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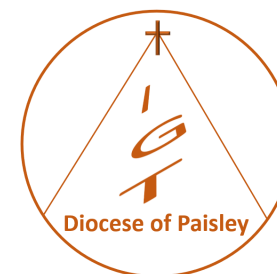


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INCOME GENERATION

ANNUAL REPORT

AUGUST 2024



EVANGELISATION PRAYER



*God our loving Father,
who sent your Son to show us the way
to live fully in the Spirit,
be with us while we walk together
as a Diocesan Family.
Help us to be people who will accept
the mission of passing on Your Word
and sowing seeds of Your love
in our Diocese and beyond.
Send the Holy Spirit to guide us;
to keep us united in purpose;
and to give us the courage to fulfil our mission.
As we journey together in faith,
help us to be aware of Your presence;
to listen to Your voice;
and to discern Your Will for our Diocese
in the months and years to come.
Our Lady of Paisley, pray for us.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

First and foremost, I thank you for taking the time to read this Annual Report and for your continued financial support to each of the special collections taken up in your parish throughout the year. Your sacrifice is gratefully appreciated and your kindness is undoubtedly helping to change the lives of many people, locally and beyond.

Each year you will receive a booklet keeping you well informed on what you give and on how your offerings are supporting the mission of the Church.

I take this opportunity to thank a large number of people working in partnership to produce the materials for this booklet and for the finances to cover its cost. In particular, my gratitude extends to:

Bishop John
The Diocesan Clergy
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Finally, I thank the Income Generation Team (IGT) volunteers from many of our parishes in the Diocese. The time and commitment they give to making the appeals and many hours they give to planning and promoting fundraising initiatives is gratefully appreciated.

*Please pray daily the Evangelisation Prayer
imploing the intercession of Our Lady of Paisley
to guide and direct the mission of the Diocese
for the good of all God's people.*

Canon Edward D. Cameron
Convener for Income Generation
Diocese of Paisley

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Christmas Draw

In addition to the Income Generation Appeal on the weekend of 26/27 August 2023, we invited all parishes to participate in a Christmas Draw to generate income for the Diocese to cover the costs of the appeal. The draw took place at St Cadoc's Church, Newton Mearns, on Sunday 3rd December 2023, at 11am. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the sale of tickets and to all who kindly bought them.

Congratulations to the successful winners from the following parishes:

- ♦ 1st Prize (£1000) Anne Marie Kelly, St Joseph's Parish, Clarkston. Ticket number: 22860.
- ♦ 2nd Prize (£750) M. Barry, St Laurence's Parish, Greenock. Ticket number: 28269
- ♦ 3rd Prize (£500) J. McCaul, Our Lady of Lourdes, Bishopton. Ticket number: 11546
- ♦ 4th Prize (£250) Mary Heywood, St Laurence's Parish, Greenock. Ticket number: 28724

The total revenue/number of tickets sold in each district was as follows:

East Renfrewshire: £4,058

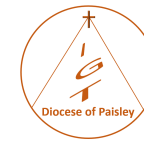
Renfrewshire: £2,481

Inverclyde: £2,014

The total revenue/number of ticket sales: £8,553

After all expenses for the IG Appeal, the Christmas Draw made a profit of £2,770.

PREFACE



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The information contained in this report is a brief presentation of the facts and figures, collated by the Diocesan Finance Manager, for the period July '23 to July '24, showing the total income received by the Diocese from the parishes in response to the Diocesan, National and International Appeals.

You will note that the income for each appeal increased last year, helping to reduce the expenditure for each ministry. However, we still have some way to go to cover the full costs without having to rely on the Diocesan Central Fund to cover the shortfall. The more income we generate through special appeals, the lower the levy your parish is required to pay.

Your immediate response to last year's appeal is reassuring, clearly showing your intention to work with Bishop John and the clergy on-going. Please be assured that your generous offerings are of enormous benefit to the Church, but most especially to the Diocese in its mission, as it continues to fulfil its objectives, outlined in its Synod Acta.

The report also contains some feedback from a number of projects supported by the 'Friends Programme': SPRED, Education, Sick and Retired Clergy, Youth and Ecclesiastical Students. Perhaps you would consider becoming a 'Friend of Paisley Diocese' by making an on-going personal contribution each month, or annually, to the project(s) of your choice. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the Diocesan Office for processing; every sacrifice you make, small or large, is gratefully appreciated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SIGN UP.

May God bless you for your continued support.

Canon Edward D Cameron
Convener for Fundraising

INTRODUCTION



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Bishop John Keenan

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August 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Firstly, I want to thank you for your on-going financial support of our parishes through these challenging times.

Once again, I am happy to report that both our parish and Diocesan finances are around about break-even. In the context of the past few decades this is a definite improvement on the health of our finances and is down to your generosity as well as to good administration at all levels. My annual Diocesan appeal in August, now in its second year, is looking to build on these solid foundations.

As you can imagine, beyond your local parishes, our Church has a wider Diocesan and national mission which falls upon me as a Bishop to support and upkeep. What I have in mind are things like ensuring the care of our priests in retirement or when ill; providing support to our Catholic schools to maintain and develop their Catholic ethos in difficult times; caring for those in our Diocese with special needs to experience the Sacraments and Liturgy in ways where they feel they belong; as well as promoting the formation of our youth and providing for our seminarians in their studies.

That is why I introduced our *Friends' Fundraising Scheme* some years ago which continues to generate good on-going income for us and I want to invite you in this annual initiative on the last weekend of August across all our parishes to think about joining our *Friends* scheme. The information pack available will help you see how your contributions are helping me in this wider mission. As I have already promised, every penny you contribute will go to the above projects.

In these challenging times I remain full of hope that our Church will hold its own and even grow in its mission of spreading the Kingdom, of GOD in Scotland, not least through your commitment to your faith and to the practical wellbeing of our work.

With assurance of my prayers and blessings,

John Keenan

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Bishop of Paisley
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Roman Catholic Diocese of Paisley

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Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use *easyfundraising* to shop with them - including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, Booking.com and M&S - and it **won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.**

All you need to do is:

- 1 Simply go to the website:
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/diocese-of-paisley>
- 2 Every time you shop online, **go to easyfundraising first** to find the site you want and start shopping
- 3 After you've checked out, the brand will make a donation to
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/diocese-of-paisley>
at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

If you prefer to use your phone to take you straight to our donation page please use the QR Code below.

