

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### ADVENT

*In Advent the Church prepares to celebrate Christmas, when we recall Christ's first Coming. As we remember so also we look forward in faith to his Second Coming at the end of time. It is a period of joyful hope. In the first part of Advent (until the 17th), we concentrate on the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time, while the first Coming at Christmas is recalled particularly from the 17th. December when Christ is seen as the fulfilment of the hope of Israel.*

*Violet (purple) is the colour of the season and the use of flowers and musical instruments is restrained until Christmas.*

**TODAY: 2nd. SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**

**MONDAY: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY.**

*Tuesday: Our Lady of Loretto.*

*Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe.*

**Friday: St. Lucy (283-304), Virgin & Martyr.**

**SATURDAY: St. John of the Cross (1542-1591), Priest & Religious.**

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**3rd. SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Gaudete Sunday.*

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## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS

### DECEMBER 2024

#### **For Pilgrims Of Hope**

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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#### **PARISH PRAYERS**

**We pray for all who are ill or housebound.**

**In particular, we remember:**

Brian McGarry, 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:**

Joseph Harkins,  
Rhona McNeil.

**We remember those whose anniversaries**

**are at this time, R.I.P., especially:**

Maudie Black,  
Thomas, Bridget & Ellen Lyons,  
Margaret O'Donnell,  
James O'Kane,  
Malcolm Cameron,  
James King.

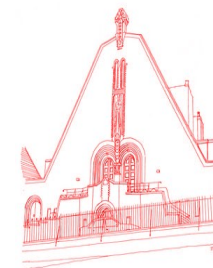
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## **ST. PATRICK'S BULLETIN**

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

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard Gallagher



### **8th. December 2024**

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

**Sunday Readings: 2nd. Sunday of Advent: Year C**

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

**Weekday Readings: 2nd. Week of Advent**

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

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

**Divine Office: 2nd. Week of Advent: Psalms: Week 2**

**Baptism: Sunday after 11.00am Mass**

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

### **TODAY'S LITURGY**

**1st. Reading: Baruch 5.1-9**

*'God will show your splendour.'*

**Response to the Psalm: Psalm 126 (125)**

**R. What great deeds the LORD worked for us!**

**Indeed, we were glad.**

**2nd. Reading: Philippians 1.3-6,8-11**

*'Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.'*

**THE GOSPEL: Luke 3.1-6**

*'All flesh shall see the salvation of God.'*



**Today's Liturgy:** Once again, prophecy holds the key to understanding Advent. Baruch points to a great future for a nation in exile; people must prepare by obeying God's decree to flatten mountain and fill in valleys. Israel will then walk in safety under the glory of God, with God's mercy and integrity for escort. Today John The Baptist urges people to be baptised (literally, immersed) in the things of God, demonstrated by them being immersed in water.



### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

**In the Parish Hall to help:**

**Sunday 12.00pm & Tuesday: 7.00pm**

**Parish helpline, please call:**

**07907876505.**



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## WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK

**Monday-Saturday: 10.00am.**

As **Monday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady**, we will have **10.00am Mass on Monday.**

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**RCIC P4 COMMITMENT MASS** Today at **11.00am Mass**, our boys and girls from **P4 in St. Patrick's P.S.**, accompanied by their parents, sponsors and teachers, commit themselves to preparing for the celebration of the **Sacraments of Baptism, Penance & Reconciliation & First Holy Communion** in Lent-Easter 2025. Please keep the candidates and their families and teachers in your prayers.

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**NEW LECTIONARY AT MASS** Our readings at Mass now come from the English Standard Version translation of the Bible. We have a leaflet at Mass with the readings on it to help us to get used to the new translation. Please return these leaflets to the doors of the Church after Mass.

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**ALL DAY CONFESSIONS** in preparation for Christmas will take place in our Deanery as follows:

**Tuesday 17th. December**, St. John The Baptist Church, Port Glasgow;

**Friday 20th. December**, St. Mary's Church, Greenock. More details in next week's Bulletin.

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**THANK YOU** for last week's **Offertory Collection** which raised **£1,222.30** and for the **Building Fund Collection** which came to **£896.90.**

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## PARISH HALL EVENTS

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

**PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER** on **Saturday at 1.00pm** in the **Parish Hall. Tickets are available in the Hall after 11.00am Mass today.**

**QUIZ NIGHT** Thank you to everyone who supported last Sunday's Quiz Night in the Hall in which eight teams participated. A grand total of **£204** was raised to be split equally between ourselves and St. Joseph's.

**COFFEE MORNING** Thank you to everyone who supported last weekend's Coffee Morning in the Hall which raised the sum of **£860.00**, to be split equally between the Parish and St. Patrick's P.S. Special thanks to all who helped to organise the events, especially Elizabeth, whose initiative it was and who worked so hard to make it a success, and to all who donated all the goodies on offer, the home baking, the toys and the raffle prizes.

**ARDGOWAN HOSPICE CHOIR** Thanks to all who supported the **Christmas Concert** in the Hall on Wednesday evening which realised **£258** to be divided between the Hospice and the Parish. Thanks to the talented choir for a lovely evening and to the hall team for the teas & coffees.

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**R.C.I.A.** The Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults mark the process by which we introduce adults to membership of the Church. The Rites culminate in the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday Night (next year, Saturday 19th. April) when the Church celebrates the Resurrection of Christ from the dead.

Anyone who is thinking of becoming a catholic, or who would just like to find out more about what is involved in being a catholic, is asked to speak to Fr. Gerry as soon as possible. Any preparation will begin immediately in the new year.

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**PARISH STALL** Christmas cards, Advent calendars, 2025 Church Art Calendars, Diaries and other seasonal gifts, with a selection of cards for other occasions, are available in the Parish Stall **after 11.00am Mass on Sunday and 10.00am Mass on Thursday.**

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**ADVENT SCRIPTURE TALKS** *Longing for Light: Journeying through Advent with the Scriptures* with Fr. Ryan Black, continue in the **Diocesan Office, Paisley, at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11th. December & Tuesday 17th. December.**

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Fr. Joe Balmer, Parish Priest of St. John The Baptist, Port Glasgow, who has been appointed to the Chapter of Canons. Fr. Joe was installed into the diocesan Chapter of Canons in **St. Mirin's Cathedral on Thursday evening.**

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**LOURDES HOSPITALITÉ:** Booking is now open for the **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 28<sup>th</sup> June-3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025.** Booking is currently via the Tangney Tours website, booking forms will be available soon.

- If you have a life limiting, chronic medical condition or are taking regular medication you should register with the medical/nursing team.
- If you wish to come to Lourdes as part of the **medical/nursing or helper team**, please attend the meeting on **7<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm in St Ninian's, Gourrock.**
- If you would like to come to Lourdes as a **registered sick pilgrim** please come to the meeting on **26<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm in St Ninian's, Gourrock.**

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Louise pilgrimage co-ordinator on 01475 638132

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**DIOCESAN PODCAST:** Sancta Familia Media look back on **The Papal Nuncio's visit to the Diocese.**

Listen now on the Diocesan website [www.rcdop.org.uk/podcast](http://www.rcdop.org.uk/podcast) or on the major streaming platforms; Apple Music, Amazon, Spotify etc.

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**IRH CHAPLAINCY** In addition to our 24/7 emergency chaplain cover at IRH, we also 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.

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