanks to **Inverclyde Council** which finances this project. ALL WELCOME.

We would welcome **new volunteers** to help with this, if you are able to spare a couple of hours once a month, please contact Father Gerry.



PARISH STALL **Western Catholic Calendar 2026** now available. 2026 Diaries are also available and packs of Christmas cards are now reduced to £2.00.

MARRIAGE 2026 All couples intending to marry at St. Patrick's this year should now make an appointment to see Fr. Gerry to start their preparation.

VOCATIONS

APPLYING FOR SEMINARY: At this time of year the Church in Scotland welcomes applications for Seminary for the year **2027**. If you think God may be calling you to the joyful life of a Priest in the Diocese of Paisley, to Preach the Word and to celebrate the Sacraments in the service of His people, 'do not be afraid – He is there.'

To find out more about the application process and Seminary itself, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Eoin Patten, by email: ve-vocations@rcdop.org.uk

NEW VOCATIONS WEBSITE Our new vocations web pages are up-and-running!

You can check them out at rcdop.org.uk/dp-vocations.

You can also support us by liking, sharing and following our Vocations social media pages:

Instagram: [@dioceseofpaisleyvocations](https://www.instagram.com/dioceseofpaisleyvocations)

TikTok: [@paisleyvocations](https://www.tiktok.com/@paisleyvocations)

X: [@DoPVocations](https://www.x.com/DoPVocations)

GREENOCK BAPTIST CHURCH Come and hear the "The Father's Song" on Sunday 28th. February at 7.00pm at Greenock Baptist Church, St. Andrew's Square, Greenock. Tickets are free from the Baptist Church.

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.

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN Please remember that notices for the Bulletin should be in writing and in an envelope clearly marked "Bulletin".

If the notice is for **Parish Prayers**, please also **put on the outside of the envelope**

1. the name of the person to be prayed for and
2. whether it is an **Anniversary or Prayers for a Sick Person**.

Although only Recent Deaths, Anniversaries and Prayers for the Sick are included in the Bulletin, Fr. Gerry is happy to offer Mass or prayers for any intentions you may have.

To guarantee being in the Bulletin, notices should be in by **Thursday evening at 5.00pm**.

