



Third Sunday of Advent Year A
St Joseph & St Patrick's Wemyss Bay
Weekend Masses; Saturday 5pm Sunday 10am 5pm

Mass at 10am Sunday will be live streamed.
 Parish YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/stjstp>.

Weekday Mass, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 10am

These will be live streamed
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30 -9.50am
Confessions Saturday 4.30pm

Please remember in your prayers:

Sick: John Toohey, Clare O'Donnell, Grace McLare, Tony Doran, Marie Carter, Alice Greenway, Kate Van der Linden, Bernard Hampson, Isabel Stewart, Adrienne McVicar, Caroline McDonald, Philip McLaughlin, Paul McDonald, Gerry McQuaid, Aimee Carter, Pat Locke, Paula Clark, Michael Follan, Mary Deegan, Paul Kearney, Anita Carter and Ellen Lambert

Recently died: David Herkes, Jane Thomson, William Graham and Billy Thompson

Anniversaries:

Christmas Masses		New Year Masses	
Christmas Eve	Carols 7pm Mass 7.30pm	Saturday	5pm
Christmas Day	10am 11.30am	New Year's day	10am 11.30am
<u>There will be no evening Mass</u>		<u>There will be no evening Mass</u>	

"The BIG CHURCH CHRISTMAS CLEAN will be on Wednesday, 21st December at 7.00pm You are very welcome to come along and help out and we shouldn't be any longer than 1 hour - just turn up to the Church.

Foodbank Donation

The response to the Foodbank request was fantastic, probably even better than before. The foodbank weigh the items in. So the donation was 603 kilos which in old money is just short of **.6 of a ton**

Thank you

Christmas Stall

Between now and Christmas the stall will be open in the hall after Sunday 10am Mass. Teas and coffees served as usual.

Liturgical Word
Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

Gaudete-which means rejoice, is today's theme, expressing the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration.

Christmas Fete at The Little Sisters of the Poor, Greenock

Come along and join us at our Christmas Fete here at the Little Sisters of the Poor on
Sunday 11th December. 2pm-4.30pm.

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Paul O'Kane MSP will be hosting a constituency cost of living event on **Friday 16th December** at The Lyle Kirk in Greenock between 1400 and 1600. Along with local council colleagues Paul is looking to bring constituents together, offer a cup of tea and a listening ear.

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Cleaning the Church on a regular basis.

We are needing extra volunteers to be on our rota for doing the Church Clean - there really isn't much in it and shouldn't take any more than 1 hr. If you would like to be part of the rota, **give me a call or send me a text on 07530 406 181** and I'll talk you through what is involved. Our rota works out that volunteers are doing the Church Clean once each month. I'd like that to be once every 2 months or 3 so ideally we need another 4 or 8 volunteers. Before covid, we had 12 on our rota and it worked out that your turn was only once every 3 months which isn't a lot. So, go on, if you fancy doing a wee bit of volunteering and keeping our Church looking lovely give me a call or text.

Many hands make light work! **We need your help.**

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SYNOD 2021-2024

The Synod timeline has now been extended, by a year, to 2024. The document for the Continental Stage has now been published and will be the focus of the Continental Synodal Assemblies from January to March 2023 - please see link below:

<https://www.synod.va/en/highlights/working-document-for-the-continental-stage.html>

Please send any comments to Synod23@rcdop.org.uk.

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Carols in the Cathedral – Tuesday 27th December 2022 at 2.00pm

A diocesan annual event. It's a lovely way for all of the families to come together as a diocesan community and worship in song the birth of Our Saviour Jesus Christ. All donations will go towards SPRED

Fr Berry's Philosophical Corner

Did you hear about the man selling Sooty and Sweep puppets?
He just wanted to get them off his hands.

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