

St Joseph and St Patrick's Wemyss Bay
32nd Sunday Year A 12th November 2023

Weekend Masses Vigil 5pm Sunday 10am & 5pm

Weekday Masses Monday, Thursday, Friday 10am
Eucharistic Service Tuesday 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, Lisa Reidy, Pauline Gurney, Moira Kirwan, Mary Walker and Pat McCabe

Recently died: Cathie Dillon, Jim Wardhaugh, Andrew Fitzharris, Mary Balmer, Sadie McGhee

Anniversaries: Helen Reilly

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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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200 Club, now known as the 50/50 Club

First draw took place last Sunday and the lucky winner received £135.

We are keeping the name secret to avoid begging letters.

But congratulations to Ann Williams!

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Coming Soon - New Online Parish Register

A new online parish register will be launched in St Joseph & St Patrick's in the coming weeks. This will replace our existing system and will include other features along with a mobile app that registered parishioners can use to keep their details up to date.

Parishioners will need to complete a new registration, so keep a look out for further information in the lead up to its launch.

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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 The Highlight of the Year
Ladies Night in the Hall. Tickets £5 on sale after weekend Masses.

December 9th Major Foodbank collection. Details later

Liturgical Word of the Week

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

In ancient Judaism, righteousness meant "to acquit, vindicate, restore to a right relationship." The righteous are those who maintain right relationships—with God and with the people around them. On the basis of right relationships, those who commit infractions are acquitted of guilt. Hunger and thirst for righteousness goes beyond doing our duties to our neighbour. It is an eager desire to do works of mercy, so that those around us and ourselves grow in holiness."

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Completed at the end of October, please find the Synthesis Document here:

[Documents \(synod.va\)](https://www.synod.va) Any comments, please send to Synod23@rcdop.org.uk

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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."

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Ecumenical Service regarding Violence Against Women and Girls:

You are invited to participate in an Ecumenical Service regarding Violence Against Women and Girls on Sunday 26 November at 2.00pm in St Mary's RC Church, 14 Patrick Street, Greenock PA16 8NA. This is part of the annual Sixteen Days of Activism to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls. The Service will be led by Bishop John Keenan along with leaders from other Christian communities. Refreshments afterwards in the parish hall.

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Special Collection - 19th November 2023

This collection supports the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) which **promotes and protects our** Catholic schools in issues of national significance, and supports our schools, parishes and dioceses. **The national office supports three employees and we also employ four part-time local members of staff to work in our schools and on the RE curriculum.** In 2022 this collection plus donations raised £17,261, which represents 35% of our expenditure of £66,114, resulting in a deficit of £48,852.

Thank you for the continuing donations to the foodbank.

Fr Berry's Philosophical Corner

Why should you never fall in love with a tennis player?
Because to them love means NOTHING.

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.

