

St Joseph and St Patrick's Wemyss Bay
31st Sunday Year A 5th November 2023

Weekend Masses Vigil 5pm Sunday 10am & 5pm

Weekday Masses Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10am

Exposition 9.30am – 9.50am Confessions Saturday 4.30pm

Sunday 10am and weekday Masses on line. 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, Paul Kearney, Derek Fraser, Bernard Hampson, Elizabeth Carey, Miriam Slaven, Sophie Bevan, Marie Stevenson, Lisa Reidy, Pauline Gurney, Moira Kirwan, Mary Walker and Pat McCabe

Recently died: Clare O'Donnell, Gerti Gallagher, Kathlee Gormley, Jim McLean,

Michael Carey, Mary Balmer, John Sharp, Fidelma O'Donoghue-Ryan, Ida Rowley, Irene Campbell

Anniversaries: James McBride, Stephanie Darung, John Grant, Sandra Grant Dalgleish,
John Hagan and Ted McMunn.

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November Month of the Holy Souls

Slips and envelopes are available at the back of the church, please add the names of those you wished to be prayed for. These will be remembered at all Masses during November.

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After Sunday 10 am Mass

<p>200 Club First Draw</p> <p>The first draw for our 200 Club will take place in the hall after Mass.</p> <p>Winner takes half, at least £128 as we go to print.</p> <p>Good Luck.</p>	<p>Parish Pastoral Council AGM</p> <p>The annual AGM will take place after the 200 club draw.</p> <p>Review of the year Priorities for this year Preparations for Advent Financial review Review of parish registration.</p>
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Dates for the Diary

November 21st Starter Packs Coffee Morning St Mary's Church Hall 10am-Noon £2.50

November 24th Ladies Night in the Hall. Tickets £5 on sale after weekend Masses.

Liturgical Word of the Week

'Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the Earth' These words were delivered in the Sermon on the Mount. To be meek is to be gentle, humble, lowly. The meek are the 'gentle'... those who do not assert themselves over others in order to further their own agendas in their own strength, but who will nonetheless inherit the Earth because they trust in God to direct the outcome of events.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Completed at the end of October, please find the Synthesis Document here:
[Documents \(synod.va\)](#) Any comments, please send to Synod23@rcdop.org.uk.

Viewing of Series One of the Chosen

Monday 1.30pm to 3pm on November 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Saint Bernadette's Church, Park Drive, Erskine. It's free and refreshments provided. Everyone is most welcome.

The Pope's Prayer intention for November

This month we pray for the Holy Father himself.

"Pray to the Lord that He will bless me," saying, "Your prayer gives me strength and helps me to discern and to accompany the Church, listening to the Holy Spirit."

Threat to Religious Freedom: The Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill, tabled by Gillian MacKay MSP, will soon be debated in Holyrood. This Bill will introduce so-called buffer zones around abortion clinics. It bans prayer in certain areas – a massive attack on religious freedom – and removes a lifeline for women who want to keep their babies but feel they have no other choice than abortion. Please contact your Members of the Scottish Parliament to make your views known. To enable people to contact all eight of their MSPs at once, SPUC has created an easy-to-use webtool, which can be found here: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/nobufferzonesScotland>. Entering your postcode brings up who your MSPs are, together with an editable email template. You can then edit the email template and submit the email to all eight of your MSPs.

Thank you for the continuing donations to the foodbank.

Fr Berry's Philosophical Corner

I once entered a weather pun competition. I beat the raining champion.

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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.