

**St John the Baptist/ St Colm**

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Mon – Fri. 9.00

Sat Vigil / Sun

Mon – Fri Rosary

Sat 9:30am

4pm / 11am

8.30am.

**Confessions & Adoration**

Mon – Fri

Thu

Sat

8.30 – 8.:50

6:30 – 7pm

10 -10:30 am

**St Colm Masses**

Thurs

11am

Sun

9:30am

**Confiteor:** I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Gloria:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Responsorial Psalm:** This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Apostles Creed:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**The Mystery of Faith:** We proclaim your death, O, Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again

**Or** When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O, Lord, until you come again

**Or** Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

**Collections:** St John the Baptist Weekly Collections: **GA** £379.00 **NGA** £970.75

**Monthly Standing Orders** £1381.33

**St Colms NGA:** £213.00 **Monthly Standing Orders** £1187.00.

**We pray for those who have died recently** Eileen Kelly, Marianne Mc Gowan **and for the Anniversaries of** Annie, Cormick & Mary Barry, Jean Byrne, Hugh, Isabel & Patrick Coyle, Rosemary Farrell, Agnes Gilshan, Michael Hepburn, Cathy & Patrick Murray, Neil McCauley, James Mc Ewan Snr, Bryan O'Donnell, Mary O'Donnell.

**St Michael the Archangel,** defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O' Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all wicked spirits who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**New Gift Aid Envelopes:** If you are a Gift Aider your New Envelopes for April 26-27 are available from the Sacristy. For those who pay **First Collection by Standing Order, envelopes available** for the Second Collections & 12 Monthly Building Fund Collections.

## **4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday**

**Mass on Monday in St Johns:** At 9.30am and at 9am for the rest of the week. (Confessions: Wed-Sat as normal)

**Funeral of Marianne Mc Gowan:** Tuesday 7th April at 9am. Her nephew, Fr David Conroy will be Principal Celebrant.

**Statement from Bishops of Scotland:** Following a request from the Holy See, the Bishops of Scotland have been invited to reflect on how the structures of the Church in our country can best serve her mission in the years ahead, specifically whether the present situation of eight dioceses is suitable

**Two possible pathways are being proposed for careful discernment: developing deeper cooperation and the sharing of resources across dioceses within our present structures, or the merging of some dioceses.**

Following-on from the presentation of a discussion paper, responses from each diocese will contribute to the initial findings which will be given to the Holy See in the Autumn.

**The Inverclyde Across to Lourdes Group** : They will be going on Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 31st August till 9th September by Jumbulance. There are still some places left for helpers, and one nurse. Anyone wishing to find out more , please phone Jean on 07483 242914, or Cathie on 07837 210261

**Divine Mercy Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April:** This will take place in St Francis beginning at 2pm with Holy Hour and Confessions. Canon Joe will lead the service with Fr Jonathan Whitworth and Fr Eoin Patten hearing Confessions.

**50/50: Winner for March:** No 68 A. Stewart- **£282.50**

**Rachel's Vineyard retreat:** A spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Glasgow on Friday, 24th to Sunday 26th April. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call/text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email at [sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk](mailto:sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk). For more details, see [www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk)

**Safeguarding Thought for the Month – April:** We aim to make the Church an increasingly safe place for all.

**Sponsored Fundraiser:** This August, Michael Riddoch will be taking part in "The Drop", a 15-mile navigation challenge which will involve him trying to find his way home with no phone, electronics, map, or compass. He's raising funds for the diocesan Youth Commission, which supports young people in our community, providing them with opportunities for growth, faith, and community involvement. To sponsor Michael, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/page/dyp2026>. Thank you!

**Interfaith Family Sports Festival:** Join us for a fun-filled day bringing our community together through sport, unity, and friendship! Takes place on Monday 25th May from 12pm – 4pm at Greenock Cricket Club with Cricket, Football, Squash, Interfaith Dialogue and a Family-Friendly Atmosphere. Bring your family, friends, and neighbours – everyone is welcome! <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-interfaith-family-sports-festival-tickets-1985382009034> to register.

