

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### EASTERTIDE

*The fifty days from Easter Sunday to PENTECOST are celebrated in joyful exultation as one great feastday, one "GREAT ALLELUIA!", for CHRIST IS TRULY RISEN!*

### TODAY: 4th. SUNDAY OF EASTER

World Day of Prayer  
For Vocations To The Priesthood  
& Religious Life,  
"Good Shepherd Sunday".

### THURSDAY: ST. MARK (+68), EVANGELIST.

### Friday, 10.00am:

Funeral Mass of  
Mary Doherty, R.I.P.

### NEXT SUNDAY:

5th. SUNDAY OF EASTER.  
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### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS

April 2024

### For The Role Of Women

That the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

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## PARISH PRAYERS

**We pray for all who are ill or housebound. In particular, we remember:**

Christine Cairns, 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:**

**Mary Doherty,  
Helen McFarlane,  
Blair Patterson,  
Mrs. Logan, Alan Clark,  
Francis, James & Neil O'Rourke.**

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

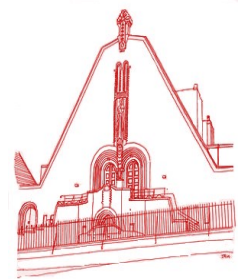
**Rev. Canon Michael G. Sheridan,  
Assistant Priest here, 1970-1977,  
Cathie Grant, Willie Burns,  
John Black, Chrissie Black McInnes,  
Kimberley Reid, Andy Lansdowne,  
Richard, Daniel & Jimmy Lyons  
Alan Clark,  
Francis, James & Neil O'Rourke.**  
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## ST. PATRICK'S BULLETIN

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

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard Gallagher



21st. April 2024

4th. SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

**Sunday Readings: 4th. SUNDAY OF EASTER: Year B**

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

**Weekday Readings: 4th. Week of Easter**

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

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

**Divine Office: 4th. Week of Easter Psalms: Week 4**

**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: Acts 4.8-12**

*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117**

**R./** The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

**2nd. Reading: 1 John 3.1-2**

*We shall see God as he really is.*

**THE GOSPEL: John 10.11-18**

*The good shepherd*

*is one who lays down his life for his sheep.*

**Today's Liturgy:** Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows his sheep. He is close enough to die for them, both those already within his fold, plus those others who will ultimately form one flock with them. In another way, Peter, "the rock", proclaims Jesus as the overarching keystone. Love binds all together in safety.  
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**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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Website: [www.stpatricksgreenock.info](http://www.stpatricksgreenock.info)

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

**TODAY:**  
**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
**FOR VOCATIONS,**  
**“GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY”.**

Please remember to pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life.

If you are considering the Priesthood or religious life, please speak to Fr. Gerry or to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison, tel: [0141 889 5056](tel:01418895056) or e-mail [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk)

**PASTORAL LETTER** We have a Pastoral Letter from Bishop John today, which we have printed off. Please take a copy home with your Bulletin.

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**TEAS & COFFEES** free in the Hall after 11.00am Mass, funded by Inverclyde Council's *Warm Hands of Friendship Scheme*. Sincere thanks to Inverclyde Council for funding this.

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**STALL** A selection of Confirmation and First Holy Communion cards is now available in the stall which is open after 11.00am Mass on Sunday.

**TEAS & COFFEES** will resume in the Hall in May after the Warm Hands of Friendship scheme ends at the end of April.

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**THANK YOU** for last week's Offertory Collection which raised £1057.16.

Thanks to the family who gave us a bequest, from their late Mum's estate, of £2,000 and to the parishioner who gave a donation of £2,000 towards the repair work in the Church.

Thanks also for £202.00 received from the last two Quiz Nights and £100.00 from teas & coffees in the Hall which will go to the Hall renovation Fund.

**THIS WEEKEND:**  
**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR**  
**VOCATIONS & ECCLESIASTICAL**  
**STUDENTS**

This collection pays for our seminarians studying in Rome and Spain. Currently we have one student who is completing his studies in Rome this summer, and a new student (currently in his propaedeutic year in Spain) taking his place. We currently have one student studying for the permanent diaconate. In 2022 our total vocations income was £80,644 with collections raising £34,434, friends standing orders totalling £8,326, grants of £33,333 and other income of £4,551. Our total expenditure was £72,831 which included fees £59,510, student grants £6,936 and other expenses totalling £6,385. This left us with a modest surplus of £7,813.

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**NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are now in use

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** are allocated and may be collected from the back porch of the Church.

**NON GIFT AID ENVELOPES** may be collected at the side doors of the Church.

**Gift Aid:** If your circumstances have changed and you can no longer Gift Aid on behalf of the parish, would you please let Fr. Gerry know so that we can accurately allocate the Gift Aid envelopes.

If you could sign a Gift Aid form on behalf of the parish, would you please let Fr. Gerry know so that you can be allocated Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year.

**Sincere thanks to everyone for your continuing support of the Parish in the Offertory Collection, by Standing Order or by cheque. Your support is very much appreciated.**

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**REPAIR WORK ON THE CHURCH** will be starting this week. You can see the external scaffolding at the Holmscroft Street gate now in place to allow the work to begin.

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**OUR DIOCESAN RESPONSE TO THE SYNOD SYNTHESIS REPORT** - may be found on the Diocesan Website.

Please pray for the success of this worldwide Synod process.

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**“CATHOLIC FAMILIES FOR LIFE”:** The newsletter from the Bishops' Commission for Marriage, Family & Life may be downloaded at [www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk](http://www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk)

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**DIOCESAN OFFICE: VACANCIES**

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:**

The Diocese of Paisley is recruiting a part-time Office Administrator based at the Diocesan Centre, Paisley, who will support the Property Manager and the PA to the bishop with office administration.

Find out more here:

<https://www.rcdop.org.uk/news/vacancy-office-administrator>.

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER:** The Diocese is recruiting a Fundraiser to expand our work with young people. For more info, visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/news/recruitment-fundraiser>.

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**IRH** 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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