

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary Time is devoted to the unfolding of the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. Green is the colour of the season and the Gloria is said or sung on all Sundays, Solemnities and Feasts. The Creed is recited on Sundays and Solemnities.

TODAY: SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

TUESDAY: THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL
Conclusion of
The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Wednesday: Sts. Timothy & Titus.

Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274),
Priest, Religious & Doctor of the Church.

NEXT SUNDAY:

4th. SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C).

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION **JANUARY 2022**

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

PARISH PRAYERS

We pray for all who are ill or housebound.

In particular, we remember:

Joseph McGowan, Emma Sinclair,
Maureen Houston, John O'Donnell,
Anne Kane, Nancy Mew,
Jessica Glover, Caroline McNeil,
Joanne King, Teddy O'Neil.
All those who are suffering
from the consequences
of the current pandemic.

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

Mary Morrison,
Elizabeth Philip,
Hannah Deafley,
Ian Woods, Daniel Deighan,
Peter McAnulty, Margo Adamson,
Francis McConnachie, Grant Mooney,
Molly Lyden, Rose Leslie,
Patrick Leslie, Mary Ann Leslie.

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

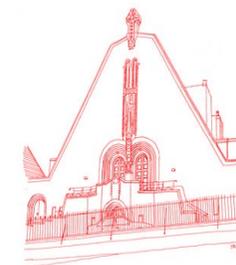
Jason Houten,
John McGurk, Patrick McGurk,
Minnie Holden, Rosemary Deegan,
Billy & Mary Deegan.



ST. PATRICK'S BULLETIN

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

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard Gallagher



23rd. January 2022

SUNDAY MASS: Saturday Vigil; 5.30pm Sunday: 9.30am & 11.00am
Sunday Readings: 3rd. SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: Year C
WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday-Saturday: 10.00am
Weekday Readings: 3rd. Week of Ordinary Time: Year 2
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday-Friday: 9.00-9.30am
PENANCE & RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 10.30am (in the Cry Chapel) & on request.
Divine Office: 3rd. Week of Ordinary Time 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: Nehemiah 8.2-6,8-10

*Ezra read from the Law of God
and the people understood what was read.*

Response to the Psalm: Psalm 18

R./ Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

2nd. Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.12-30

*You together are Christ's body;
but each of you is a different part of it.*

THE GOSPEL: Luke 1.1-4;4.14-21

This text is being fulfilled today.



Today's Liturgy: Writing to Theophilus, to whom his Gospel is dedicated, Luke wants to write an ordered account of the events about Jesus which have been handed down. This ordered account of Jesus' ministry opens in the synagogue of Nazareth, where Jesus proclaims that the Spirit of the Lord is upon him. He brings good news to the poor. He also says the words are being fulfilled as they hear them. Jesus is the prophecy and its fulfilment.



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

E-mail: stpatrick@rcdop.org.uk

Website: www.stpatricksgreenock.info

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

MASS THIS WEEK

Mass: Tuesday - Friday: 10.00am

Saturday: Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

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

Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament: Tuesday-Friday: 9.00am

TODAY:

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed are those

who hear the Word of God

Pope Francis invites to reflect on the place of God's Word in our lives in reading the scriptures or hearing them proclaimed. He invites us to take time to think about how we meet Jesus in his Word and to make that more and more a part of our daily lives.

THANK YOU for last Sunday's collection which came to £834.20 and for the second collection for Sick and Retired Priests which came to £374.24.

VISIT FROM MARY'S MEALS A volunteer from the charity Mary's Meals will speak at all Masses next weekend (29th & 30th January), giving an update on their work of providing school meals to children living in poverty around the world. Donations to the charity, up to a total of £1.6m, are currently being matched by a group of private donors during their "Double the Love" campaign.

MARRIAGE 2022 Thanks to the couples who have already contacted Fr. Gerry. Please remember that if you have arranged to marry at St. Patrick's in 2022, see Fr. Gerry as soon as possible to confirm your arrangements and to begin planning the necessary preparations.

200 CLUB: A wee gentle reminder to everyone paid up to December and January that your next month's payment is now due.

PARISH STALL: Open after 11.00am Mass for cards and devotional items. All 2022 calendars are now **£1.00**. The Western Catholic Calendar 2022 is also available for sale.

COVID 19

CRY CHAPEL: Please do not sit in the cry chapel for Mass as it is a restricted space. If a baby is crying at Mass, you might take the baby to the cry chapel to settle down, but otherwise, please sit in the main church.

STAGED EXIT FROM CHURCH: We will continue to do the staged exit from Mass, so **after the final hymn, please be seated and await the directions of the pass-keepers.** Please remember not to congregate outside the Church afterwards.

CANON BENEDICT O'KEEFFE, R.I.P.

The Funeral arrangements for Fr. Benny have been published. The Reception of the Body and Vigil Prayers will be celebrated in St. Andrew's Church, Larkfield, on **Thursday evening at 7.00pm** and the **Funeral Mass** will be celebrated in St. Andrew's on **Friday at 12.00 noon**. Both Liturgies will be live streamed.

SYNOD 2023

As you know, Pope Francis has invited all Catholics to express their dreams, ideas and concerns in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023. The Pope's invitation to discern the Church's way forward stems from his belief that the Holy Spirit inspires all of us to be missionary disciples, sharing our Good News and way of life by going out to the world.

Our diocese wants to hear YOUR views, and a consultation document with questions that *may* help direct your response can be found on www.rcdop.org.uk.

Please send any responses to Synod23@rcdop.org.uk before 8th April 2022 – all responses will be acknowledged.

DIOCESAN CHOIR Rehearsals start on **Thursday evening (27th. January), at 7.00pm** in **St. Mirin's Cathedral**. We would like to extend a warm invitation to anyone who wishes to join our ranks. If you are interested please contact our new Diocesan Director of Music, Michael, at director.music@rcdop.org.uk confirming your attendance.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30): Next event on **Wednesday evening (26th January): 6.00pm:** Holy Mass in St. Mirin's cathedral: **7.00pm:** Talk on **The Sacrament of Marriage** followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. The opportunity to meet for drinks after our event is subject to restrictions. Connect with us on social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

Supporting our clergy, serving in our parishes, helping the needy and developing our personal and family faith with like minded men. If you are a man aged 16 or over the Knights of St Columba could be your answer. Province 1 of the KSC is recruiting in the diocese NOW.

For more information on how to join Britain's largest Catholic layman's organisation, phone John O'Donnell on **07854 886425** or email:

pgk@glasgow.ksc.org.uk
