



3rd Sunday of Easter

Today's gospel is the story of the last appearance of the risen Jesus in the gospel of John. It is unusual in that the events seem to take place not in the immediate aftermath of Easter but at some unspecified later period. The disciples seem uninspired and indeed uninspiring. All this changes through the presence of Christ. Suddenly their work is fruitful and now they are around him again as a community, receiving nourishment from him as their Bread of Life.

This post-Resurrection appearance of Jesus reminds us of an earlier incident in his ministry, namely the call of Peter and the other disciples after their night of fishing in the Sea of Galilee. In both instances, Jesus asks the disciples to cast their nets into the sea a second time. In both cases they catch a large number of fish, and in both incidents Jesus invites Peter to follow him. "The Fathers and Doctors of the Church have often dwelt on the mystical meaning of this episode: **the boat is the Church**, whose unity is symbolized by the net which is not torn; **the sea is the world**, **Peter in the boat stands for supreme authority of the Church**, and **the number of fish signifies the number of the elect** (*The Navarre Bible: Text and Commentaries*).

However, the primary purposes in recounting this appearance of the Risen Christ to his Apostles were to rehabilitate Peter who standing beside a charcoal fire, denied three times that he even knew Jesus. Now again beside a charcoal fire, Peter is given the opportunity to be fully reconciled to his Master and to tell him that he does indeed love him and to receive from Jesus his mission to care for the flock - stressing the actual conferring of Primacy in the Church on Peter. This gospel is a reminder to us that without a living faith in the presence of Christ the church could easily become just another religious institution. To know our true identity as the People of God we must be open to hearing Jesus' question and to observing his command: 'Do you love me? ... then feed my sheep.'

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%

Emergency Appeal for Sri Lanka: Following the terrible attacks on Easter Sunday at churches in Sri Lanka, the Church there has set up an emergency fund and is appealing to Catholics worldwide to help rebuild the lives of those affected and their damaged Churches. We know Catholics in Scotland also want to contribute. Please make your donation online to Missio Scotland <https://www.missioscotland.com/sri-lankan-appeal> or by post to Missio Scotland, 4 Laird Street, Coatbridge, ML5 3LJ

Mary Russell School - 50th Anniversary: The school would like to extend a warm invitation to any former pupils, staff, parents and friends of the school to join them at their 50th Anniversary celebration on **Thursday 13th June at 1pm**, to give thanks for the 50 years of education and service provided by the school to the community of Renfrewshire. Main Celebrant - Bishop John Keenan. All welcome.

Catholic Voices: There will be a public speaking training weekend on how to communicate the Faith without raising your voice. This will take place from **Friday 2nd August at 8pm until 6pm on Sunday 4th August** at Craig Lodge Family House of Prayer, Dalmally; Argyll, PA33 1AR. The cost is £100 (£50 for students). **Contact Dr Dermot Grenham on 07870 164629** dermot.grenham@gmail.com for further details.

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->

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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5th May 2019

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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 : "I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me"

Mass Book: YEAR C Part:1 Page: 131



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

Parish 40 Hours Adoration: Our Parish 40 hours adoration will begin on Tuesday May 21st. The church will be open and the blessed Sacrament exposed all day till evening. We need at least two people every hour during the day. Sign in for any hour of your convivence on the router form provided. We need at least two people per hour. Moderators for the three days are:

**Tuesday 21st May - Fr Jonathan Whitworth ,
Wednesday 22nd May - John Dieghan (SPUC)
Thursday 23rd May - Fr. Joseph Burke**
Details will be published next week.

200 Club Draw: we will have our April draw this Sunday after 10:30am mass. All welcome.

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

Project Gambia visits Our Parish: Volunteers from Project Gambia will be visiting our parish on the weekend of **18th and 19th May** to make a special appeal on behalf of the children in The Gambia. They will be greatly appreciative of any support they will receive in the retrial collection after masses.

