

## ***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

### **St Joseph and St Patrick's Wemyss Bay 28 April 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>**

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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, Sophie Bevan, Lisa Reidy, Desmond Harley, Pauline Gurney, Judy Gilmour, Michael Martin, Sheila Barnicle, Billy McFayden, Jim and Janette Sorrell and Fr Neil Sharp.

**Recently died:** Fr Martin Chambers, Morag Wilson, Margaret Hampsey.

**Anniversaries:** Stephen Hart, Dom Di Murro, Pat Queen, Seamus McCauley

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***Morag Wilson R.I.P.***

*Morag will be received into the church on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm.*

*The Funeral Mass is at 10 am Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April.*

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**May 1<sup>st</sup> Feast of St Joseph the Worker**

This was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955 to state clearly that the Church was also interested in the rights and dignity of workers.

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**The Pastoral Letter from the Bishops' Conference can be seen at**

<https://rcpolitics.org/latest-news/>

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**Safeguarding Training:** Safeguarding induction training has been reorganised into one course only. If you are a new volunteer, or one who completed the Part 1 training course more than a year ago, you are invited to sign up for one of the next training sessions taking place on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm in St Mary's parish hall, Greenock; Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am in St John's parish hall, Barrhead. Contact Sarah Jane Colhoun at [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk) or call her on 0141 847 6138 to book a place

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**A Family Day with Mary – Sunday 12th of May:** Bishop John and the Marriage, Family, and Life Commission warmly invites you to join families throughout the Diocese for an afternoon of celebration and fun in honour of Mary our Mother! The day will begin at 2 PM in St John's, Barrhead parish hall on Sunday the 12th of May and will include prayer, games, activities for children and refreshments for all. We will conclude with Holy Mass at 4 PM.

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**FIRST FRIDAYS FOR LIFE - 3rd May 2024 - St Fillan's, Houston:** *Will you fast and pray every First Friday for Life?* Bishop John invites you to fast and pray on the First Friday of each month to protect the unborn child and for the flourishing of the Pro-Life movement so that our society will build an authentic culture of life. Join your priests throughout the diocese on the First Friday of each month as we pray for life! **The next Mass will be offered in St Fillan's, Houston, on Friday the 3rd of May at 7 PM;** Adoration & Confession from 6 PM. Bishop John will offer the Mass.

## Liturgical word of the Week

This week we look at the ninth of the Ten Commandments: **You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or anything that is your neighbour's.** Jesus stated, "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God." This purity of heart, which the ninth commandment introduces, is the "precondition of the vision of God" and allows the person to see situations and people as God sees. The Catechism teaches that "there is a connection between purity of heart, of body and of faith." In Matthew 5:28, "Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart" Jesus emphasises the need for pure thoughts as well as actions.

**Young Adults:** The 'Christ in the Covenants' series comes to an end with a talk from **Fr Joe McGill**, who will explore the new and eternal covenant of Christ, on **Wednesday 8th May**. 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. It will end with Adoration and Benediction, followed by an opportunity to socialise in a local bar. Email 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.

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**Sacred Music:** *The Diocesan Choir presents an Evening of Sacred Choral Music on Sun 12th May at from 6-7pm in St Mirin's Cathedral. There will be a retiring collection for Cathedral funds. All welcome.*

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## Pope Francis' Intention for April

### For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

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## Fr Berry's Philosophical Corner

From a special contributor particularly for the younger parishioners.  
How do you get Pikachu on a bus? You Poke-m-on.

## Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators

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

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