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you would sign up and support us. It's completely **FREE** and only takes a moment. There are no catches or hidden charges and the **diocese-of-paisley** will be really grateful for your donations.



You'll be able to see how much you've raised in your account and you'll receive updates on when the Roman Catholic Diocese of Paisley gets paid.

Track all the donations and watch the magic happen!

Thank you so much!

FUNDRAISING : GOING FORWARD

FRIENDS' CAMPAIGN

"A friend is a friend at all times." Prov.17:17



You are invited to take part in the Diocese of Paisley Friends' Campaign. Our *Friends' Campaign* is the heart of this and it is hoped that, if every member of our Diocese gave just £5 per year as a friend, we would be in surplus. If you feel you would like to help in this way, please choose the method which suits you

(see below). *Your information will be kept completely private and not shared with any outside bodies.*

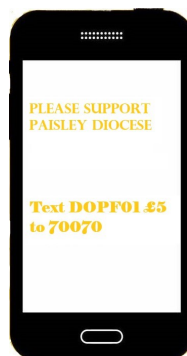
***TELEPHONE** the Diocese of Paisley on 0141 847 6131 to discuss a standing order / direct debit / cash payment.

***STANDING ORDER FORMS** on behalf of the Diocesan Appeal for Special Collections can also be found in the Information Pack provided by the Diocesan Income Generation Team and which is available in your parish. Please speak with your parish priest or parish representative (s).

*TEXT A DONATION

The Diocese has now set up their "Text a Donation" Service which allows you to send a donation to the Diocese through your mobile phone. All you have to do is text **£5 DOPF01 to 70070** £5 is only a suggestion. Any amount is very much appreciated.

***BY CHEQUE** payable to the **DIOCESE OF PAISLEY**
Send to: Finance Office, Diocese of Paisley,
Cathedral Precincts, Inle Street,
Paisley, PA1 1HR.



The aim is to eventually engender around £100,000pa from this fund through standing orders and direct debits. The good news is that many parishioners across the Diocese have signed up to our campaign, while others have topped it up through one off donations or fundraising events.

Many thanks to our fundraising team for their dedicated work and to all who have so far given so generously.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A FRIEND OF OUR DIOCESE.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS CALENDAR



2024

Vocations 2	8 th September
Mission Sunday (Missio)	20 th October
Education	17 th November

2025

Justice & Peace	5 th January
Sick & Retired Clergy 1	19 th January
SPRED	9 th February
SCIAF & Papal & Episcopal Charities	30 th March
Holy Places	18 th April
Vocations 1	11 th May
Sick & Retired Clergy 2	18 th May
Communications	1 st June
Pro-Life	15 th June
Peter's Pence	22 nd June
Apostleship of The Sea	13 th July
Vocations 2	7 th September
Mission Sunday (Missio Scotland)	19 th October
Education	16 th November

INCOME GENERATION : ANNUAL APPEAL

24/25 August 2024

Good morning.

Thank you to N.N., for this opportunity to speak to you on a matter of importance for all of us as brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Paisley.

My Name is N.N., I am a member of the **Diocesan Income Generation Team**. It is my pleasure to be with you today to make this annual appeal on behalf of bishop John and the priests of the diocese.

I ask you, please, to ensure that you collect a copy of the Annual Report as you leave church today. The information it contains is a brief presentation of facts and figures, collated by the Diocesan Finance Manager for the period July '23 to July '24, showing the total income received by the Diocese from the parishes in response to the Diocesan, National and International Appeals.

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Your response to the Income Generation Appeal last year is reassuring. It shows your willingness to work with Bishop John and the clergy to generate the necessary funds to support the mission of our parishes and the Diocese. Please be assured that your generous offerings are of enormous benefit to the Church, but most especially to the Diocese in its mission as it continues to fulfil its objectives outlined in the Synod Acta.

The report also contains some feedback from a number of projects supported by the 'Friends Programme': SPRED, Education, Sick and Retired Clergy, Youth and Ecclesiastical Students.

GOING FORWARD : WAYS TO DONATE

Many thanks for your continued support of your
Parish / Paisley Diocese via:

*PARISH ENVELOPES *STANDING ORDERS
*DIRECT DEBITS *QR CODES *ON-LINE GIVING



<https://www.mygivinghub.com>

Here you simply enter **Diocese of Paisley (SCO 13514)** to donate to the cause of your choice:

**Your Parish
Fund of Your Choice
Pre-selected options
Diocese of Paisley General Fund.**

Your donations to any of the above options will always be welcomed in the Diocese of Paisley. Thank you!

*These continue to be difficult times for everyone financially
so please simply give what you can.
Your financial support is always very much appreciated.*

If you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid offers a simple way to increase the value of your gift to charity by allowing the charity to reclaim the tax on your gift. Currently charities are able to claim an additional 25p from every £1 donated by UK Tax Payers. The Church is a registered charity and can therefore benefit from your giving through gift aid at no extra cost to you. All that is required of you is to complete a simple Declaration Form available from your Parish/Diocese.

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LEGACIES: When making your Will have you thought of leaving a legacy to your Parish or the Diocese? A legacy to the Catholic Church is a valuable and lasting way for you to continue to support its ministry and mission within your community and help the Church to meet the needs of future generations.

Making a Difference:

Every gift left to the Catholic Church – no matter how large or small – can have a significant impact.

Diocesan Fundraising Appeal 2023 - Standing Orders & One-Off Donations

		As at	22-Jul-24
		Number of Standing Orders	39
		Number Gift Aided (So far)	10
		Number of One-Off Donations	3
	Per Annum Excl Gift Aid	Per Annum Incl Gift Aid	One-off Donations (incl Gift Aid)
Retired Priests	£3,432	£3,946	£125
Education	£838	£878	£125
SPRED	£2,454	£2,610	£225
Vocations	£1,654	£1,733	£125
Youth	£1,054	£1,094	£125
TOTAL	£9,432	£10,260	£725
Gift Aid Tax Total		£828	
		Total incl GA & One-Off	£10,984.50

These projects are the most challenging and costly for the Diocese. The shortfall for each of these appeals continues to be a cause for concern, impacting directly on our parishes and the Diocese. Consequently, levies for parishes increase and Diocesan funds are depleted. As a charity, we rely entirely on your generosity and consistent offerings to provide for these essential projects. Any increase you make to these appeals would be gratefully appreciated and help significantly to redress this spiralling and worrying decline.

