

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B      St Joseph & St Patrick's**  
**18<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**Weekend Masses      Vigil Saturday 5pm    Sunday 10am**  
**Weekdays Mass 10 am Monday Tuesday and Friday**  
**Eucharistic Service Thursday 10am**  
*Sunday 10am Mass and weekday Masses live streamed*  
**Parish YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/stjstp>**

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

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

**Recently died:** Anna Martin, Alan McKeown, John Thomson

**Anniversaries:** Luis Pinto-Felix, Benny McCormick. John Hawkins, Nan McLoughlin

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<p><b>SEASON OF CREATION CONFERENCE 2024</b></p> <p>The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference has organised a National Conference for this year's Season of Creation which runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The Conference will take place on <b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>, from 10am – 3pm in St. Margaret's Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling. The guest speaker is Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement for SCIAF. If interested in attending, please complete a booking form here <a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah">www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah</a> and more details about this free day will follow.</p>	<p><b>Parish Pastoral Council</b></p> <p>The PPC annual away day takes place next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p>There is a review of the past year including reports on all the various ministries and planning for the future including pastoral care, finance, and infrastructure.</p> <p>If you have any questions or suggestions please speak to a member of the council or Fr Berry or email the address at the bottom of the bulletin.</p>
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**Dates for the Diary following the summer holidays.**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**      Lourdes Hospitality 7pm St Ninian's Gourrock  
**28-30 August**      Visit of the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía.  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September**      March for Life UK <https://rcdop.org.uk/marchforlife2024>  
**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  
**More details nearer the date**

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**Foodbank**

Thank you for your continuing generosity to the foodbank.

**Liturgical Word of the Week**

"This week we look at the fifth of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy, Forgive Offenses Willingly. Forgiving others is difficult at times because we do not have God's limitless mercy and compassion. But Jesus teaches us that we should forgive as God forgives, relying on him to help us show others the mercy of God"

**Youth to Lourdes 2025:** In S3-S6? Do you want to serve others? Learn more about your faith? Meet other young people? Y2L could be for you! We will leave Scotland on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and return on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Transport by bus & ferry. The pilgrimage costs £750 but with a deposit of £75.00 before our **first meeting on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September** at the Diocesan Offices in Paisley, you will qualify for an Early Bird rate of £700! To travel, you must have a valid UK or EU Passport. Want to know more? Call Fr John Morrison on 0141 889 2026 5056 or email [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk).

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**Lourdes Hospitalite:** There will be a meeting of the Lourdes Hospitalite on Tuesday 20th August. Anyone wishing to come to Lourdes as a helper or part of the medical/nursing team please come along. The meeting will be at 7pm in St Ninian's, Gourrock.

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**Welcome Mass:** Bishop John will celebrate the Welcome Mass for the start of the new school session on **Wednesday 21 August at 4.15pm in the Cathedral**. All school staff and Parent Council members are welcome to attend.

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**Parish Prayer Circle**

The Prayer Circle are here to help pray for your intentions. If you would like them to help with your intention please put the request into the box in the porch. It can be anonymous if you wish.

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**Fr Berry's Philosophical Corner**

What do you get when you mix a drum and guitar with a car tyre. A rubber band.

**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***