

St Joseph and St Patrick's Wemyss Bay

3rd Sunday of the Year

21st January 2024

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

Weekdays Monday Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am Exposition 9.30-9.50am

Sunday 10am and Weekday Masses online.

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

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, Lisa Reidy, Peter McNally, Pauline Gurney, Mary Walker, Pat McCabe, Kelly Remillard, Anne McAlonan and Billy McFayden

Recently died: Jim Knox, Tommy Rodger, Ross Moran, James Jamieson

Anniversaries: Kitty Lynch

Special Collection for Sick and Retired Priests Fund

A special collection will be taken this weekend. For those wanting to contribute online this can be done through the Parish registration page or on the Diocesan website.

Parish Pastoral Council

The PPC met this week and covered a great variety of topics including, First Communions, Confirmation, church fabric, fund raising, future events, report from the Diocesan Pastoral Council, Diocesan events and services at the Cathedral, Parish online registration, the upcoming Holy Year, Communion under both kinds.

Covid guidelines were also discussed as this was raised by some parishioners. Despite the rise in covid cases and the prevalence of the flu season there are no current guidelines from either the government or the church.

The PPC felt we should all be aware of the concerns regarding covid particularly in assemblies. If anyone wants to wear a mask in church then they are perfectly entitled to do so and if anyone is feeling a bit unwell then maybe they should consider the Sunday 10am Mass online.

The Parish Prayer Circle has just celebrated its first anniversary.

If you would like some intention prayed for, please fill in the form at the back of the church and put it in the box in the porch. It can be anonymous if you wish.

Pope Francis Intentions for January 2024

FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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

We have two online forms available through the Parish Register that are accessible to all.

You do not need to be registered to access these.

If you pay income tax, then please consider completing a **Gift Aid form** that can now be completed online at the link below: <https://tinyurl.com/stjoseph-giftaid>

If you would like an intention prayed for by the **Parish Prayer Circle**, then you can now do this online at the link below: <https://tinyurl.com/stjoseph-prayers>

Liturgical Word of the Week

This week we look at the second of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: **Understanding**. It is the gift of intelligence and enlightenment. It is the ability to perceive, comprehend, and interpret information; to have insight and discern meaning. It means to see the truth, meaning and implications of what God has revealed, e.g. in Scripture.

P4-P7 Lenten Retreat Day: This diocesan retreat takes place on Sunday 18th February, from 2-5.30pm, in St Mary’s, Paisley. It will start in the church hall. The retreat day will include activities, Mass and the chance to meet new friends. All participants must bring a signed consent form, which can be obtained from your parish or primary school, or by contacting Fr John Morrison at vocations@rcdop.org.uk or on 0141 889 5056. The forms will soon be available on the diocesan website.

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Young Adults: The ‘Christ in the Covenants’ series continues with a talk from Fr Ryan Black, who will explore God’s covenant with David. 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 7th February.** 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) or Fr Joe McGill (joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk) for more info, and to be added to the WhatsApp group.

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PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER (St. Mary’s Largs):

Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be designated a Year of Prayer, as a preparation for the Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope" in 2025. The Year of Prayer is an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and rediscover anew the power of prayer. We are being encouraged to reflect on our life of prayer: what we pray, how and why we pray. This is for two reasons: 1) To encourage people to go deeper in their commitment to pray, and in their love of God; 2) To think about how they might accompany someone else to pray during the coming Year of Prayer.

To facilitate this we will be offering a series of "Pilgrimage of Prayer" workshops exploring a variety of different ways of praying. throughout this year. Workshops will take place in the parish hall or church at **2.00 on the first Saturday of the month** beginning with *Lectio Divina* Praying with Scripture on the **3rd February**. Our Pilgrimage of Prayer workshops will include: The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Guided Meditation, Taizé Prayer, Prayer and Praise, Prayer and Sacred Art, The Divine Office, Our Lady Untier of Knots, Prayer and Sacred Music.

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Fr Berry’s Philosophical Corner

What do you call it when you cross a classic card game with a sea storm?
Bridge over troubled waters.

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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.