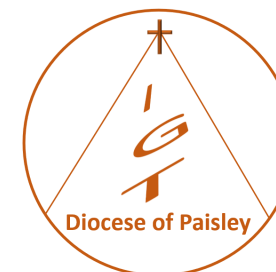
TODAY, we are asking you to become a 'Friend of Paisley Diocese' by making a personal contribution each month, or annually, to one or more projects of your choice. You can do this after Mass, or you may choose to complete the form inserted in your booklet and return it to the Diocesan Office for processing. Every sacrifice you make, small or large, is gratefully appreciated.

In the past year, the contributions to the 'Friends Programme' increased by £10,984.50. Thank you to our new 'Friends' and to all existing members of the Programme.

Bishop John once said, *"With our Friends Programme, I am convinced we will become a deficit free Diocese, building a surplus for growth. I prefer to put my trust in you, my own people, rather than going to outside professionals. I have every confidence that you will see us right for the exciting challenge of New Evangelisation and growth in which I fully expect our Diocese to succeed."*

With your help we will certainly succeed.

Thank you for your generous support.
Thank you for listening.



NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL APPEALS

Justice and Peace Scotland

This collection helps fund our Scottish Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, our Marriage Tribunal and our Catholic Parliamentary Office. Our Justice & Peace Commission campaigns against renewal of Trident, for fairness for asylum seekers and refugees and for action against climate change and for the environment. It also networks with parishes and advises our Bishops on social justice, international peace and human rights. Its office supports two employees. Our national Marriage Tribunal processes cases for annulment and supports two staff. Our Parliamentary Office works with MSPs, MPs and the wider political society to promote the influence of Catholic Social Teaching on our law and supports one officer.

In 2023 this collection raised £15,587 with £912 from Gift Aid and £1,975 in interest bringing total income to **£18,474**.

In 2023 our total expenditure was **£31,031** with £8,661 as our Diocesan pro-rata contribution to the National J&P work and £22,370 for the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. So, our costs in 2023 were around 68% higher than our income.

Our 2024 collection income is up by around 12% or £1,800 on 2023's collection.

SCIAF & Papal & Episcopal & St. Mirin's Fund

The proceeds of this collection are divided 75% to SCIAF and 25% to our St Mirin's Fund. SCIAF is the official aid and international development charity of the Catholic Church in Scotland. It works in sixteen countries across Asia, Africa and Latin America to help the poorest in the world, regardless of religion, to work their way out of poverty. The St. Mirin's Fund awards small grants for good causes that promote the Kingdom of God among us, with special consideration to: children and young people, the elderly, those with disabilities and special needs, or suffering from poverty, mental illness, homelessness or refugees.

The Diocese has continued to engage with the National Schools Singing Programme who provided a grant via the Vinehill Trust and Benefactor Trust to partially fund the post of Choral Director who has been working with all P4 pupils in Inverclyde. Schools have warmly welcomed this initiative and noted how well they now sing at Mass. We set up a number of after-school choirs which sang at Cluster Masses. With financial support, we hope to expand this.

Serving God The Department liaises with Aid to the Church in Need, Justice and Peace, Missio, SCIAF, SPUC and SSVP to encourage young people to put their faith into action: for example, a growing number of our schools have set up 'Mini-Vinnies' Groups (SSVP for children) which have supported a variety of community projects.

Strengthening Home-School-Parish Links

Our Diocesan Parent Forum has been set up to provide advice for Parent Councils. We also wish to support parents as the first educators of their children and have developed Family Sacramental Workbooks for P4 and P7. In session 2024-25, we hope to develop an app for Confirmandi and their parents to deepen their learning about Confirmation.

As part of the development of the Diocesan Secondary Religious Education course, we have produced leaflets for parents outlining the key learning in each unit. In Advent, we continued to work with the Daughters of St Paul to ensure the Travelling Crib programme was delivered to all P2 classes. Cribbs went home to families, together with a nativity story and a short prayer service. With financial support, we plan to develop further initiatives which strengthen home-school-parish links. A joint Clergy-Head Teacher meeting reflected on Home-School-Parish partnerships, shared examples of good practice and devised plans to strengthen these partnerships.

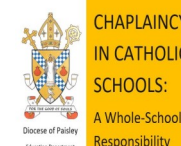
Supporting Schools and Developing Teachers

The Department provides guidance on good practice on the life and work of our schools as Communities of Faith and Learning. Our termly ***Centred on Christ*** newsletter contains articles on various aspects of the mission of the Catholic school. Teachers as individuals and as a group are responsible for creating the distinctive Christian ethos of our schools. The Diocese provides a comprehensive in-service programme for teachers, including a Leadership in Catholic Schools Course. We provide prayer and reflection resources which help staff deepen their own faith. An annual retreat is organised for Head Teachers to support them in their role as 'chief catechists'.

Supporting Chaplains

Our priests provide an invaluable service as chaplains to our schools. Chaplains' meetings enable them to discuss important topics and to share practice. The Department has published two documents to help schools and chaplains to work together in enhancing the spiritual lives of young people.

Neil Roarty, Director of Schools, DoP



EDUCATION: A Closer Look

Knowing God High quality Religious Education is a key objective. We have published P1-P7 Planners to support Primary teachers in planning Religious Education lessons. We have also supported schools in delivering “God’s Loving Plan,” the Relationships Education programme for Catholic schools. These have been welcomed by Head Teachers and R.E. Co-ordinators. The Primary curriculum was also enhanced by weekly reflections on the Sunday Gospel which Fr. Matthew Carlin shared with schools.

Building on the Diocesan S1 Religious Education course, we have further developed the course to include targeted work with S2, ensuring there is consistency of experience for our young people, no matter which school they attend. We have also engaged with Principal Teachers of R.E. on reviewing S4-6 courses.

Loving God Another priority is to enable young people to grow closer to God. This year saw the return of conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation for all P7 pupils to St. Mirin’s Cathedral. To support the children in preparing to choose their Confirmation saint, each school was provided with Volumes 1&2 of *Our Friends in Heaven*. The Diocese provided 3000 Confirmation Mass booklets. This number will have to be increased for the following years.



The Department has shared practice in Retreats which have been provided by parishes, FireCloud, The New Evangelisation Team (NET) and Dalmally. In May 2024, Diocesan schools were allocated a week’s residential retreat and outdoor experience with Generation Hope. Schools also developed a range of activities to enable young people to encounter Christ on their faith journeys.



