

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

EASTERTIDE

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to **PENTECOST** are celebrated in joyful exultation as one great feastday, one **"GREAT ALLELUIA!"**, for **CHRIST IS TRULY RISEN!**

MONDAY: ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES, APOSTLES.

Friday: 1st. Friday of May.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER

INTENTIONS

APRIL 2021

Universal Intention:

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

PARISH PRAYERS

We pray for all who are ill or housebound: in particular, we remember:

John O'Donnell, Nancy Mew,
Jessica Glover, Caroline McNeil,
Joanne King, Eugene McMahon,
Teddy O'Neil.

All those who are suffering from the consequences of the current pandemic.

We pray for all who have died recently, R.I.P.

Helen Mulholland,
Helen Hendry,
Colin McKay,
Kathleen Healy,
Molly McMahon,
Jim Cairns

We remember those whose anniversaries are at this time, R.I.P

Rev. Mgr. Neil C. McGrory,
(Parish Priest here, 1975-1980)
Mark Hendry,
Patrick Murray.



2nd. May 2021

SUNDAY MASS: Saturday Vigil; 5.30pm: Sunday; 9.30am & 11.00am

Sunday Readings: 5th. SUNDAY OF EASTER: Year B

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday-Friday: 10.00am:

Saturday: 5.30pm (Vigil of Sunday)

Weekday Readings: 5th. Week of Easter

PENANCE & RECONCILIATION: On Request.

Divine Office: 5th. Week of Easter: Psalms: Week 1

Baptism: Sunday after 11.00am Mass

Marriage: Please give at least 6 month's notice of Marriage.

TODAY'S LITURGY

1st. Reading: Acts 9.26-31

Barnabas explained how the Lord appeared to Saul on his journey.

Response to the Psalm: Psalm 21

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

2nd. Reading: 1 John 3.18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love another.

THE GOSPEL: John 15.1-8

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

Today's Liturgy: As the vine represented the ancient community, Israel, so now Jesus, the true Vine, incorporates the new People of God. Branches are essentially correlated within him, but in order to bear fruit. Our reading from Acts shows Barnabas bravely introducing Paul into the cautious Jerusalem community. All must bear fruit or perish.

ST. PATRICK'S BULLETIN

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5th. SUNDAY OF EASTER



THE INNOCENTS
Pregnancy testing and counselling done in confidence,
Mondays and Thursdays 7.00-9.00pm. Tel. 743809

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We could do with some more volunteers for **pass-keeping and sanitising** the Church. If you think you could help then please speak to one of the volunteers at the end of Mass. With the forthcoming celebrations of Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Marriages in addition to our regular Mass schedule, the need for some more volunteers is all the greater.

EASTER SACRAMENTS

This week our **P4 boys and girls** will celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance** on Tuesday afternoon in School and on Thursday evening, in the Church, six of our children will celebrate the **Sacrament of Baptism**. On Saturday morning we begin our celebrations of **First Holy Communion** which will continue on Tuesday—Thursday evenings and then again on Saturday.

The following week we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** with our P7 young people, Monday—Thursday. Once again this year, Fr. Gerry will preside at the Confirmations with the mandate of Bishop John.

Please keep all the children, their families and their teachers in your prayers.

MASS OF THE CHRISM will be celebrated by Bishop John and the clergy of the Diocese on **Friday 7th May at 3.00pm**. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions this Mass will only be open to the clergy, however, you are invited to join in the liturgy via the live stream at the Cathedral. Click on this link to follow the Mass.

<https://youtu.be/WKesnTNWowA>

THANK YOU for the **£725.54** donated in the **Offertory Collection** last weekend and for the **£205.90** received for the **Church Students' Fund**.

SCIAF LENTEN CAMPAIGN If you haven't already done so, **please return your Wee**

Box by Monday so that SCIAF can benefit from the U.K. Government's "£1= £2" scheme, for which the **deadline is 11th. May**. You can learn more about the WEE BOX, campaign on SCIAF's website at www.sciaf.org.uk/.

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS take place on **Thursday 6th May 2021**. Please remember to vote on Thursday, if you have not already voted by post. We are very fortunate in living in a democracy where we have a real say in deciding who governs us—not everyone enjoys that fundamental right. So please use your hard won right to vote on Thursday.

As we consider how to vote please check out our Scottish Bishops Election Resource link: [Scottish Parliament Election 2021 – Catholic Parliamentary Office \(rcpolitics.org\)](http://Scottish Parliament Election 2021 – Catholic Parliamentary Office (rcpolitics.org)) It has information on where political parties stand on issues and is also being updated with particular candidates' positions on these matters.

LOCAL CANDIDATES: On our Parish Website we have published a full list of all the candidates in the election who are standing for our Greenock & Inverclyde Constituency and West Scotland Region.

SCOTTISH CATHOLIC OBSERVER We have been notified that the Scottish Catholic Observer has ceased publication.

BBC SUNDAY MASS from St. Andrew's in Galashiels will be broadcast on **BBC Scotland** at **12 noon TODAY** (Sunday).

ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

Go to **Youtube** and then "**St Patrick's Greenock, Live Stream Mass**"

or use the direct link on our parish website:

www.stpatricksgreenock.info

RE-OPENING OUR CHURCHES

We are permitted **Mass** with a Congregation of **50 people**.
From 26th. April we are allowed to have a maximum of **50 people** at **Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals**.

SUNDAY MASS

You need to pre-book a place at **Sunday Mass**:

1. by using the link on our Parish website to Eventbrite

www.stpatricksgreenock.info

or

2. by phoning the Presbytery (720223).

WEEKDAY MASS

You do not need to reserve a place for 10.00am weekday Mass.

Weekday Mass this week: Tuesday—Friday at 10.00am.

NEXT WEEKEND

6th. SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday: 5.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 9.30am & 11.00am



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Parish Hall to help:

Sunday 12.00pm & Tuesday: 7.00pm

Parish helpline, please call:

07907876505.

