

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year B**

**St Joseph & St Patrick's**

**8<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Weekend Masses**

**Vigil Saturday 5pm**

**Sunday 10am & 5pm**

**Weekdays Mass 10 am**

**Monday Tuesday**

**Thursday and Friday**

*Sunday 10am Mass and*

*weekday Masses live streamed*

**Parish YouTube channel at**

<https://bit.ly/stjstp>

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**

**Monday, Tuesday Thursday Friday**

**9.20-9.50am**

You can register online with the parish at

<https://tinyurl.com/parishreg>

Those registered can login to ChurchSuite at

<https://stjosephandstpatrick.churchsuite.com>

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Sick:** Derek Fraser, Veronica Sherry, Margaret Enright, Jim and Janette Sorrell

**Recently died:** Philip McLaughlin, Moira Reynolds

**Anniversaries:** Margery Anne Tormey, Kirsty McKenna Martin McNamara,  
Michael McNamara

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**Dates for the Diary**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** Assisted Suicide Meeting St Mary's Greenock 7pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September** Diocesan Vocations Mass St John's PG 6.30pm

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September** Marriage Preparation Course. St Mirin's church hall

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September** Safeguarding course. St Mary's Greenock 10.30am

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** Heartstart Training. Church Hall 6.30pm

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October** Quiz Night in the Hall 7pm for 7.30 start

**More details nearer the date**

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**Vocations Awareness Week**

**Special Collection this weekend for our students and seminary upkeep**

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Vocations Mass:</u></b></p> <p><b>On Thursday 12th September</b>, we will celebrate the annual Diocesan Vocations Mass at <b>St John's in Port Glasgow, at 6.30pm</b>. Bishop Keenan invites you to attend this Mass and to pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life. You may find it suitable to offer a daily Rosary or a visit to the Blessed Sacrament for this intention.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Parish Meetings to explain the Assisted Suicide Bill</u></b></p> <p>If our MSPs hear nothing from us as citizens, they will feel free to vote it in. Deanery meetings around our diocese will help parishioners build local momentum to make MSPs sit up, take notice and vote against it. Please come to our meetings and invite anyone concerned about this watershed moment. Bishop John will attend all meetings. <b>Tue 10th September 7.00pm, St. Mary's Hall, Greenock (Inverclyde Meeting),</b></p>
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**Volunteers needed for the Sunday Teas**

We are not asking for much.....only to make a wee cuppa ! Biscuits are provided! Just looking for an hour and a half of volunteers' time, to allow us to keep this 'well loved' tearoom going. Ideally trying to get enough volunteers so that it will only be once every 6/8 weeks.

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### Liturgical Word of the Week

This week we look at **Pride**, the first of the Seven Deadly Sins, and its opposite Virtue, **Humility**.

Pride is an excessive love of self or the desire to be better or more important than others and to be conspicuously great. Humility is a recognition that we are created by God and in need of his love and help. It allows us to disregard shallow popularity and frees us from self-obsession.

### 50 – 50 Club

“The lucky winner of the September 50/50 draw is Julie Tormey and she will receive £135. This has raised £1620 for parish funds which has gone towards the upgrade and maintenance of the garden and hedges. With only one more payout, we are opening the new draw. If you want to take part you pay £24 for the year which gives you 12 chances to win and you are contributing £12 to the parish. You can pick up a leaflet with all the details for payment at the back of the church.”

### Safeguarding

“Volunteers who have completed Level 1 safeguarding training. We have been advised by our Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Gerry McBride, **that Volunteers who have not completed level 2 safeguarding training MUST do so by the end of November**. If you don't complete the level 2 safeguarding training you will be removed from our volunteer list. Please choose a date and email Sarah Jane, our Safeguarding Administrator, address is [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk)

### Pope Francis Intention for September For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

### Parish Pastoral Council

The regular meeting of the PPC takes place this Thursday at 7pm in the hall. If you have any questions or comments please let one of the member know or email the address below.

### Fr Berry's Philosophical Corner

I went into the bakers. All the cakes were 50p except one at £1. I asked the baker why there were all 50p except that one. The baker said “That's Madeira cake”

### 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**

*Teas and Coffees in the hall after Sunday 10am Mass*