We have been encouraging Rosary Groups as part of the Diocesan Consecration to Jesus through Mary. With financial support, we provided each P4 class with a Rosary and encouraged them to pray the Rosary for the intentions of the Missions during October. In addition, we launched the Travelling Rosary project to encourage families to pray the Rosary with their children. Each P4 class was given a pack to be sent home which contained a statue of Our Lady, a Rosary book and a leaflet to support the family in their prayer.

Following the impact of the Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Encounter in all eight school Clusters, we have included the Life of Blessed Carlo in the S1 R.E. course and encouraged schools to consider how they can ensure there is a legacy of the Encounter - particularly in devotion to The Blessed Sacrament.

Collection Totals By Parish By Year

Justice & Peace	Jan-23	Jan-24	Increase / (Decrease) from 2023 to 2024
Christ the King	-	157	157
Holy Family	425	659	234
Our Lady of Lourdes	380	737	356
St Aidan	417	312	(105)
St Andrew	447	489	42
St Bernadette	87	114	28
St Bridget	125	125	-
St Cadoc	877	1,147	270
St Charles	936	782	(154)
St Colm	124	77	(47)
St Columba	56	293	237
St Conval	376	290	(86)
St Fergus	105	149	44
St Fillan	337	249	(88)
St Francis	84	400	316
St James, Paisley	63	134	71
St James, Renfrew	195	379	184
St John, Barrhead	968	1,151	184
St John Bosco	110	226	116
St John the Baptist	554	548	(6)
St Joseph, Clarkston	2,174	2,534	360
St Joseph, Greenock	237	399	162
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	410	527	117
St Laurence	525	612	87
St Margaret	532	464	(68)
St Mary, Greenock	1,230	1,180	(51)
St Mary, Paisley	373	366	(7)
St Mirin Cathedral	1,041	945	(96)
St Ninian	748	649	(100)
St Patrick	600	540	(60)
St Paul	94	90	(3)
St Peter	150	122	(29)
St Thomas	407	375	(32)
Justice & Peace	15,187	17,221	2,034

% Increase from 2023 to 2024 13%

Collection Totals By Parish By Year

Papal & Episcopal Charities (incl. SCIAF)	Mar-23	Mar-24	Increase / (Decrease) from 2023 to 2024
Christ the King	494	501	6
Holy Family	390	495	105
Our Lady of Lourdes	1,393	1,034	(359)
St Aidan	1,246	1,037	(209)
St Andrew	780	537	(243)
St Bernadette	386	573	186
St Bridget	-	145	145
St Cadoc	2,042	2,301	259
St Charles	1,374	1,576	202
St Colm	-	263	263
St Columba	368	691	323
St Conval	727	475	(252)
St Fergus	150	137	(13)
St Fillan	991	788	(203)
St Francis	773	813	40
St James, Paisley	405	239	(166)
St James, Renfrew	790	551	(240)
St John, Barrhead	1,141	1,021	(120)
St John Bosco	409	362	(47)
St John the Baptist	1,043	1,002	(41)
St Joseph, Clarkston	4,780	4,507	(273)
St Joseph, Greenock	235	588	353
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	772	939	167
St Laurence	834	878	44
St Margaret	928	827	(101)
St Mary, Greenock	1,494	1,417	(76)
St Mary, Paisley	447	564	118
St Mirin Cathedral	1,963	1,130	(834)
St Ninian	1,166	1,247	81
St Patrick	794	859	65
St Paul	277	158	(119)
St Peter	441	243	(198)
St Thomas	318	342	24
Papal & Episcopal Charities	29,352	28,240	(1,112)

% Decrease from 2023 to 2024 -4%

Holy Places

This collection is for the upkeep and repair of the fifty shrines that are dear to Christians and pilgrims the world over; and for the Church's pastoral, educational, social and cultural mission in the Holy Land, including the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the Church of Mary and Joseph's homes in Nazareth, Peter's house in Capernaum, the Upper Room of the Last Supper and of Pentecost and the Church of the Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre. In 2023 this collection raised £18,882 which was fully remitted to the Commissariat of the Holy Land.

In 2024 the collection is up to £19,003 (+£121 or +0.6% on 2023).

Communications

This collection pays for our national Scottish Catholic Media Office which provides a service to the press and media with information on the activities of the Church in Scotland.

In 2023 total income for Communications was **£16,337** made up of collection income £15,494 and £833 Gift Aid and £10 donations.

Our total expenditure was **£18,089**, made up of the Bishops' Conference Communications pro-rata of £17,082 computer related costs of £511 and £437 for resources and subscriptions, £59 for consultancy and bank charges.

This resulted in a shortfall of **£1,752**, Bishops' which was funded Diocesan reserves.

Our collection income funded 86% of our costs.

YOUTH MINISTRY: A Closer Look

*"He is in you, he is with you and he never abandons you.
However far you may wander, he is always there, the Risen One.
He calls you and he waits for you to return to him and start over again..."
Pope Francis, "Christ Is Alive," 2019*

A central focus of our recent Diocesan Synod was a realisation of the vital nature of ministry to the 'young Church' in our midst. That 'young Church' is present to us in many and various forms – it may mean young people beginning p1, older children preparing for Confirmation, or young people completing their Caritas journey. It may denote adults entering the fields of work and further or higher education. Wherever our young people are to be encountered, we are challenged to continually echo the call of the Father – that He waits for them to come back to Him and embrace the values of His kingdom.

Mindful of our multi-faceted vocation to serve the young people of our Diocese, we have developed, over many years, programmes and initiatives which assist our young people in finding the Lord in their lives. These include:

Retreats in Diocesan schools designed for every stage of primary and secondary education

A regular programme of events for Young People

Preparing materials for the Diocesan Education Department

Providing spiritual/catechetical materials for use by school chaplains

Celebrating achievement in schools including Caritas and Pope Francis Faith Awards

Preparation and celebration of Pilgrimages to Lourdes and World Youth Day

Preparation of materials for schools to celebrate World Youth Day (celebrated annually on the Feast of Christ the King)

Liaison with Scottish Catholic Youth Service (SCY) and other national and international agencies

Establishment and continuing support of the Young Adults

(18-35) Office: Connect with us: @DoPYoungAdults (Facebook Twitter) @rcdopya (Instagram)

We earnestly desire to play our part in building communities up and down our Diocese that are vibrant and faith-filled. We want to play our part in delivering high-quality, relevant and attractive liturgies, catechetical resources and experiences that remind our young people of our Catholic faith's beauty, power and depth.

Fr John Morrison Vicar Episcopal for Youth

VOCATIONS: A Closer Look

In the Diocese of Paisley, Vocations ministry may be separated into four different areas: awareness; promotion; discernment and application; and seminary formation.

