

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
World Communications Day**

St Joseph and St Patrick's Wemyss Bay 12 May 2023

Weekend Masses Vigil Saturday 5pm Sunday 10am & 5pm

Weekdays Mass 10 am Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday

Sunday 10am Mass and weekday Masses live streamed

Parish YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/stjstp>

Please remember in your prayers:

Sick:, Grace McLare, Tony Doran, Philip McLaughlin, Paula Clark, Derek Fraser, Donald Smith, Bernard Hampson, Elizabeth Carey, Sophie Bevan, Lisa Reidy, Desmond Harley, Pauline Gurney, Judy Gilmour, Michael Martin, Sheila Barnicle, Billy McFayden, Anne Boyle, Lauren Brophy, Jim and Janette Sorrell.

Recently died: Nan McFarlane, Nora McBride

Anniversaries: Margaret Johnston, Betty McGuire, Bernard and Elizabeth McGuire

May, the lovely month of Mary, Our Blessed Mother

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

World Communications Day

There is a Special Collection this weekend to help with Communications. Pope Francis' message and a letter from Bishop Toal can both be found on the Diocesan website. <https://rcdop.org.uk>

Garden Party, Sunday, 2nd June at 11 am.

Tickets, £3 are on sale after all Masses. There's a box for donations to the Raffle and Bottle stalls in the porch at the back of the church. Would all our bakers please sign up on the sheets at the back so we can know what's coming in.

There's a meeting for all volunteers in the church hall at 7 pm on Tuesday, 14th May.

50-50 Club

Congratulations to this month's winner Elizabeth Blair

Sister Penny of The Sacred Heart Sisters will be with us next weekend.

This is our annual missionary appeal.

If you regularly attend St Joseph & St Patrick's, please consider registering at <https://tinyurl.com/parishreg>

Liturgical Word of The Week

"For the remaining Sunday's of May we are going to look at words connected to Mary. This week we begin with **Annunciation**. "Like Abraham, Mary is asked to answer "yes" to something that has never happened before...Like Abraham, Mary must walk in the dark, trusting in the One who has called her. However, even her question "How is it possible?" suggests that Mary is ready to answer "yes", notwithstanding her fears and uncertainties. Mary does not ask if the promise is realisable, but only how it will be realised...Mary shows herself the true daughter of Abraham and becomes the Mother of Christ and Mother of all believers." St John Paul II, 25th March 2000"

Pope Frances' intention for May

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

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St Columba's High School Annual Garden Party will be held on Saturday 8 June at 10.00am. Please do come along and support us!

It is a great family day out with an opportunity to learn new skills; visit the garden and hear about the progress made from our young people.

The Stall

This is the month for First Communion and Confirmation. **The stall is open after Sunday 10am Mass.** There is a lovely collection of cards, rosaries, books and other gifts. Please call in and have a look.

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Retreat Day for Primary School Pupils - Pentecost:The Diocese of Paisley will be hosting a retreat day for primary school pupils in p4-7 at St. Mary's, Paisley on Sunday 19th May 2-5pm (Mass at 4.15pm). The retreat day will include activities, Mass and the chance to meet new friends. All participants must bring a signed consent form. Consent forms can be obtained from your parish, primary school, downloaded from the Diocesan website or by contacting Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel 0141 8895056. All children must be collected at the end of the event.

Fr Berry's Philosophical Corner

Normal service has been resumed.
I found a book called *How to Solve 50% of Your Problems*. So I bought 2.

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Dear St Joseph, Guardian of The Holy Family, watch over our Parish St Patrick, pray for us