

# OPEN HOUSE

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# Mass Times

## Saturday 10th May

4.30pm - 5pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5.30pm Vigil Mass (Canon Peter Gallagher)  
**Easter 4(C) Good Shepherd Sunday 11th May**  
 9am & 11am Mass; CAT Club 1st Communion . Tea Bar in church hall  
 5.30pm Evening Mass with worship group

## Monday 12th May

10am Parish Mass (Spiritus, Carfin)  
 10am - 12noon TWMM Breakfast Club  
 6pm & 7pm Wedding appointments  
 7pm Meditation Group (Chapel House)  
 7pm Craft Club for all at Maryhill Ruchill

**Tuesday 13th May; Feast of St Julie Billiart (also Our Lady of Fatima)** 10am Parish Mass  
 11.30 - 3pm Tuesday Club  
 11.30 Funeral Appointment  
 2.30 Wedding Appointment

**Wednesday 14th May; Feast of St Matthias**  
 10.00am Parish Mass

**Thursday 15th May** 10am Parish Mass  
 10.30 - 2pm Maccy CaFFY

7pm Parish Team Meeting (Hall)

**Friday 16th May** 10am Parish Mass

## Saturday 17th May

4.30pm - 5pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5.30pm Vigil Mass

## Support St Margaret's Hospice

Relaxing Sunday afternoon enjoying Fizz, Food and Fun? Swing/Jazz Lunch at the Grosvenor Hotel, Sunday 1st June 1pm-6pm with host Gina McKee and featuring music by The Merchant City Showband. Sparkling reception, 2 course lunch. Tombola, raffle & Hit/Miss quiz. £45 per head, tickets @ Hospice website or info from Agnes Barrett.



**Assisi-Rome Pilgrimage** September 2025. Alba Tours will prompt you about next payment. There will be a meeting for everyone to meet and hear about the itinerary, ask any questions etc. This will probably be early June when Fr Jim is back on his feet.

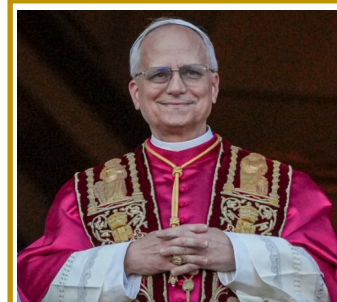
**Job Vacancy:** Catholic House of Prayer Iona to recruit assistant to help run house from July for 2/more months. Info from Jane Kindlen [mail@catholic-iona.com](mailto:mail@catholic-iona.com) or 01681 700369

**SPRED Volunteer Training:** Interested in taking part in a SPRED group? You're welcome to join volunteer training. 4 Mondays from 12th May (except Monday 26th May) at 7pm in SPRED Centre, 20 Robroynton Rd, G33 1EQ. Contact Patricia Duffy 0141 770 5055 or email [glasgow.spred@btconnect.com](mailto:glasgow.spred@btconnect.com)  
 Archdiocesan Mass for children with additional support needs St. Andrew's Cathedral Tuesday 3rd June @ 5.15pm All welcome!

**Glasgow 850:** Civic & Church leaders in an ecumenical service dedicated to Archbishop Blackadder, 1st Archbishop of Glasgow. Glasgow Cathedral, High St, Sun 11th May 4pm. All welcome.



# THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MARYHILL



**A new Shepherd!** What a co-incidence that our new Pope's first Sunday should be Good Shepherd Sunday. We thank God for the gift of a new chief pastor! Robert Prevost is a Chicago-born member of the Augustinian Order. He has spent most of his life as a priest and bishop in northern Peru as well as leading his order globally for a decade, then based in Rome. More recently Pope Francis brought him to head up the department that recommends the appointment of bishops all over the world. And then on May 8th, this man became Pope Leo XIV!



**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** Postal 2049, Maryhill Rd, G20 OAA  
 Tel 0141 946 2071 **Sunday Mass** 5.30 (Vigil) 9a.m, 11am & 5.30pm  
**Confession** Sat 4.30 - 5.00; on request **Weekday Mass** Mon—Fri (only) 10am  
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**Easter Sunday 4(C)**  
**“GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY”**  
*“In this parish, all are welcome, none are judged”*  
**Holy Year of Jubilee, 2025**



## LITURGY OF THE WORD



### 1st Reading Acts of Apostles 13

Behold we are turning to the Gentiles

### Responsorial Psalm 100

We are his people the sheep of his flock

### 2nd Reading; Revelation 7;9ff

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of living water.

### Gospel; John 10; 27 - 30

I will give eternal life to my sheep



### Good Shepherd Sunday: Open the Door:

In response to the opening of the Holy Doors in Rome, calling pilgrims to a deeper relationship with God, our Vocations Sunday theme is **Open the Door to Christ**. We are called to continually open our hearts to Christ, to be led by him in his ways of peace. On Good Shepherd Sunday we are asked to think about our own vocation and to pray especially for vocations to the priesthood and religious life within the Archdiocese of Glasgow. if you would like to discuss a possible vocation to the priesthood, please speak with your Parish Priest, or Fr Paddy Boyle, at [vocations@rcag.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcag.org.uk).

