

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Apparently, Thomas' doubting scene played prominence as it gave rise to the crucial command of the resurrected Christ "doubt no longer but believe" and revealed the first post resurrection profession of the divinity of Christ "My Lord and My God". Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

This Sunday is also called the divine mercy Sunday following the Papal proclamation of Pope John Paul II. When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world.



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%

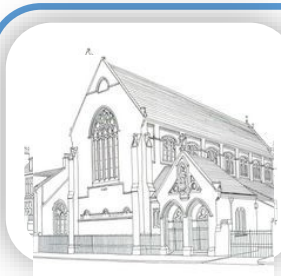
A Rachel's Vineyard retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th May 2019. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email Marene via the enquiry form on the website www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk

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

Scottish Refugee Council are pleased that community groups across Scotland can now apply for funding to deliver a peer education project which enables refugees to build social connections with the wider community, improve cultural orientation, increase language practice and build employability pathways. The deadline to apply for our 'Sharing Lives, Sharing Languages' project is **May 5th 2019**. http://www.scottishrefugee_council.org.uk/assets/0001/4110/Sharing_Lives_Sharing_Languages_REPORT.pdf

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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28th April 2019

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) 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 : "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for his love has no end"

Mass Book: YEAR C Part:1 Page: 128



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

Divine Mercy Sunday in St. Mary's Paisley: God's Mercy for the British Isles; Bishop John invites you to join him at our Divine Mercy Shrine in St Mary's Paisley, 163 George Street PA1 2UN, this **Sunday 28 April** to celebrate the first anniversary of *Rosary on the Coast with God's Mercy for the British Isles*. Holy Hour at 4.00 pm. led by Fr. Joe Burke, followed by Holy Mass 5.00pm celebrated by Bishop John. Buffet in the Hall afterwards. All welcome. Search *You Tube God's Mercy for the British Isles* for more information.

Lady's Evening: on May 10th. Entry £5 + Entry into the raffle. It's a BYOB event

Book of condolence: Please find time and visit the memorial table for Canon John. There is a condolence book for your use. **You can donate to keep the light on the table.**

Easter Garden: Special thanks for your kind donations, (Cash and Plants) for the Easter Garden and the Team effort in building the Easter Garden this year. We are highly grateful. Our Easter Garden this year has a special feature, "Give a hand to Africa". All Money raised will go to Mary's Meal.



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS May Devotion

Altar Servers Social Evening May 10th 2019

Lady's Evening May 10th 2019

Month mind Mass for Canon John McElroy

Confirmation May 15th 2019

First holy Communion May 18th 2019

40 Hours / Parish Retreat May 21st – 24th
May 2019

Bring a Rose to Mary May 26th 2019

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Last Week's Collections

Thanks for last week's **Offertory collections:** Gift Aid: £419.10, Non Gift Aid £332.89 = £751.99

Building fund: Gift Aid £56.00, Non Gift Aid £202.35 = £258.35. **Grand Total £1,010.34**

28th April-Special Collection for Sick and Retired Clergy We remember our Sick & Retired Priests of the diocese with great love and affection. We have fifteen retired priests, still active in prayer and witness: one living in Rome, six in houses throughout the diocese, four in parish presbyteries, and four at the Residence of the Little Sisters along with Bishop John Cunningham. We thank God for the gift of these priests and keep them in our prayers. In 2017 our three special collections and Friends Campaign raised £69,580, which represents 54% of our expenditure of £128,385. i.e. a shortfall of £58,805, which was met by the Sick & Retired Priests Investment income.

Wedding Congratulations: To **Dominic Paul & Karen McConomy** who were joined in the Holy Matrimony last Wednesday 24th April. We wish them God's blessings and love in their married life.



Funeral for Canon Felix McCarney: this will take place in St Francis' Port Glasgow. The reception of remains will take place on Monday 29th April at 7:00pm. Funeral mass on Tuesday, 30th April at 12noon, thereafter to St Conval's cemetery.

Diaconate Ordination: Ryan Black, a seminarian from our diocese will be ordained a deacon at the Scots College in rome by Bishop John. Please keep Ryan and our other seminarians in your prayers this time.

SCIAF BOX: please bring back asap.

For the Attention of all Church Volunteers with PVG Certificates or Pending PVG certificate: volunteers doing or planning to do regulated work with children and vulnerable adults *or both*, should complete the Safeguarding Training Induction Part 1 (formerly known as Level 1). The next session will be held in the Diocesan Offices, Paisley on **Tuesday 30th April at 7pm**. Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguarding-admin@rcdop.org.uk or **0141 847 6138** to register.

Annual Pro-Life Chain: Please join SPUC (Scotland) and Archdiocese on **Saturday 27th April**, from **11am**, for the Annual Pro-Life Chain on Lothian Road, Edinburgh. This year we commentate the 51st Anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act. Since the Act was passed more than nine million unborn children who have been killed and countless mothers and fathers have been hurt by abortion. For those interested, we will also be praying the Rosary, led by Archbishop Cushley from 10am in Sacred Heart Church, Edinburgh. For more information contact charlie@spucscotland.org or 0141 221 2094.

Paisley Diocese Vocation: If you will like to know about the Diocesan Priesthood, please contact our vocation director Fr. John Morrison, at email vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel: 01418895056.

The Academy of Sacred Music - Mary Through the Ages: Friday, June 14, 2019, 7:30 PM. St Columbkille's Church Rutherglen - Entry by donation. For further information: Email: info@aosm.org.uk Call: 07377 121 891

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>

Fertility Care Scotland is seeking to employ an **Office Administrator** for 16 hours per week. If interested, please post or email your CV to The Chairman, Fertility Care Scotland, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY. Contact: Fertility Care Scotland 0141 221 0858 or Info@fertilitycare.org.uk

St. Margaret's Adoption Society: Have you ever considered adoption as a way to grow your family? Could you provide a loving, stable family environment for a child who needs a forever home? If you would like to find out more about the adoption process, please visit www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk or contact us on 0141 332 8371 or e-mail info@stmargaretsadoption.org.uk.

Come and sing with Songs of Praise! The longest running religious TV show in the world invites you to a special event in Glasgow. Venue at Glasgow Cathedral, on Tuesday 14th May. 6:30pm – 9:30pm. To apply for free tickets, please send your name, address, contact phone and number of tickets to SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv Please include "songs of praise Glasgow" in your subject header or call 01618737073

New Fertility Care Scotland Clinic in Paisley: Fertility Care will run a clinic in our Diocesan offices on alternate Monday evenings from 7 – 9pm. They can help couples optimize their chances of conceiving. The service is free and confidential, and no appointment is necessary. Come and visit. Phone: 0141 221 0858 E-Mail: info@fertilitycare.org.uk

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 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 & Jennette McCann Greame Henry Graham

Those who are recently deceased

Canon Felix McCarney Jean McLaughlin Ronnie Donnelly
Jane McKenna Gerry McAleer Philomena Harris Sarah Thackett
Cathy McNulty (Funeral on Monday)

Those whose anniversaries occur

Arcari Carmina Giovanni Puddinu Cesidio Serapiglia
Cossa Gavina Helen Smart Margaret Carr