Vocations Awareness

Vocations awareness is concerned with making people more aware of the calling they receive in baptism. Many people experience life as an inchoate series of seemingly random events with little direction, purpose or meaning. The Catholic imagination offers a little more! As Pope Benedict famously reflected – *‘Each of us is a thought of God. Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved. Each of us is necessary.’*

In our vocations office, we seek to constantly articulate this vision by reminding people that God has a plan for their lives. We support this vision by creating educational and spiritual resources and constantly working on our social media platforms.

Vocations Promotion

Vocations promotion is the more purposeful suggestion of the priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life. It’s the posters, newsletters, school programs, and retreat opportunities that continually propose the vocation of formally serving God in the Church. Every year we prepare and distribute materials at three points – National Vocations Week (generally in September), our January appeal for seminary applicants and Good Shepherd Sunday (generally in May).

Discernment and Application

The Diocese of Paisley has developed a programme to assist those who are discerning a call to Priesthood. This programme has been adopted nationally. If an enquirer wishes to apply for seminary formally he enters the **PASS** system (Programme of Application for Scottish Seminaries) which consists of a number of residential weekends. Over the years, the Scottish Bishop have asked for more elements to be added to this process. On average the process of PASS costs the Diocese of Paisley approximately £2,000 per applicant. This year we anticipate having one applicant.

Seminary Formation

Upon completion of the PASS system, a candidate is then admitted to Seminary. After a propaedeutic period of six months at the Royal Scots College in Salamanca, the student will then study at the Scots College, Rome, for seven years. It costs the Diocese of Paisley, £30,000 a year to train a student Priest. This year we will have one student at the Scots College in Rome.

Fr John Morrison Director of Vocations

Collection Totals By Parish By Year				Collection Totals By Parish By			
Holy Places	Apr-23	Mar-24	Increase / (Decrease) from 2023 to 2024	Communications	May-22	May-23	Increase / (Decrease) from 2022 to 2023
Christ the King	315	-	-	Christ the King	67	161	94
Holy Family	539	475	(64)	Holy Family	431	297	(134)
Our Lady of Lourdes	552	536	(16)	Our Lady of Lourdes	610	616	7
St Aidan	56	613	557	St Aidan	348	305	(43)
St Andrew	390	450	60	St Andrew	240	408	168
St Bernadette	144	15	(129)	St Bernadette	114	153	39
St Bridget	165	285	120	St Bridget	87	125	38
St Cadoc	1,292	1,631	339	St Cadoc	518	523	5
St Charles	1,068	979	(89)	St Charles	1,162	921	(241)
St Colm	167	119	(48)	St Colm	-	67	67
St Columba	244	343	99	St Columba	95	244	149
St Conval	500	204	(296)	St Conval	337	403	66
St Fergus	160	55	(105)	St Fergus	95	141	46
St Fillan	474	704	229	St Fillan	306	472	166
St Francis	773	811	38	St Francis	464	558	94
St James, Paisley	82	96	14	St James, Paisley	79	149	70
St James, Renfrew	278	415	138	St James, Renfrew	38	181	143
St John, Barrhead	971	1,047	76	St John, Barrhead	653	1,024	371
St John Bosco	25	2	(23)	St John Bosco	123	117	(6)
St John the Baptist	916	873	(43)	St John the Baptist	337	482	145
St Joseph, Clarkston	2,601	3,556	955	St Joseph, Clarkston	1,276	1,967	691
St Joseph, Greenock	552	396	(156)	St Joseph, Greenock	176	624	447
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	415	428	13	St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	314	481	167
St Laurence	684	630	(54)	St Laurence	677	667	(11)
St Margaret	208	593	385	St Margaret	360	410	50
St Mary, Greenock	745	1,198	454	St Mary, Greenock	881	1,114	233
St Mary, Paisley	320	344	24	St Mary, Paisley	150	230	80
St Mirin Cathedral	1,518	544	(974)	St Mirin Cathedral	-	907	907
St Ninian	874	807	(67)	St Ninian	791	538	(252)
St Patrick	662	706	44	St Patrick	364	547	183
St Paul	181	204	23	St Paul	112	70	(42)
St Peter	367	244	(123)	St Peter	169	135	(33)
St Thomas	576	448	(128)	St Thomas	310	458	148
Holy Places	18,812	19,752	1,255		11,684	15,494	3,809
% Increase from 2023 to 2024			7%	% Increase from 2022 to 2023			33%

Pro-Life (Day for Life)

This collection helps the Diocese support Pro-Life causes with half of the funds collected going to the Bishops' Conference Pro-Life fund. *Parishes also have parochial Pro-Life collections with most of the money being sent to SPUC generally.*

Peter's Pence

This is the practice of the laity to provide financial support to the Holy See to allow the Holy Father the means to respond to those suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. Normally Catholics around the world contribute roughly £70M annually through this collection. In 2023, this collection raised £16,171 which was fully remitted to the Apostolic Nunciature.

The Apostleship of the Sea

This provides practical and pastoral care to seafarers, regardless of nationality, belief or race through port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors. They welcome, offer welfare services, advice, practical help, care and friendship. Founded in Scotland, the Apostleship is now part of an international network known as *Stella Maris* that works in 250 ports around the world. Ninety per cent of world trade is transported by ship but the life of a modern seafarer is dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their families and working in harsh conditions.

In 2023, this collection raised £9,927 which was fully remitted to the Apostleship of the Sea.

Missio Scotland

Missio Scotland is the Scottish branch of the Catholic Church's mission aid agency. This enables missionaries to help communities in need through grassroots projects. They build and maintain hospitals, schools and seminaries, care for people in need and act for justice in the developing world, regardless of race, stigma, religion or gender. **In 2023, this collection raised £27,201 which was fully remitted to Missio Scotland.**



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SPRED FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS : 2024



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Collection Totals By Parish By Year

Pro-Life	2022	2023
Christ the King	-	-
Holy Family	408	464
Our Lady of Lourdes	567	729
St Aidan	375	430
St Andrew	415	476
St Bernadette	22	178
St Bridget	55	88
St Cadoc	391	576
St Charles	748	716
St Colm	-	115
St Columba	90	61
St Conval	491	424
St Fergus	50	75
St Fillan	121	388
St Francis	193	328
St James, Paisley	82	105
St James, Renfrew	163	99
St John, Barrhead	1,089	1,434
St John Bosco	25	210
St John the Baptist	456	681
St Joseph, Clarkston	1,720	1,620
St Joseph, Greenock	226	511
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	-	-
St Laurence	554	-
St Margaret	471	474
St Mary, Greenock	1,002	486
St Mary, Paisley	131	538
St Mirin Cathedral	362	825
St Ninian	767	710
St Patrick	401	-
St Paul	78	106
St Peter	163	122
St Thomas	306	571
Pro-Life	11,920	13,539

