

**St Joseph and St Patrick's Wemyss Bay**  
**1st Sunday of Lent**  
**18<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Weekend Masses** Vigil 5pm Sunday 10am 5pm Confession Saturday 4.30pm

**Weekdays** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Exposition 9.30am -9.50am

**Sunday 10am and Weekday Masses online.**

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

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Sick:**, Grace McLare, Tony Doran, Philip McLaughlin, Paula Clark, Derek Fraser, Donald Smith  
Bernard Hampson, Elizabeth Carey, Miriam Slaven, Sophie Bevan, Lisa Reidy, Peter McNally,  
Pauline Gurney, Pat McCabe, Anne McAlonan, Judy Gilmour, Michael Martin,  
Desmond Harley and Billy McFayden

**Recently died:** Anne Forde, Charles Coyle

**Anniversaries:** Elsa Fallone, Richard Pickett

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**Bishops' Conference of Scotland Lenten Message**

**Lent asks us to change our lives through fasting, prayer and acts of charity.** Lent is about changing the world through these actions but first and foremost it is about changing ourselves, our hearts. Who am I? What have I become? Am I lost in a wilderness of my own making like the people of Israel in the desert refusing to listen to the words of God. Lent asks me to look at my life and to change for the better, for a future that sometimes seems impossible because of the mess I have made. In our world of today Lent is a powerful reminder that despite all the hurt, pain, conflict, injustice, war, scepticism about people and institutions, politics, individualism, failure to see the dignity of human life in the unborn and the dying, in the migrant and in each other, brokenness and division in families and nations, that we can change by turning away from sin and believing in the Good News of the Gospel. Life and love will overcome death and decay. As we begin our 40 days we put crosses on our foreheads and we pray **We adore thee O Christ and we praise thee because by thy Holy Cross you have redeemed the world**

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**World Day of Prayer in our Parish**

This year the World Day of Prayer is taking place on **Friday 1st March at 7pm in our church.** It involves parishioners from Inverkip and Skelmorlie Parish churches as well as ourselves. Please come along and support this event.

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**Lenten calendars:** The Lenten calendars, which encourage us to pray for our Priests and all those ministering in our Diocese, are now available, the calendar is available on the Diocesan website: <https://rcdop.org.uk/>

**This Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February we are asked to pray for Paul Laverty**, seminarian in Rome who, God willing, will be ordained a Deacon in April.

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**Teas and Coffees in the hall after Sunday 10am Mass**

**Advance Notice**

**St Patrick's Festivities Friday 22 March in the Hall**

**Liturgical Word of the Week**

This week we look at the sixth of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: **Piety** (Devotion). Piety means to have a familial respect for God, other people and holy things. It also means paying worship and duty to God, paying due duty to all men on account of their relationship to God, and honouring the saints and not contradicting Scripture. With the gift of piety, the Holy Spirit enables us to pray to our Father in heaven with child-like trust and confidence.

**Parish Pastoral Council**

**The next meeting of the PPC is this Thursday, 22 February** in the hall at 7 pm.

If you have any questions, suggestions or comments please et a member of the Council know or email the address below. The AGM minutes are posted at the back of the church.

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**Across Pilgrimage – Help Required:** Across require helpers and medics for April 25--May 4 2024 pilgrimage to Lourdes, from Scotland. More info from the Across Office - [020 3542 1800](tel:02035421800)or [pilgrimages@across.org.uk](mailto:pilgrimages@across.org.uk)

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**Marriage Preparation Courses 2024 – Diocese of Paisley:** We invite all couples due to be Married in 2024 to register for one our three courses this year. Each course will consist of two evening in-person sessions, and one Saturday morning workshop, which will be held in St. Mirin’s Cathedral Hall, Paisley. The cost for the course per couple is £50 which includes a gift with additional reading materials, couple exercises, books and light refreshments during the workshop. You can follow the link to access further information <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/marriage-preparation>

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**Young Adults:** The ‘Christ in the Covenants’ series continues with a talk from Fr Joshua Moir, who will explore God’s promises made through the prophets. Aged 18-35? Come along to learn more about the Faith and to meet other young Catholics. The talk begins at 7pm in the Diocesan office on Wednesday 6th March. It will end with Adoration and Benediction, followed by an opportunity to socialise in a local bar. Email Fr Ryan ([ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk)) or Fr Joe McGill ([joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk)) for more info, and to be added to the WhatsApp group.

**Fr Berry’s Philosophical Corner**

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**Please do contact them if you have any concerns.**

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