

The Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures 2019: A series of public lectures at Pluscarden Abbey, **11th - 13th June.** *Beauty will save the World.* Four talks by Father Martin Boland. No charge and all are welcome to attend. To register for talks or accommodation please write to: Pentecost Lectures, Pluscarden Abbey, ELGIN, Moray IV30 8UA enclosing a SAE; or email guestmaster@pluscardenabbey.org

The Light is Everything: Opening Ourselves to Jesus's Healing Touch. (based on the Gospel of the man born blind) This quiet morning will take place in **St. Columba's Church Oratory, Renfrew** on **Sat 30th March.** It begins **10.30am** (teas available from 10) and will finish about 1.30pm (includes mass and light lunch)

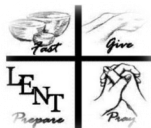
Interfaith Scotland is teaming up with the University of St Andrews Coexistence initiative to host an interfaith youth conference at the University of St Andrews on **Saturday 13th April from 11am - 4pm** at the Arts Lecture Theatre, KY16 9AX.

The Season of Lent

In our dealings and encounters with other people, we are often quick to dismiss them or even write them off when they don't meet our standards or expectations. Thankfully this is not how God treats us. Just as *God is love, so also God is patient.* Time and time again, God offers us the opportunity to change, repent and start again.

This is beautifully illustrated in this Sunday's gospel. The

owner of the vineyard is quick to uproot and cut the down the fig tree because it bears no fruit. However the gardener gives the tree yet another chance to mature and produce fruit. The same way, God gives us chance to repent.



Legacies: when making your Will have you thought of leaving a legacy to the Parish or diocese?

Gift Aid: If you pay tax as for a Gift Aid form and your one-off signature we get an extra 25%

MONTHLY DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS AND HOLY MASS - Wednesday - 7 p.m. Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions and Holy Mass will take place on Wednesday 27 March 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in **St Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley, PA1 2UN** and will be celebrated by Father Jude Okorie. The Divine Mercy devotions will begin with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy chaplet followed by Holy Mass. Light refreshments will be available afterwards. All are welcome.

FILM NIGHT Fundraiser HCPT Group 19 Lourdes Easter Pilgrimage. Sister Clare Crockett was killed during an earthquake in Ecuador. As a youngster her life was heading for spiritual destruction. Then she opened her life to Jesus, changed her ways and joined the Sisters of the Home of the Mother. In this 80 mins film she talks about her life in a fitting reflection for Lent and Easter. **St Patrick's Church Hall, Coatbridge, Thursday evening 11th April 7.30pm. Pay at door: £3. All money raised to HCPT Group 19 Lourdes Pilgrimage this Easter.**

New Fertility Care Scotland Clinic in Paisley: From Monday 11 February, Fertility Care will run a clinic in our Diocesan offices on Monday evenings from 7 - 9pm, running alternate Monday thereafter. Phone: 0141 221 0858 E-Mail: info@fertilitycare.org.uk Website at www.fertilitycare.org.uk

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ST MARY'S CONFERENCE

Welcome everyone. If you know anyone in need of food or families in need. Please contact us or tell the person to ask for food parcel from the Chapel house. We also appeal to parishioners to assist us.



ST MARY'S PARISH PAISLEY

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Email: StMaryPaisley@rcdop.org.uk
Website: stmaryrcpaisley.com
Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Jude Okorie

24th March 2019

3rd Sunday of Lent Year C

Parish Mass & Prayer Times

Rosary & Morning Prayer: 9:10 before 9:30am Mass

Weekday Mass: 9:30am daily (except Wednesday)

Wednesday Evening Mass: 7pm

Exposition: Tuesday & Thursday 9am

Saturday 9:00am after 9:30am Mass

Divine Mercy Devotion: Friday after Mass

**Sunday Masses: 4:30pm (Saturday Vigil)
10:30am Mass & Children's Liturgy**

Confessions: Saturday 10:00am - 10:30am & 4 - 4:30pm

Baptism: Arrange with the priest

Marriage: Give at least six months notice (see Fr Jude)



SUNDAY HOLY MASS

Psalm Response : "The Lord is compassion and love"

Mass Book: YEAR C Part:1 Page: 77

A warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors. Whether you are visiting the parish for the first time or just moved to the area, please feel very welcome. Introduce yourself to the parish priest and other parishioners. There are no strangers here, just new friends you have not met; so feel relax . There is Tea and coffee after Sunday mass in the hall. Join us and have a "wee cuppa" with your friends.



PARISH NOTICE

2019 Offertory Envelopes: Now available, you can pick up your envelopes at the porch. If you are a new parishioner and a UK tax payer, please signed in for gift aid and have your name on our offertory envelope. Speak with Jim McKeown or Jim Kerr for details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: An appeal was made last weekend for more volunteers to help in different facets of our parish up keeping. Forms still available at the porch. Please take one home and we beg you to give a wee hand or aid to the maintenance of our parish.

St Mary's needs YOU!!!

