**Saints this Week**

Friday 20th August – Saint Bernard

Saturday 21st August – Saint Pius X

**Offertory Collect**

On the Parish Website [www.stlaurencesgreenock.co.uk](http://www.stlaurencesgreenock.co.uk) it is possible to make an online offertory donation by clicking on the ‘Online Offertory’ image. If you are a UK Taxpayer you can also increase your offertory by 25% at no extra cost by Gift Aid; you may also wish to consider paying by a regular Standing Order which is an excellent way of contributing monthly to the Parish without the use of envelopes.

**Think Vocations**

‘The Almighty has done great things for me.’ Mary praises God for His power at work in her life. Say ‘yes’ to God as she did. Vocations Director Fr John Morrison vocations@rcdop.org.uk 01418895056

**Fourth Evening of Prayer for the Year of Saint Joseph**

The fourth evening will be held in St Mary’s Church, Greenock, on **Thursday 26th August at 4pm** (please note the change of date and time) and will be a Mass of Saint Joseph to pray for all those involved in Catholic Education and to commend them to St Joseph. Please use the Eventbrite link to book your tickets. Alternatively, call Angela on 0141 237 3584

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-paisley-33712912941](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-paisley-33712912941)

**Course to Qualify as a RE Specialist**

If you are a qualified teacher at primary or secondary level you could take an advanced qualification as a RE specialist. The University of Glasgow is offering a course for the year 21/22. A grant of £400 is available in two instalments from the Diocese for teachers resident in the Diocese who attend monthly diocesan seminars to support completion of their assignments. For more details please see [www.gla.as.uk/schools/education/cpd/atqre](http://www.gla.as.uk/schools/education/cpd/atqre)

**Carfin Day**

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Carfin, led by Bishop John Keenan, will take place on Sunday 29th August. Mass of Anointing of the Sick at 3pm followed by the Rosary Procession at 5.30pm. Catering facilities are available at the shrine.

**Schools Return**

Please pray for all of the boys and girls as they return to school this week, especially for the Primary 1 class in All Saints, and the First Years at Notre Dame as they make these important steps.

**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick and those who have asked our prayers, especially all of those affected by Covid-19 and those caring for them.**

**Please pray for those who have died recently:** Tony Graham, John Tannock

**Please pray for those whose Anniversary occurs about now:** Alexander Cannon Snr, Alexander Cannon Jnr, Betty Hemphill, John & Bernadette McDiarmid, Con Gillen, Ella Brady, Ronnie Guthrie, Mary Glancy, Margaret McCluskey, John McCluskey, Charles Donnachie, Nan & Joe McLoughlin, Dolly Bryceland

**Devotions**

The Holy Rosary will be prayed publicly before weekday Morning Mass and Saturdays at 9.35am. There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Wednesday Evenings from 6.10pm – 6.50pm, and on Saturday Mornings from 10.30am – 11.00am.

**Confessions**

As well as Confessions after Saturday Morning Mass, we will also have them on Wednesday Evenings from 6.15 – 6.45pm.

**Altar Servers**

Altar Servers are welcome to return to their Sunday Mass duties if they wish, and with parent’s permission – at the moment there may not be a lot of tasks, but the help of Servers is always appreciated.

**Visit of Bishop Keenan**

The Bishop joins us for Holy Mass today at 10am to mark the Feast of the Assumption and to help us in welcoming Fr Joe McGill to the Parish.

**Marriage and Family Webpage**

The Diocese has a dedicated page on the website for Marriage and Family Life. It contains a wealth of information, support and resources for many aspects of this important vocation. Please visit [www.rcdop.org.uk/marriage-family-life-2](http://www.rcdop.org.uk/marriage-family-life-2)

**March for Life UK**

This Pro-Life Rally takes place in Central London on Saturday 4th September from 10am – 4.30pm. The Diocese of Paisley with SPUC Glasgow have an overnight coach leaving St Mirin’s cathedral at midnight on the Friday, cost £30. For more info Louise lgrant@spucscotland.org or Marianne curia@rcdop.org.uk