% Increase from 2022 to 2023

14%

Collection Totals By Parish By Year

Peter's Pence	Jun-22	Jun-23
Christ the King	38	187
Holy Family	406	477
Our Lady of Lourdes	462	536
St Aidan	347	363
St Andrew	241	564
St Bernadette	203	175
St Bridget	100	90
St Cadoc	585	409
St Charles	1,303	866
St Colm	-	180
St Columba	103	241
St Conval	554	469
St Fergus	63	100
St Fillan	419	501
St Francis	500	253
St James, Paisley	93	95
St James, Renfrew	101	366
St John, Barrhead	593	822
St John Bosco	92	167
St John the Baptist	402	776
St Joseph, Clarkston	1,697	2,024
St Joseph, Greenock	299	432
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	493	384
St Laurence	-	731
St Margaret	-	460
St Mary, Greenock	1,055	1,176
St Mary, Paisley	305	425
St Mirin Cathedral	1,072	1,091
St Ninian	689	644
St Patrick	410	679
St Paul	122	70
St Peter	139	104
St Thomas	266	312
Peter's Pence	13,152	16,171

% Increase from 2022 to 2023

23%

DIOCESAN APPEALS

SPRED Special Second Collection

Our Paisley Diocese SPRED offers people with learning disabilities: a personal friend who takes time to share life and faith, spiritual nurture in a small community of faith; and a sense of belonging to a parish community. Twenty-one SPRED groups meet in our church halls and special needs schools, allowing two hundred parishioners to come together in faith and friendship to share and experience God's love. Paisley SPRED supports three employees. *In SPRED I feel that I belong and everyone is my friend.*

In 2023 total income for SPRED was **£35,406** made up of £17,611 from the Special Collection, Friends Standing Orders £9,223, Gift Aid income of £2,285, Donations of £4,287 and Grants £2,000.

In 2023 total expenditure for SPRED was **£83,865** made up of wages related costs of £72,186, Gas £2,405, electricity £2,057, telephone and internet £1,114 and various smaller costs totalling £6,103.

In 2023 the deficit for the SPRED fund was **£48,459** which was funded from general reserves. In 2023 collection income of £17,611 funded 21% of the total costs.

In 2024 after a large fundraising effort by friends of SPRED, the collection income in February increased to £24,186 (+£7,355 or +44%) on the 2023 figure.

Education

This collection supports the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) which promotes and protects our Catholic schools in issues of national significance, and supports our schools, parishes and dioceses. The national office supports three employees and we also employ four part-time local members of staff to work in our schools and on the RE curriculum.

In 2023 this collection plus donations raised £17,860 with £1,018 for Gift Aid claims and £592 in donations and fundraising, bringing total income to £19,470.

Our expenditure for 2023 was £67,387 made up of our SCES pro-rata contribution of £28,210, diocesan salaries of £29,667, training £2,568, travel costs £1,851, hospitality £1,390 and various smaller costs totalling £3,701

This resulted in a deficit of £47,916, as income covered only 29% of expenditure, with the deficit having to be funded from general reserves.

*Our experience of the SPRED Mass here at St Charles was that it was a sheer joy to be a part of it. We found it very moving seeing everyone involved signing and following the mass so intently. We also had the pleasure of having two of the girls from the group with us in the foyer handing out the SPRED booklets and helping us welcome parishioners and give out the weekly bulletins. The Mass made not only us but everyone who attended feel so inspired that they were still talking about it a full week later. **Sandra Purdue & Trisha Cochran St Charles' Paisley.***

I am a parishioner in St. Peter's Parish and we have had the absolute privilege of having had many SPRED Masses in our church as The SPRED Centre is within our parish grounds. Initially It was a completely new experience for our us however each time there is a Mass there is always the buzz of excitement coming from all the SPRED community, all so eager to take part in the Mass. They put their heart and soul into every part of mass. When they are up on the altar we are all so moved by their actions and signing I can honestly say it is so uplifting.

I feel as a Parish community SPRED had shown us how Mass can really be celebrated with very few words in peace and love. The love they share with everyone is so tangible. Everyone in SPRED is on a level playing field even when the late Bishop Philip came to celebrate Mass one of the learning disabled members assured him if he needed help he was just to ask, he was very gracious about it assuring the friend he would certainly appreciate any help .

*I've also had the chance to pop in to the Christmas party which is full of joy and fun. SPRED always shares their Advent Mass at St Peter's too. SPRED is such an asset to the Diocese. Everyone in SPRED is proud to be part of the SPRED Family. **Jackie McGrath, St. Peter's Paisley***

*I went to my usual Mass one Sunday morning and it was in a different format . The SPRED family were having a Mass with their friends who have learning difficulties. We were advised that the Mass would be different and there would be signing by the SPRED groups and we were welcome to join in. It was a lovely Mass and I was so happy to see the friends join in with the signing. It was a simple Mass but my attention was held throughout . The homily was a one line message but it stayed with me throughout the day. To see the friends sign the Our Father was very emotional as was the hymn , Enfold Me. There was a family sitting in the row in front of me with 2 children aged about 8 and 10 and they were joining in with the signing and the hymns. Their Mum said they loved it and asked if they could go to a Mass like that every week!! The congregation were talking about it for days after, they all loved it. I look forward to the next one here in St John's. **Martha, St. John's***

I was at 12 o'clock Mass on Sunday 2nd June 2024 and was impressed by the number of members attending from our Diocesan SPRED organisation.

A few details were explained before Mass began, e.g. remaining seated throughout Mass and that the Liturgy of the Word would be led by SPRED members. I found this format peaceful and calm which allowed me to focus on listening and praying.

I enjoyed the Mass, finding it uplifting: the readings were signed and mimed, as was the Responsorial Psalm. Similarly, the hymns and prayers throughout Mass were signed and all members of SPRED were involved. What I found most moving was the focus and engagement of the whole congregation, there was a simplicity and depth of spirituality to the Mass.

I witnessed the importance of SPRED in ensuring that everyone can access our faith and I'm in awe of those who worked so committedly to support the members who benefit from their involvement.

