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Sign of Peace: If you are comfortable to do so, please make a simple gesture towards those around you. At this time, it would not include shaking hands with people from outside your own household.

Mass times: Saturday Vigil – 5.00pm
Sunday – 10.00am, 12.00noon & 5.30pm

Weekdays (Mon-Wed, Fri, Sat) -10.00am
(Thur) – 7pm

Confession: Thursday – 6.20-6.50pm
Saturday – 9.20-9.50am, 4.20-4.50pm

Rosary: Weekdays – 9.30am (unless Funeral)
Exposition: Weekdays – 9.30am (unless Funeral)
Thursday – 6.20pm

Fatima Devotion: First Saturday after Morning Mass

Sunday, 11th June 2023

Second Collections

The contributions for the Building Fund last weekend amounted to £794.00. Very many thanks for your ongoing support.

This weekend the second collection is for the Sick and Retired Priests of our Diocese.

Think Vocation

“Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life.” There is no greater gift of God than the Eucharist. Are you being called to bring God’s people the nourishment of the Eucharist as a priest? Is it the source of your own life? Call our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr John Morrison on 0141 889 5056 or email

vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Mass for Marriage

Bishop John warmly invites all who wish to celebrate the gift of marriage, especially engaged and married couples, to the Diocese of Paisley's **Annual Mass for Marriage at 11.00am this Sunday, 11th June** in St Mirin's Cathedral.

Reception in the Cathedral Hall to follow. Details of those celebrating significant anniversaries can be emailed to Rebecca Harrison at the Marriage and Family Office (marriageandfamily@rcdop.org.uk)



Fatima Vigils, Howwood

Our 2023 season of Vigils in honour of Our Lady of Fatima run from May until October on the 12th of every month.

The facilities will be open from 7.00pm.

Rosary Procession at 7.30pm, followed by the celebration of mass, finishing with a period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Hall open for tea/coffee thereafter. All welcome - come join us in honouring Our Blessed Lady and praying for peace!

Rt. Rev. Mgr. James Canon Cunningham – Funeral

Monsignor Cunningham’s remains will be received into St Mirin’s Cathedral at a Vigil on Thursday, 15th June at 6.00pm. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 16th June at 12.00 noon. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Scottish Peace Network

A gathering, organised by the Scottish Peace Network, will take place in the Peace Garden, Barshaw Park at **3.00pm on Sunday, 17th June**. All are welcome.

SPN is a network of groups in Scotland from a variety of different traditions which are united in opposing war and share a common vision for a peaceful Scotland.

Family Quiz Night at St Mirin’s

The next Family Quiz Night will take place in the Cathedral Hall this coming Friday, 16th June from 7.00pm. Entry costs £2 per adult and £1 per child. Bring your own drinks and snacks. A maximum of 8 per team. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

Diocesan Young Adults (18-35)

Our series of talks, *In God's Image: A Defence of Catholic Moral Teaching*, concludes on **Wednesday, 21st June**. In the next talk, *For the Lord is our Judge; the Lord is our Lawgiver*, Mr Anthony Horan will discuss the relationship between Church and state. Please arrive at the diocesan office before 7.00pm. The talk will be followed by an opportunity to socialise over drinks in a local bar. Details of future talks in the series can be found on Facebook.

Youth to Lourdes 2023

Our final group meeting is **this Sunday 11th June at 2.00pm** in the Diocesan Offices, Paisley (by St. Mirin’s Cathedral). It is important that all participants attend this meeting. For more information, please contact Fr. John Morrison Tel: 0141 889 5056 or email: vocations@rcdop.org.uk.

Diary Dates

- There will be a Justice and Peace meeting in the hall after the 7.00pm Mass on **Thursday, 29th June**, the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. All are welcome.
- Our next **Fun Family Quiz Night** takes place in the hall on **Friday, 7th July** at 7.30pm.

Diocese of Paisley Safeguarding Thought for the Month

Safeguarding is a duty that is rooted in the message of Jesus and in the mission of the Catholic Church.

Fair Pay for Social Care Campaign

For more information about this subject please go to their website. (justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk)

Diocesan Lourdes Hospitalité – Travel arrangements

The Lourdes Hospitalité will be organising buses to take pilgrims to Edinburgh Airport on **30th June '23** and return from Edinburgh Airport on **7th July '23**. There will be a charge for the bus depending on numbers. The times of bus departure will depend on flight times and will be confirmed nearer the pilgrimage date. If you wish to book seats on the buses, please contact Anne Louise atannebuchannan@rcdop.org.uk

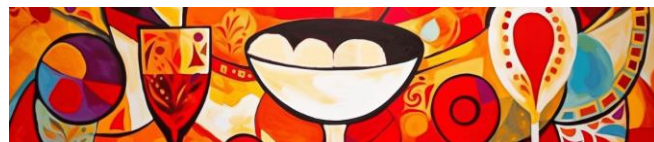
The **pre-pilgrimage meeting will be held on Sunday 11th June at 2.00pm** in St Ninian's, Gourrock. At this meeting information will be given regarding bus pick up and what happens on pilgrimage. Please attend if you are able or send a representative.



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Eucharist is the most sacred thing in the world, and yet in his mercy, God has made it accessible. In the Eucharist, God bends to meet us. Appearing under the appearance of our daily nourishment, he makes it not just possible but simple — blessedly simple — to fulfill his commandment.

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First Reading – [Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14B-16A](#):

The Israelites are told to remember how God led them through the wilderness and provided for them, emphasizing that they should not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God's mouth. It warns against forgetting God and becoming proud in their own abilities and possessions, as it was God who brought them out of slavery in Egypt and gave them abundance in the Promised Land.

Responsorial Psalm – [Psalm 147](#):

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

This is a psalm that praises God for His blessings on Jerusalem and Zion, including strengthening their gates, blessing their children, granting peace, and providing abundant wheat. The psalmist emphasizes God's unique relationship with Israel, as He has given them His word and ordinances, which He has not made known to any other nation.

Second Reading – [1 Corinthians 10:16-17](#):

This passage describes the Eucharist, where Christians partake of the bread and wine that are the body and blood of Christ. The passage emphasizes that partaking in the sacrament creates a spiritual unity or communion among believers, as they are all partaking in the one body of Christ.

Gospel – [John 6:51-58](#):

Jesus teaches about the necessity of consuming His flesh and blood to gain eternal life. Jesus explains that His flesh and blood are true food and true drink, and those who eat and drink them will abide in Him and have eternal life.

The Great Amen

When we say "Amen" to the statement "The body of Christ," we are not merely concluding a prayer. Rather, we are making a statement of faith and affirming our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This is a profound and powerful statement, as we are acknowledging that Jesus is truly present in this sacrament.

As we reflect on the Gospel reading and our beliefs about the Eucharist, we are called to deepen our understanding of this sacrament and to approach it with greater reverence and care. We are reminded of the great gift that Jesus has given us in the Eucharist, and we are called to respond with gratitude and faith. Let us take a moment to silently reflect on this message and to ask for the grace to deepen our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

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