

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!**

Wednesday: St. Louis Marie Grignon De Montford (1673-1716), Priest & Religious Founder

THURSDAY:

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA,
(1347-1380)
Doctor of the Church,
Co-Patron of Europe.

Friday: Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572).

Saturday: St. Joseph The Worker

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 Hendry,
Colin McKay.

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

Nancy McEleny, Thomas Wright,
John Black, Chrissie Black McInnes,
Kimberley Reid.



25th. APRIL 2021

ST. PATRICK'S BULLETIN

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4th. SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Sunday Readings: 4th. SUNDAY OF EASTER: Year B

Weekday Mass: Tuesday-Friday: 10.00am:

Saturday: 5.30pm (Vigil of Sunday)

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PENANCE & RECONCILIATION: On Request.

Divine Office: 4th. Week of Easter: Psalms: Week 4

Baptism: Sunday after 11.00am Mass

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

TODAY'S LITURGY

1st. Reading: Acts 4.8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Response to the Psalm: Psalm 117

**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.**

2nd. Reading: 1 John 3.1-2

We shall see God as he really is.

THE GOSPEL: John 10.11-18

*The good shepherd is one
who lays down his life for his sheep.*

Today's Liturgy: Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows his sheep. He is close enough to die for them, both those already within his fold, plus those others who will ultimately form one flock with them. In another way, Peter, "the rock", proclaims Jesus as the overarching keystone. Love binds all together in safety.



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.

"GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY" **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** **FOR VOCATIONS**

Today we pray especially for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. If you would like to enquire about the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate or Religious life, please speak to our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison tel: 0141 889 5056 or

e-mail vocations@rcdop.org.uk

We currently have four students studying for our Diocese at the Scots College in Rome.

PASTORAL LETTER from Bishop John on Vocations is available at our website.

SPECIAL COLLECTION today for **Vocations & our Ecclesiastical Students**. This helps to pay for our seminarians studying in Rome and for the upkeep of the College.

EASTER SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our parish between Saturday 8th and Saturday 15th May. Our P4 boys and girls are also preparing for the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation and a number of children are preparing for Baptism.

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated in our parish between Monday 17th May and Thursday 20th. May. Once again this year, Fr. Gerry will preside at the Confirmations with the mandate of Bishop John.

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

THANK YOU for **£611.31** donated in the **Offertory Collection** last weekend.

SCIAF LENTEN CAMPAIGN If you haven't already done so, **please return your Wee Box as soon as possible** 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**.

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.

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, Thursday, Friday at 10.00am.
On Wednesday we have a **Funeral Mass** and so the Congregation is restricted to **Family & Friends**.

NEXT WEEKEND

5th. 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.