Should there be the opportunity again in our parish, I would be delighted to attend the SPRED Mass. **Moirira Agnew, St Cadoc's**

Participating in the SPRED Mass within St. John the Baptist was my first experience of celebrating Mass with a difference. I was welcomed at the door by a lovely friendly individual giving out booklets and I enjoyed reading a bit more about SPRED and what they offer for individuals throughout the Diocese.



It was lovely to see such a turn out of individuals from throughout the Diocese. There was a beautiful atmosphere in the church and it was lovely to see the individuals so involved in the whole celebration of the Mass. I found the singing and signing of the readings quite emotional as I had not experienced this level of inclusivity within the Mass before.

Experiencing Mass in this way really made me think about the difference that simple changes, like not standing, can make. Additionally it was clear how much this experience meant to the individuals and families and to be part of these groups. It was clear to see how much they valued their faith.

There was a welcoming atmosphere also from the parishioners of St. John's who embraced the opportunity to be part of something so special. It was a memorable experience and highlighted the essential work of SPRED within the Diocese. **Jill (Parishioner, St. John the Baptist)**

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Collection Totals By Parish			
SPRED	Feb-23	Feb-24	Increase / (Decrease) from 2023 to 2024
Christ the King	228	313	85
Holy Family	359	454	95
Our Lady of Lourdes	936	807	(129)
St Aidan	509	599	89
St Andrew	416	450	34
St Bernadette	193	146	(47)
St Bridget	120	105	(15)
St Cadoc	883	3,295	2,412
St Charles	1,008	1,216	208
St Colm	126	167	41
St Columba	82	516	434
St Conval	358	498	140
St Fergus	120	137	17
St Fillan	683	897	214
St Francis	317	1,106	789
St James, Paisley	109	192	83
St James, Renfrew	199	479	280
St John, Barrhead	1,047	1,482	434
St John Bosco	192	230	39
St John the Baptist	575	706	131
St Joseph, Clarkston	1,847	2,976	1,129
St Joseph, Greenock	415	500	84
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	489	632	143
St Laurence	638	688	50
St Margaret	486	620	134
St Mary, Greenock	1,019	1,183	163
St Mary, Paisley	359	353	(6)
St Mirin Cathedral	1,811	1,605	(206)
St Ninian	621	841	220
St Patrick	781	134	(647)
St Paul	116	129	13
St Peter	237	364	127
St Thomas	331	511	181
	17,611	24,330	6,719
% Increase from 2023 to 2024			38%

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Collection Totals By Parish			
Education	Nov-22	Nov-23	Increase / (Decrease) from 2022 to 2023
Christ the King	260	261	1
Holy Family	384	351	(34)
Our Lady of Lourdes	760	804	44
St Aidan	321	409	88
St Andrew	436	400	(36)
St Bernadette	132	152	19
St Bridget	150	110	(40)
St Cadoc	838	1,191	353
St Charles	732	807	75
St Colm	162	85	(77)
St Columba	86	351	265
St Conval	416	397	(19)
St Fergus	132	122	(10)
St Fillan	454	617	163
St Francis	636	780	144
St James, Paisley	192	-	-
St James, Renfrew	290	471	181
St John, Barrhead	815	1,173	358
St John Bosco	185	162	(23)
St John the Baptist	515	598	83
St Joseph, Clarkston	1,877	2,113	236
St Joseph, Greenock	373	395	22
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	364	596	232
St Laurence	587	709	123
St Margaret	430	482	52
St Mary, Greenock	1,060	1,117	56
St Mary, Paisley	415	337	(79)
St Mirin Cathedral	1,275	898	(377)
St Ninian	566	560	(6)
St Patrick	684	613	(70)
St Paul	71	147	76
St Peter	150	159	9
St Thomas	326	493	167
	16,075	17,860	1,977
% Increase from 2022 to 2023			12%

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Sick and Retired Clergy

We remember our Sick & Retired Priests of the diocese with great love and affection. We have eleven retired priests, still active in prayer and witness: one living in Rome, one living in Chile, three in houses throughout the diocese, five in parish presbyteries, and one at the Residence of the Little Sisters. We thank God for the gift of these priests and keep them in our prayers.

In 2023 our two special collections raised £37,384 and our Friends Campaign and donations raised £11,499, Gift Aid claims £4,826, rental income £9,270 and legacies £18,148. Our total income was **£81,127**.

In 2023 our expenditure was **£170,574** made up of retired priests' allowances £78,247, housekeepers' wages £11,222, repairs to properties £10,985 medical and nursing home fees £21,612, the Healthcare Trust £14,137, Council Tax £8,882, rental of premises £18,950 and other costs of £6,539.

Although there is a shortfall of **£89,447** of income compared to expenditure, this is offset significantly by net (dividend) income (less fees) of **£73,438** from the Sick & Retired Priests Investment Fund which was set up over 30 years ago for this purpose.

Vocations and Ecclesiastical Students

This collection pays for our Paisley seminarians studying in Rome. In 2023 this collection raised £38,158 and our Friends Campaign raised £8,275 and we reclaimed £3,685 Gift Aid tax on these donations. We also received a grant of £25,000 from the Jesuits, a legacy of £8,148 and other income of £1,817 to bring our total income of **£85,083**.

In 2023 our costs totalled **£45,920** made up of a student grant £3,626, student fees £33,107, Training £1,500, printing £745 and various smaller costs totalling £6,942. Currently we have one student in Rome and two applicants for the propaedeutic year so we are anticipating similar costs in 2024.

It is hoped that the current surplus will help build a fund to promote vocations and fully cover the costs of our students in the future.

Parishioners' Perspectives

SPRED Family Mass

Arriving at St. Cadoc's on Sunday, 2nd June, for midday Mass, I was greeted by three people I had not met before. One of them handed me a SPRED Family Mass leaflet, welcomed me with a smile and ushered me inside. I had been away the weekend before visiting family in Germany, and missed the announcements about SPRED. But as I was shown into the church, I was happy to realise this was going to be a special occasion.

The front rows had been reserved for members of SPRED, which stands for Special Religious Development, an organisation dedicated to catechising children and adults with learning differences. I remembered coming across the acronym before, because it is a charity for which the Diocese of Paisley encourages donations in its quarterly special collections.

Now, seated behind members of the SPRED group - carers and cared-for alike - who were awaiting the arrival of our celebrant Canon Eddie and his two altar servers, I knew I was about to have the privilege of experiencing a different style of Mass: one whose overarching theme quickly became clear, LOVE.

