

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

THE SEASON OF LENT

LENT prepares for Easter, for the Lenten Liturgy disposes both the faithful and Catechumens to celebrate **THE PASCHAL MYSTERY** as the centre of the Liturgical year and of the Christian life. Lent was originally the time of preparation for those who were to become members of the Church at Easter (the Catechumens). **Purple** is the colour of the season. **Flowers** are not used and **musical instruments** are only used to support the singing. The **Gloria** is omitted except on Solemnities and Feasts other than Sunday.

TODAY: 1st. SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C).

MONDAY: ST. JOHN OGILVIE (1580-1615),
JESUIT PRIEST & MARTYR.

NEXT SUNDAY: 2nd. SUNDAY OF LENT
(Year C).

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS MARCH 2025

FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

That broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

PARISH PRAYERS

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

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:

Anne McCrae,
James Reilly,
William Sinclair,
Edward Boyle,
Letty Millar.

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

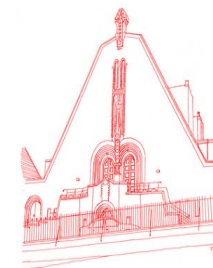
Isabel Malone, William Malone,
Peter Alford,
Archie Cameron,
Gerry & Bridie Harkins,
Angus Blyth,
Helen Heather Bennett,
Helen Bennett, Alice Bennett.



ST. PATRICK'S BULLETIN

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

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard Gallagher



9th. March 2025

1st. SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Sunday Readings: 1st. Sunday of Lent: Year C

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday-Saturday: 10.00am

Weekday Readings : 1st. Week of Lent

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday-Friday: 9.00-9.30am

PENANCE & RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 10.30am & 4.45-5.15pm (in the Cry Chapel) & on request.

Divine Office: 1st. Week of Lent Psalms: Week 1

Baptism: Sunday after 11.00am Mass

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

TODAY'S LITURGY

1st. Reading: Deuteronomy 26.4-10

The confession of faith of the chosen people.

Response to the Psalm: Psalm 91 (90)

R./ Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

2nd. Reading: Romans 10.8-13

The confession of faith of believers in Christ.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 4.1-13

'Jesus was led by the Spirit in the wilderness tempted by the devil.'



Today's Liturgy: We pray, "Lead us not into temptation" every day, and just as well. There are so many things to tempt us and to pull us away from doing God's will. Once we have given in once, it is easier to succumb the next time. We have Jesus as our model, who, whilst the Son of God, is fully as human as each of us. He was tempted but did not sin. Let us pray to him to help us when we are tempted.



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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**CENTENARY OF ST. PATRICK'S PARISH
1924-2024**

SUNDAY 16th. MARCH 2025

**We will celebrate our Centenary
NEXT SUNDAY, 16th. MARCH 2025,
The Vigil of St. Patrick's Day.**

Mass will be at 6.00pm

followed by an informal reception.

Bishop John will preside at our Centenary Mass.

We hope that as many parishioners as possible
will join us for this Mass.

LENT 2025 As has been our tradition for the last few years, during Lent we will use the **Confiteor** with the **Kyrie eleison** for the **Penitential Rite**. For our **Profession of Faith** we will use the **Apostles Creed** to help us prepare for the **Renewal of our Baptismal Promises** at Easter. We will also use the **Prayer Over the People** before the Final Blessing. **These texts are printed on the back of your Mass Sheet.**

MASS THIS WEEK

Monday-Saturday: 10.00am.

During Lent we will have Mass each Monday at 10.00am.

WAY OF THE CROSS:

Friday at 9.45am.

SCIAF LENTEN CAMPAIGN The SCIAF packs with the **Wee Boxes** are available to take home with you today.

PARISH HALL EVENTS

WARM HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP

In the Hall today after 11.00am Mass, soup, sandwiches and hot drinks free of charge to anyone who comes along. We need some volunteers to help, so if you would like to volunteer please contact Father Gerry.

COFFEE MORNING Our P4 children have formed a **Missio & Mini Vinnie Group** and are organising a **Coffee Morning** which will take place in the **Parish Hall** on **Wednesday 26th. March** at **10.30am** (after 10.00am Mass).

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM Our dedicated team of cleaners is greatly in need of new members, especially with our Centenary celebration coming up. They meet every second Wednesday after 10.00am Mass for approximately one hour. Anyone who is able to help will be most welcome.

LENTEN TALKS at St. Joseph & St. Patrick's, Wemyss Bay at 7.00pm.

Thursday, 20th March "The Eucharist, the Pearl of Great Price" by Fr. Jonathan Whitworth

Wednesday, 2nd April "Return to Me: The Sacrament of Reconciliation" by Fr. Ryan Black.

DIOCESAN YOUTH

P4-P7 LENTEN RETREAT DAY for children in **P4-P7, TODAY, Sunday, 1.45-5.00pm** in **St. James' Church and Halls, Greenock Road, Paisley, PA3 2LD**. The theme is *The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary*. The day will include Holy Mass and a light dinner will be provided. Registration is necessary:

www.tinyurl.com/dpy-lent25.

E-mail Fr Ryan for more info:

VE-Youth@rcdop.org.uk

DIocese of Paisley Podcast: Yvonne O'Hara speaks to Rolando Streber of the Dicastery for Evangelisation in Rome about what our Jubilee 2025 pilgrims can expect. Listen now at rcdop.org.uk/podcast or wherever you listen to your podcasts. Please like, follow, and leave us a review!

INVERCLYDE ACROSS TO LOURDES will be opening the **Charity Shop** in 10 Bay Street **Port Glasgow, for 4 weeks, from Monday 10th March**. The shop will open from 10.00am Monday till Friday. Donations will be gratefully received in the shop.

ADDITIONAL TEACHING QUALIFICATION IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Catholic Schools):

The St. Andrews Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education offers the opportunity for teachers to gain an additional qualification in religious education. The ATQRE course fulfils the academic requirement for applying to the GTCs for professional registration as a specialist Religious Education teacher in the Catholic Secondary school. The course begins in August 2025. For all details including teaching dates and costs - <https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/cpd/atqreforcatholicalschools/>

The Diocese of Paisley will pay one third of the fees for any applicants who live in the diocese and attend bishop John's support sessions. For details - <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/atqre>

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion, north of **Glasgow, Friday, 21st. to Sunday 23rd. March**. For anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information contact **Sr. Andrea** on **07816 942824** or e-mail sisterandrea@rachelvineyard.org.uk

For more details go to

www.rachelvineyard.org.uk

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.