BENEDICTION & EVENING MASS

As a way of being with Jesus in Prayer as a community, there will be benediction/Vespers and evening Mass on Sundays throughout this season of Lent. All are welcome!!!



Benediction/Vespers @ 4:00pm

Evening Mass @ 4:30pm.

Stations of the Cross Tuesdays after Mass and Fridays 9:00am

St Patrick Night: this Saturday at 7pm. Remember it is BYOB.

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Diocesan Fundraising Team visit: 6th & 7th April 2019

Fr. John Bashabora Retreat & Mass: 7th April 2019

Altar Servers Social Evening: TBC

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Last Week's Collections

Thanks for last week's **Offertory collection:**
Gift Aid: £364.50, Non Gift Aid £289 = £654.07

Building fund: Gift Aid £59.00, Non Gift aid £162.79 = £221.79. **Grand Total £875.86**

SCIAF WEE BOX- These are available in the porch. Please take home a WEE BOX and help families grow their way out of poverty and hunger. Feel free to take one to have at home and at your workplace if suitable.

Parish Piety Stall: St Patrick's Day, First Holy Communion and Easter cards & stocks are now available.

Parish Choir: In order to prepare for the forthcoming feasts/ celebrations, we remind members that choir practice will begin this Wednesday and will be on every Wednesday after evening mass. New members are welcome!

Baptism Congratulations: to Michael & Julie Dickinson whose kids Phoenix & Kolby will be christened after Sunday mass this weekend.

Special Collection - SCIAF & St. Mirin's Fund 31 March:

Mass at UWS Chaplaincy: Mass is available at the St. Mirin's Chaplaincy centre, 45 High Street, Paisley at 5pm on Sundays and at 12.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. All welcome!

Diocesan Fundraising Team: Fr Oliver Freney and the diocesan Fundraising Team will be coming to our parish on Sunday 6th & 7th April to talk about our diocesan *Friends Fundraising Campaign*. The diocese is running an annual deficit of £300K and bishop John has approved a plan to put us in surplus from now on. Our Friends Campaign is the heart of this and so the Team will ask you to sign up to become a Friend of your chosen diocesan project by making a regular contribution. If every member of our diocese gave just £5.00 a year as a Friend we would be in surplus. Please think about it and give thoughtfully and generously

Let's Meet: Would you like to meet someone special? Let's Meet is sort of like speed dating and is a very friendly, relaxed way to meet fellow single Catholics (Aged 21-40). We need good, strong Catholic couples and families for the future of our Church. So please, give our Catholic Speed Dating event a go. Browns Brasserie & Bar, Glasgow. **7pm, Saturday 6th April.** To buy a £10 ticket email letsmeetscotland@gmail.com.

For the Attention of All Church Volunteers with PVG Certificates or Pending PVG Certificates: volunteers doing or planning to do regulated work with children and vulnerable adults *or both, should* complete the Level one Safeguarding training. The next session will be held in the **Diocesan Office, Inle Street, Paisley, PA1 1HR on Tuesday 30th April at 7pm.** Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or **0141 847 6138** to register.

St. Mirin's Fund: is a Fund set up by the Diocese of Paisley to disburse funds from the Episcopal Charities and Bishop's Fund. If you wish to be considered for a gift from this fund for a charitable project or need, please contact funding@rcdop.org.uk with a contact name, contact details and a statement of how you would use the gift. Closing date is 29th March 2019. Thank you.

World Youth Day 2022: Registration is now open for World Youth Day 2022 in Lisbon, Portugal. Details of cost and dates will be advised soon. To register, please visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/news/world-youth-day-2022-lisbon-for-a-lifetime-experience>

Are you a Teacher Open to becoming an RE Specialist in our Catholic High Schools? The

University of Glasgow is offering courses to enable qualified teachers to gain an Additional Teaching Qualification in Religious Education (ATQRE), leading to GTCS 'Professional Recognition' and allowing you to become an RE specialist in the Catholic secondary school. Currently our Catholic schools in Scotland are short of around 50 RE specialists. If you are interested please contact the diocese at Education@rcdop.org.uk or go to: <https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/education/cpd/atqre/>

This month's Pro-Life Mass is on **Wednesday, 20th March** in Blessed John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals G5 0YT. There will be Adoration at 6pm, followed by Rosary at 7pm and Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome. The celebrant will be Canon Joseph McAuley.

As a parish Community we pray especially for

Those who are sick

Helena Sagnella Ben Chamness William McCarry Allison O'Kane
Bobby Muir Mary Graham Agnes Cattigan Jane McKenna
Caetano Rosario Cardozo Elizabeth McGrogan Laura Hunter
Christine McAllister John Allison Russell Smith Margaret Blane
Linda Patti Tommy Campbell Stephen Jim Bowers
Sarah Jessiman Sarah & Jeanette McCann Greame

Those who are recently deceased

John McStay Catherine Ann Forry
Betty Arroll Nikky Gianini

Those whose anniversaries occur

John & Sarah Bolland Jack Main
Brian Murray Cersidio Serapiglia
Gerard & Martin Markey Frances Doohan