The Processional Hymn introduced this theme:

'A new commandment...that you love one another as I have loved you.'

It was then reflected in the Responsorial Psalm:

'Enfold me in your love...'

The Thanksgiving Hymn, too, had a message of Love at its heart:

'O, the love of my Lord is the essence...'

And finally, in the Recessional Hymn, we sang:

'...bind us together in love.'

Watching the SPRED group, I couldn't help but be inspired by the generous, loving atmosphere. Every member was involved, seemed included, invited to participate - not least in the all-embracing prayer gestures which surprised and moved an uninitiated guest like me. It was a joyful way to worship, an active way to worship, and a celebration that I shall remember fondly.

Heidi Zanner, St. Cadoc's

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SPRED: A Closer Look



Dear All,

We have just began our new SPRED year 2024/25.

It's always a time of joy getting back together after the summer break, catching up on the news we will have to share with each other. I find however it's also a time of reflection, to look back on our year which has just gone.

Our 23/24 year proved to have a few "Firsts" in it...We had our first Diocesan SPRED Additional Support Needs (ASN) Schools Mass in St Mirin's Cathedral in June, a wonderful event which recognised the gifts and talents the schools have to contribute in our Diocese. Another of our firsts was celebrating SPRED Family Masses in the parishes of St Cadoc's Newton Mearns and St John The Baptist in Port Glasgow We are always delighted to share a SPRED Family Mass within parishes throughout our Diocese. They "showcase" (I use this word carefully) the work of SPRED There is fun and laughter in SPRED too, celebrations of our friends special birthdays, the Christmas party and the first sponsored walk we did not have to do virtually since Covid to name a few. However we always relate everything back to how sharing our faith within a human friendship brings us closer to a relationship/ friendship with the Lord.

In closing, I'm looking forward to experiencing some new "Firsts" this year and I would like to thank everyone for the support both financially and personally you continue to give to SPRED.

God Bless

Norma Scott
SPRED Director
for Diocese of Paisley

Collection Totals By Parish			
Retired Priests	Jan-23	Jan-24	Increase / (Decrease) from 2023- to 2024
Christ the King	203	340	137
Holy Family	447	431	(16)
Our Lady of Lourdes	775	826	51
St Aidan	491	597	105
St Andrew	552	487	(65)
St Bernadette	126	367	241
St Bridget	165	145	(20)
St Cadoc	995	1,478	483
St Charles	948	535	(413)
St Colm	172	88	(84)
St Columba	155	-	-
St Conval	472	408	(64)
St Fergus	175	153	(22)
St Fillan	686	786	100
St Francis	589	833	245
St James, Paisley	136	146	10
St James, Renfrew	249	500	251
St John, Barrhead	1,462	1,472	10
St John Bosco	168	269	101
St John the Baptist	714	950	237
St Joseph, Clarkston	2,209	2,385	176
St Joseph, Greenock	618	588	(30)
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	642	602	(40)
St Laurence	787	746	(41)
St Margaret	621	648	27
St Mary, Greenock	1,374	1,170	(204)
St Mary, Paisley	421	487	66
St Mirin Cathedral	1,182	278	(903)
St Ninian	683	813	130
St Patrick	836	854	18
St Paul	112	105	(7)
St Peter	370	271	(100)
St Thomas	424	494	70
	19,959	20,252	448

% Increase from 2023 to 2024
2%

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Collection Totals By Parish			
Vocations	Apr-23	Apr-24	Increase / (Decrease) from 2023 to 2024
Christ the King	216	117	(98)
Holy Family	361	386	25
Our Lady of Lourdes	822	719	(103)
St Aidan	426	558	133
St Andrew	542	540	(2)
St Bernadette	168	206	39
St Bridget	170	108	(63)
St Cadoc	1,153	1,118	(35)
St Charles	1,211	1,064	(147)
St Colm	126	193	67
St Columba	169	351	182
St Conval	492	440	(52)
St Fergus	105	90	(15)
St Fillan	620	681	61
St Francis	930	825	(104)
St James, Paisley	128	256	128
St James, Renfrew	207	533	326
St John, Barrhead	1,540	1,418	(123)
St John Bosco	174	207	33
St John the Baptist	702	835	133
St Joseph, Clarkston	2,294	2,304	10
St Joseph, Greenock	431	575	144
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	520	538	18
St Laurence	800	714	(85)
St Margaret	485	594	109
St Mary, Greenock	1,189	1,265	76
St Mary, Paisley	418	382	(36)
St Mirin Cathedral	334	1,618	1,284
St Ninian	652	666	13
St Patrick	660	752	92
St Paul	100	99	(1)
St Peter	203	165	(38)
St Thomas	500	562	62
	18,845	20,880	2,035

% Increase from 2023 to 2024
11%

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Pre-Paid Plans Everyone has different needs when it comes to funeral planning, so the plans we offer are as flexible as possible. We work in partnership with Golden Charter to provide you with a simple way to plan ahead. A plan from Golden Charter is available to all UK residents regardless of age or state of health. Although a pre-paid funeral plan can cover all of the services, additional third party costs need to be considered. Essential, non-funeral director services need to be paid at the time of the funeral—costs which are out-with our control. Even if prices rise in the future, once your plan is paid for, you'll have the reassurance of knowing that the cost of our services included in the plan are guaranteed!

Payment options to suit you With a Golden Charter funeral plan, you can pay for your plan in several ways. Spread the cost or make a one-off payment – simply choose the one that's right for you. We will provide you with all you need to make an informed decision.



Looking after you as a customer
As a Golden Charter plan holder, you'll receive detailed personalised plan documents and a personal membership card for you to carry in your purse or wallet. You can add a nominated representative to your plan if you wish to do so. Be assured your nominated representative will have no authority to make changes to your plan. You'll also receive a statement from Golden Charter every three years which will be sent via your preferred contact method. As your funeral director, we'll hold full details of your funeral plan. When the time comes, one phone call is all it takes to activate your plan and get the arrangements underway.

Ready to take the next step? Get in touch today As well as the comfort of having a plan in place, you'll have the peace of mind that comes with being able to help save your family from worry and expense in the future. So why not take the next step?

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**Hours of opening are Monday- Friday from 9am-4.30pm
and Saturdays 9am-11.30am.**

No appointment is necessary to arrange a funeral.

For help, guidance or information out-with normal hours,
the **on-call funeral director** can be contacted at any time on **0141 887 0000**

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