**Think Fete** Because it is just a month away! We still need volunteers for the bottle stall and other jobs - check the list in porch. Keep all donations coming, especially gifts of bottles. The raffle of the grand hamper (runners up of 2 meal vouchers and 6 bottles of spirits) £2 a strip for sale in the porch. There are posters in the porch - can you get them up in the community anywhere for us? Bundles of flyers for family & friends. **Meeting after 11am Mass next week in bar area of hall. Grab your tea & toast and pop in!**



**DON'T FORGET GAZA**

**Gaza Ceasefire Now.** 439,000 people here have now signed Oxfam's call for the UK government to push harder for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, for water, food and fuel allowed in and the hostages released; sign now; CTRL click: Ceasefire petition: End the crisis in Gaza | Sign petition | Oxfam GB.

**Protect People Not Extreme Wealth.** The UK government is cutting international aid and benefits, but 78% of the public support a 2% wealth tax on net assets worth more than £10 million, to raise £24 billion; petition: CTRL click: Tax the super-rich: protect people not extreme wealth | Oxfam GB.

**Scotland Demands Better.** Progress around social, economic, environmental justice in Scotland is slow, but it doesn't have to be like this; join Poverty Alliance's campaign for just & compassionate Scotland; sign up - CTRL click: Scotland Demands Better - The Poverty Alliance.

**Stop Climate Chaos Scotland.** Target of reducing car use by 20% by 2030 been ditched; read coalition's 2 pager on what our government must deliver before 2026 election: CTRL click: Proposals for inclusion 2025/26 Programme for Government; Stop Climate Chaos Scotland.

**Be a Pollinator Protector.** Pollinators - bees, butterflies etc, are tiny superheroes and play a huge role in food supply chains and keeping nature healthy; Greenpeace is offering a free course of five emails to learn how to protect and support them: access at: <https://action.greenpeace.org.uk/pollinator-course>.



### Refugee and migrant event June 19th.

Faith action for Refugees - funded by the Church of Scotland has given us the honour of hosting a national service for refugee week here at the parish. This will take the shape of some worship & prayer together for everyone of all faiths. This will be followed by shared food in the hall. Really keen the lead in this should be given to our own families whose story started outside Scotland. There will be food and drink to reflect our diversity in the hall afterwards. Would you like to get involved in this?

**Parish update** Fr Jim's surgery & recovery has gone well. (He has 3 follow up appointments this week) We're very grateful to Fr Javier of the Comboni Missionaries last week; to Canon Peter Gallagher for this weekend & to the Spiritans, covering next week until Friday. Fr Jim will have appointments about weddings & funerals this week (he'll call you) and intends to celebrate some Masses next weekend, assisted by Fr Innocent who will Sunday (We need lifts for him to & from Shettleston) Please make visitors welcome. Fr Jim thanks you for your good wishes, support & ,above all, your patience!



**SCIAF 2025** Congratulations to Graham Hill who did the Big Walk and raised almost £400. To all of you for the Wee box response - over £6,000. The collection in Lent - another £6,000+ and several individual donations means that your peace-making gift for the people of Colombia comes to an amazing

**£16,800** Huge thanks to our money-team for collating your gifts.

**Parish Team** meets on Thursday to evaluate Easter and looks at the priorities of the life of the parish in the way ahead

**Funerals.** Please remember Elizabeth Kingsman (F 21st May) and for Day (F 22nd May) Please remember the families of Pat Struthers, Celia Handley, William Connor, Eddie Gallagher - prayers for all the grieving families in our parish

**Baptisms** cannot be arranged by phone; come to Mass, introduce yourself & collect a registration form. All intending baptism, please ensure you have submitted a form

**CAT Club** TODAY Sunday for all children due to make First Holy Communion. Make sure you & your family are at Mass

**Eucharistic Ministers** sked to make sure you're here; been a number of no-shows recently. Also, the tray with the vessels is returned to the sacristy after each Mass.

**Hall roof repair** Tiles gradually being replaced before whole area sprayed with protective coating and soffits then replaced. Access not impaired but please be aware of safety measures.

**Financial support** If you are a new parishioner, or haven't done it yet, you can **1.** sign up to gift aid your donations - or you can, even easier, **2.** donate electronically by bankers order. Forms in the porch for both of these—just complete and return



### SAVE THE DATE

Check your date is listed and get in touch if you're not!

**5th July, 2025**  
Immaculate Conception  
(2 weddings same date)

**25th July 2025**  
Immaculate Conception  
**29th July, 2025**

Immaculate Conception  
**3rd August 2025**  
St Mahew Cardross

**7th August, 2025**  
St Andrews Cathedral  
**25 August 2025**

St Andrews Fife  
**12th September 2025**  
Sta Margarita, Italy

**4th October 2025**  
Glasgow University  
**11th October 2025**

Immaculate Conception  
**31st October 2025**

Immaculate Conception  
**23rd November, 2025**  
Immaculate Conception

**29th November, 2025**  
St Aloysius, Garnethill  
**6 June 2026**

St Aloysius college  
**11th July 2026**  
OL Star of Sea Largs  
**15th August**