

*St Joseph and St Patrick's Wemyss Bay*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year*  
*14<sup>th</sup> 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>

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

**Recently died:** Paul Fenton, John Brendan O'Hagan

**6 Month's Mind:** Bridie Campbell

**Anniversaries:** James & John McGinty, Catherine Lafferty, Rita Campbell, Graham Coyle

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**Tiny Coins**

**The final total was a fabulous £428. Once again thank you for the generosity.**  
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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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**Parish Pastoral Council**

The PPC will be meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

If you have any questions, or suggestions please contact one of the members,  
(see photo at the back of the church), talk to Fr Berry or send an email to the address at the  
bottom of the bulletin.

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**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.

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**Special Collection next weekend for the Sick & Retired Clergy**

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

**Liturgical Word of the Week**

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives us seven gifts that enable us to see and act well spiritually. This week we look at **Wisdom**: An illumination of the mind enabling a grasp of the ultimate realities of God and divine things. It includes the ability to judge and direct human affairs according to divine truth. Wisdom It helps us to perceive truth, beauty, and goodness and to distinguish those elements from the contrary.

**Safeguarding Training – 2024:**

The Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency has reorganised safeguarding induction training into one course only, combining the previous Parts 1 & 2.

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 a Safeguarding training session taking place on:

Tuesday 16th January at 7pm in St. Mirin’s Cathedral Hall, Paisley  
Saturday 17th February at 10.30am in St. Mary’s Parish Hall, Greenock

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The Scottish Government has launched a **consultation** on banning what it refers to as “conversion practices.”

The Catholic church in Scotland has expressed serious concern about the nature and scope of any such legislation.

The Catholic Parliamentary Office will publish a guide on how to respond to the consultation, which closes on 2nd April, in due course

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**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated from 18–25 January 2024.

This year, the theme is: **Go and do likewise.**

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**Parish Prayer Circle.** 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 like.

**Fr Berry’s Philosophical Corner**

People keep telling me I’m addicted to brake fluid.  
But I can stop anytime I want.

**Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators**

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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.**