



## 16 JUNE 2024 - 11th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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#### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

##### MASS TIMES

Sunday: Vigil 4.00pm, 9.30am, 11.00am  
Weekday: Mon-Sat 9.30am  
(except Wed 11.00am)

##### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 10.00am - 10.30am  
Thursday: 6.30pm - 7.00pm

##### EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday: 6.30pm - 7.00pm  
Saturday: 10.00am -10.30am

##### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Main collection - £ 1115.00

#### ST COLM'S PARISH

##### MASS TIMES

Sunday: 9.30am  
Thursday: 11.00am

#### HOLY FAMILY PARISH

##### MASS TIMES

Sunday: Vigil 5.30pm, 11.00am  
Weekday: Mon-Sat 10.00am  
(no Mass on Thursdays)

##### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 10.30am-11.00am  
Saturday: 4.45pm - 5.15pm

##### EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: 9.30am - 9.55am

##### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Main collection - £ 693.00

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK** - John Gilmartin, Kathleen McIlkenny, Korbin Gabb, Nancy Touzeau, Mary Patrick, Kelly Devenney, Sandra Harrison, Joe Sweeney, James Drummond, Gill O'Brien, Isobel Cullen, Lauren Jenkins, Denis Morgan, Sandra Stuart, Robert McWhinnie, Ellen McConnechie, Anne McAlonan, Robert Temporal, Stewart McCullagh, Susan Davidson, Jim Allen, Jacqueline Bouvarid, Kim Davis, Jacqueline Bouvarid, Kim Davis, Johann Blair, Carmen Dow, Heidi Dow, Fr Pat Brannan, Morag Hicks

**RECENTLY DEAD** - Thomas McKim, Michael Quinn, Elizabeth Ferguson, Edward Devlin, David Duncan

**SIX MONTHS' MIND**: Maureen McCullagh, Daniel Kelly

**ANNIVERSARIES** - John McCallion, Margaret & Robert Burns, Patrick & Jane Keewan, Patrick Keewan (Jnr), James Barr, Edward Docherty, Frank McGachy, Gerald Moore, Siobhan Cullen, Helen McCall, Patrick McDonald, Mary Hutchison.

#### PRO-LIFE SPECIAL COLLECTION

This week, the Catholic Church in Great Britain and Ireland marks our annual Day for Life, established by Pope Saint John Paul II to recognise the value of human life at every stage and condition, and to draw attention to the seriousness of abortion and euthanasia and other aspects of human life deserving our consideration. In recent years our Day for Life Collection has helped fund our traditional pro-life organisations as well as supporting survivors of sexual abuse and those with addictions and caring for refugees and asylum seekers. This year's theme, *The Lord is My Shepherd*, focuses on Compassion and Hope at the End of life against current efforts to legalise assisted euthanasia. To read the Bishops' Message and moving testimony of a hospital chaplain please see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

#### FUNERAL - HOLY FAMILY

The funeral of David Duncan will take place in Holy Family on Friday 21 June at 10.00 am Mass.  
Please keep David and his family in your prayers.

## POPE FRANCIS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

In today's Gospel passage (cf. Mk 4:26-34), Jesus speaks to the crowd about the Kingdom of God and the dynamics of its growth, and he does so by recounting two brief parables. In the first parable (cf. vv. 26-29), the Kingdom of God is compared to the *mysterious growth of the seed*, which is cast upon the ground and then sprouts, grows and produces ears [of grain], independent of the care of the farmer who, when it is fully grown, sees to its harvest. This is the message that this parable conveys to us: through Jesus' teaching and action, the Kingdom of God is proclaimed, has burst into the field of the world and, like the seed, grows and develops by itself, through its own strength and according to humanly incomprehensible criteria. In its growth and development in history, it does not depend much on man's doing, but is above all an expression of the power and goodness of God, of the strength of the Holy Spirit who brings forth Christian life in the People of God.

At times history, with its events and its protagonists, seems to go in the opposite direction of the design of the heavenly Father, who wants justice, fraternity and peace for all his children. But we are called to live out these periods as seasons of trial, of hope and of vigilant expectation of the harvest. Indeed, yesterday like today, the Kingdom of God grows in the world in a mysterious way, in a surprising way, revealing the hidden power of the little seed, its victorious vitality. Within the folds of personal and social events which at times seem to signal the failure of hope, it is important to remain confident in God's subdued but powerful way of acting. For this reason, in moments of darkness and of difficulty we must not lose heart, but remain anchored in faithfulness to God, to his ever-saving presence. Remember this: God always saves. He is the Saviour.

## SUMMER MASS TIMES

After our pilot last summer, we have decided to move again to a Summer Mass Schedule, ensuring that we only need two priests to cover all the Mass. Again, this will mean some changes for all the parishes. We are aware that the changes won't suit everyone, but again we have tried to ensure a spread of Masses so that everyone is able to get to Mass, even if that won't always be in their own parish or to the Mass that they normally attend. This summer timetable will begin on Saturday 29 June and will continue until the end of the school summer holidays. We know that some will be inconvenienced, but there really is no other way of doing things at this time. We encourage you to pray for more vocations to the priesthood so that we can look forward together to more priests to serve our communities.

## SUMMER MASS TIMES

### VIGIL MASSES

4.00pm St John's  
5.30pm Holy Family

### SUNDAY MASSES

9.30am Holy Family and St Colm's  
10.30am St Francis of Assisi  
11.00am St John's  
4.30pm St Francis of Assisi



## THIS WEEK IN ST JOHN'S

Tuesday - Eucharistic Service 9.30am

## HOLY FAMILY - CHURCH CLEANERS

At present we only have one cleaner who comes along to keep our church clean & tidy and for this we are very grateful. However we desperately need more helpers. If you can give an hour or so on a weekly basis to help out please speak with Fr Dan or Fr Laurent.

## AOH Div 210

There will be a meeting in the Hall on 23 June at 12.30pm.

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES TO ROME & ASSISI FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Bishop John will be leading two pilgrimages to Rome & Assisi during the Jubilee Year 2025. Both pilgrimages will include 5 nights in Rome & 2 nights in Assisi. Flights with Jet2 from Glasgow Airport. The Pilgrimages are from 5-12 May 2025 & 12-19 September 2025. More details, including costs and booking contacts are available on the Diocesan website at [rcdop.org.uk/2025RomeAssisi](http://rcdop.org.uk/2025RomeAssisi)

## VALUE YOUR VOTE

SPUC has launched a campaign to encourage voters to protect the most vulnerable members of our society from the womb to the tomb with advanced tools at [www.spuc.org.uk/valueyourvote](http://www.spuc.org.uk/valueyourvote) to support you in making your pro-life vote count. Despite the staggering scale of abortion alongside growing momentum for legislation to permit assisted suicide, the Catholic Church is almost alone in recognising the gravity of the situation for society. This online tool can help you make your voice count.

## YOUTH TO LOURDES 2025

Our pilgrimage returns in the summer of 2025. In s3-s6? Do you wish to serve others? Learn more about your faith? Meet other young people? If so, then Youth to Lourdes could be for you! The pilgrimage will leave Scotland on Thursday 26th June 2025. We will arrive in Lourdes on Friday 27th June. We will arrive back in Scotland on Friday 4th July 2023. Transport by bus & ferry. The pilgrimage costs £750.00. If. However, with a deposit of £75.00 before our first meeting on Sunday 7th September at the Diocesan Offices in Paisley, you will qualify for an early bird rate of £700.00! To travel you must have a valid UK or EU Passport. Want to know more? Contact Fr. John Morrison tel: 01418892026 5056 or email [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk) or follow us on Instagram, facebook and twitter.