First Communion Congratulations: to *Jacqueline Anne Eugenie Rolland-Raydon* who this Sunday makes her first communion.

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
12th May 2019

Confirmation May 15th 2019

First holy Communion May 18th 2019

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

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Last Week's Collections

Thanks for last week's **Offertory collections:** Gift Aid: £455.70, Non Gift Aid £271.46 = £727.16

Special Collection: Gift Aid £260.00, Non Gift Aid £197.67 = £457.67. **Grand Total £1,184.83**

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.

Hawkhead Cemetery Mass: The Hawkhead cemetery mass will take place on **Sunday 19th May at 2pm**. The main celebrant will be Father Oliver Freney, Administrator of St. Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley



Easter Garden: Make out time to visit our Easter garden as this year has a special feature, "Give Africa a hand ". All Money raised will go to Mary's Meal.

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.**

Appreciation from SSVP: A big thank you to all our parishioners who contributed so generously to our collections over the Easter weekend. We raised £231 which has already been sent to our special works conference which supports St Vincent's Hospice. We have also been able to distribute 14 large food parcels with extra Easter goodies for the last two Sundays and still have some to go into today's parcels. Your generosity is outstanding. May God Bless you.

Special Collection – 11th & 12th May: Good Shepherd Sunday Second Collection for our Seminarians:

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 Safeguarding Training, **Induction Part 1**. The next sessions will be held at **7pm on: Tuesday 4th June** - Diocesan Offices Paisley, **Thursday 13th June** - St. Joseph's Parish hall, Greenock **Tuesday 18th June** - St. Joseph's & St. Patrick's Parish hall, Wemyss Bay. Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguardingoffice safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or **0141 847 6138** to register.

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.

Charity Quiz Night: There will be a Charity Quiz Night in aid of the Paisley Pre-5 Children's Centre at **7.30 pm on Monday, 13th May** in St Mary's Church Hall, Newton Street, Paisley. Entrance is £3.00 each and there will be a raffle. BYOB and nibbles. All welcome.

Salesian Sisters 50th Anniversary in Scotland: To celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Salesian Sisters arriving in Scotland, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John Keenan at **3.00pm on Saturday 24th August** in **St. Fergus Church, Ferguslie Park, Paisley**. ALL are invited to share in this celebration of Holy Mass and for a buffet in the school hall afterwards. We would love to see people who have been involved with our work anywhere in Scotland. If you intend coming for and staying for the buffet please let us know for catering purposes. You can email your name and number of people coming to fmajubilee50@gmail.com We look forward to seeing you there

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SPUC Scotland – The Right Side Tour: Justice, Truth, History: Be on the right side. Society for the Protection of Unborn Children – Scotland. A tour of Scotland informing on and resisting the campaign for the extension and decriminalization of abortion. **Thursday 30 May; 7:30 pm - St. Mary's Church Hall, Greenock** - Hosted by SPUC Inverclyde, as part of their AGM. For more information visit: abortion-decriminalisation.org or contact: margaret@spucscotland.org / 0141 221 2094

Stronghold Festival: Aged 16 - 35? The Stronghold Festival is for you! Join hundreds of people on this 4-day Catholic Festival, camping in the stunning Highlands for a powerful weekend of Adoration, Sacraments, music, talks, hill walks, evening fun and loads more! **24th-27th May 2019, Craig Lodge, Dalmally**. Check out the amazing line up of speakers and book your place through our page: www.facebook.com/StrongholdFestival - we hope to see you there! Should you wish to find out more information, feel free to contact us via email atyouth2000paisley@gmail.com

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

SCIAF BOX: please bring back asap.

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 Martin Rogers

Those who are recently deceased

Henry Graham Canon Felix McCarney John Morgan
Kay Gallagher Cathy McNulty Toni Cassidy
J. Donaldson Gerry McAleer

Those whose anniversaries occur

McNulty Family MacFarlane Family Gallagher Family
Mastalarg Family
Sussan Barr Maryrose Nkechi Ezeoke