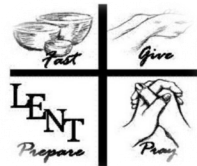


Diocesan Music Day: The Diocesan Liturgy Commission will host a day for musicians and singers on **Saturday 16th March** from **11.30-2.30pm** in St Mirin's Hall to prepare for the Easter Triduum. There will be input on each of the three days of the Triduum, with suggestions and materials for these celebrations. All welcome to attend.

Pope Francis on the Season of Lent

Lent is a sacramental sign of (...) conversion. It invites Christians to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by **fasting, prayer and almsgiving**. *Fasting*, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to "devour" everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts. *Prayer*, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy. *Almsgiving*, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.



(an excerpt of the Holy Father's 2019 Lenten Message)

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%

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>

Volunteers required for The Ozanam Club, Paisley: The Ozanam Club is a social club for adults with additional support needs and meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month in St. Mirin's, Cathedral Halls (6.30pm to 9.30pm). If you would like to find out more, please phone **Caroline O'Neill 07722445109** (After 6pm). (All volunteers must be 18+ and will require a Paisley diocesan PVG) **THANK YOU**

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.



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3rd March 2019

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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

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 : "it is good to give thanks, O Lord"

Mass Book: YEAR C Part:1 Page: 68



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

St Patrick Night: Our next Parish social event "St Patrick Night" will take place on Saturday 23rd March. Tickets sales will begin this weekend. £5 for adults and £3 for kids. BYOB. Speak to Kay Steel or Henry Bradley for enquiries.



Parish 200 Club: February draw will take place this Sunday after 10:30am Mass in the Tea Room.

Quiz Night: for St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society in the Hall on Monday at 7:30pm. All are welcome!!

Ash Wednesday is this week, 6th March and is a day of Fast and Abstinence. There will be two masses 9:30am and 7pm. Ashes will be distributed during Mass. We encourage everyone to attend mass on this day as it's a better way to make a good start of this Holy Season.



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

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.

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Ash Wednesday 6th March
First confession for P4 7th March
St Patrick's Night 23rd March

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Lenten Reflection s3-s6: Net Ministries will be hosting an afternoon of activities for s3-s6 pupils on **Sunday 3rd March 2-6pm** at the St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Center, 45 High Street, Paisley. Come and find out more about Lent and what it means for you! Please bring along a completed consent form which you obtain from your Parish or school. For more information please contact Fr. John Morrison vocations@rcdop.org. Uk

Net Ministries Retreat: Fearless and Free: Retreat for young women (s4-s6) **March 2nd:** Women have the ability to love deeply and purely - in a way that has the power to transform the world. So why do we often feel enslaved, hidden, or unlovable? How do we come to a place where we feel unable to live as freely and courageously as we were meant to? Why do we often hunger for more meaning in life? We are meant to live courageously and boldly. Come join us as discuss the unique gifts women have and how we can use them to live FEARLESS and FREE. Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CF5ZK9G>.

Net Come and See (ages 16-28): March 9th: Have you ever had the desire to do something amazing? Join us for our Come & See event and find out what it is like to serve as one of our missionaries. Hear personal stories, play interactive games, and learn about the lifestyle of a NET Missionary. 11AM - 5PM (And join us for our monthly Coffee House later that night). Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/>

Lent Day for Primary School Children: The Diocese of Paisley will be holding a Lenten reflection day for Primary school pupils in p 4,5, 6 +7 on **Sunday 10th March 2019** at St. Francis', Port Glasgow **2-6pm**. To attend the event, facilitated by the Salesian Sisters, the children must bring with them a consent form. This can be obtained from your parish, school or by contacting Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Rite of Election - New Members of the Church: Please keep the new member of our church in your prayers as they journey through their Rite of Election to the Easter Vigil-the usual time to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) with Adults. Prayer for Christian Initiation of Adults - *Father, you give your Church constant growth by adding new members to your family. Help us put into action in our lives the baptism we have received in faith* (Roman Missal)

SCIAF WEE BOX- These will be available next week Sunday 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

Gratitude: The Sisters from **St Elizabeth Convent Minsk, Belarus** thank all Parishioners who supported them last Tuesday. There is also opportunity to support them in taking care of the needy. Speak to Fr Jude

Young Scots Pilgrimage to Taize, 7-15 July 2019: Bishop Mark Strange, the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church will be spending the week **7th-14th July 2019** in Taizé, with the idea that young people from Scotland between 18-30yrs may wish to spend that week there too. Taize is an ecumenical monastic community in France that welcomes thousands of young people each year to spend a week's retreat with them. For more information about, and to register your interest in the trip contact: Angela Daye at sectaize@gmail.com. For more information about the Taizé Community and the international meetings there, visit <http://www.xn--taiz-epa.fr/en>

Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse: The Catholic Church in Scotland is holding its first annual Day of Prayer for victims of Abuse this Friday 8th March. Various initiatives will be adopted across parishes such as: A special Mass offered for those who have suffered from abuse: stations of the cross, a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament. Please keep this intention in your prayers.



20-40 Network Drinks Night: Aged 20-40? Fancy joining us for a drink? We are meeting at **8pm on Saturday 2nd March** at the Counting House pub on George Square for a few drinks and would love it if you could join us. We've got a small room booked, so no need to worry about getting a seat! All money raised will go towards Marys Meals. Email 2040network@gmail.com to buy a ticket or join our mailing list to find out about future events if you can't make this one.

As a parish Community we pray especially for

Those who are sick	Those who are recently deceased	Those whose anniversaries occur
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 Valentina Puddinu Sarah Jessiman	Canon Nicholas Rowan Canon Andrew Reen Jim Muir	William Crawford Bridget Lynas Jack Main Michael Deighan (jnr)