

### 19th Sunday Reflection

My dear friends in Christ, the coming of Christ is a sure and certain future reality which no one knows when it will be. This is why Christ invites us to be ready at all times. This invitation of Christ forms the central theme of this Sunday's readings. There is the need for all Christians to build a trusting faith in God's promises and be ever ready for his coming. Thus, "**Vigilant preparedness**" is the watch word.

The first reading cites the faith-filled preparedness of the ancient Hebrew slaves in Egypt before their mass exodus to the Promised Land. Their trusting faith in their God's promises gave them hope. Their faith and hope resulted in their liberation, thus with expectant hope, the Hebrews sacrificed the first Passover lamb and ate the first ritual meal, as prescribed by their God through Moses. They awaited their imminent release and were prepared for it. The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 33), invites us to express our confidence in God and to declare our trust in His Providence. In the Second Reading, faith is noted as the key factor. The author defines Faith as "*the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.*" He tries to bolster the Faith of the Jewish Christians (the Hebrews), by appealing to the example of their ancestors, starting with Abraham, and reviewing the things they had accomplished by Faith. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to trust the Father's promise to give them eternal happiness in His kingdom. But they are to be prepared at all times, because the Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour. Using the master-thief parable Jesus warns us to be on our guard so that the thief (the devil), who is "*prowl[ing] round like a hungry lion*" (1Peter 5:8) may not steal our treasure of Divine grace or relationship with God by his temptations. Jesus reminds us always to do the will of God by obeying Jesus' commandment of love, offering humble and sacrificial service to others.

The practical life message today is that we have to be prepared at all time, steadfast in faith, in hope and benevolence in charity. We must be ready at all time as we wait for the Lord. This waiting is an active non-passive action and it implies working for the coming of the Kingdom of God. This means doing God's will by rendering humble service to others, by combating poverty, by ending the hatred that divides us, by establishing peace among individuals and nations, by curbing the pride that causes us to become confrontational, and by building social structures that respect the dignity of individual humans. We must wait for the Lord in our daily lives by learning to see Jesus in the least of our brothers and sisters. In other words, we must be prepared to serve Jesus in whatever form he takes. What we frequently discover in serving other people is that God comes to us through them. May we be ever ready for the coming of Christ and be favoured to have a place in his kingdom. Have a nice Sunday.

### 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.**

**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%

### Hymn to St. Thérèse

Tune: Loch Lomond

**Saint Therese of Lisieux  
Little Child of God  
Gifted to us from heaven  
Guiding us on your Little Way  
Drawing us on our journey to Jesus**

**The Light of Christ  
The only Way  
The Way of Truth and Life  
A soul consumed  
In love Divine  
Sweetest love of Jesus our Saviour**

**Scatter your petals on us we pray  
Gentle as dew on the Earth  
Distill the love  
The love of Christ  
'Till our hearts are consumed  
In His passion**

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Gifted to us from heaven  
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*Words: Georgina Woods*

**St. Francis and St. Clare Prayer Group:** Are you aged between 18-35? St. Francis and St. Clare warmly invites you an evening of prayer, talks and sharing some pizza afterwards. Come along and join us. **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm.** All will be made very welcome.



## **ST MARY'S PARISH PAISLEY**

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19th 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 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: "Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own"**

**Mass Book: YEAR C Part:2 Page: 59**

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

**Readers/Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** if you wish to help in any of the above functions in the Parish, kindly speak to Fr Jude or pick up the application form from the Sacristy.

**RCIA Program:** we happily announce to you that this program, meant for those who wish to join the Catholic faith will begin in our Parish this September. Anyone who wants to join should contact Allan Wright or call the Chapel House. Adults who have received the sacrament of Baptism but have not received holy Communion or Sacrament of Confirmation are welcome.

**Appeal for Our Parish Summer Project:** We welcome your kind donations of Paints, Painting Tools or Money. We need more volunteers to support the work force.

**St Mary's Older Adult Club:** The Parish in conjunction with **Roar -Connections for life** are hoping to start a club for adults of 65 years +(ish) with some good exercise routines and a bit of a blether. An Open Day will hold on Tuesday 17th September at 10:30am in the Church Hall. This is for Parishioners and older people in the area. See Posters and leaflets for detail. **Eileen McCartin** will speak to all about this, this weekend.

**Sick List and Visits to the Sick:** a new sick list will be out in September. If you wish to add or to retain a name in the current list, please let Fr Jude know. If you know any sick parishioner who will like to receive holy communion weekly, inform Fr Jude or Allan Wright.

**200 Club June Draw:** Renewals and new members are welcome. For details speak to Gerry or Kay

### PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit of St Theresa of Lisieux relics 14-16th September

Parish Quiz Night 20th September 2019

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

### Last Week's Collections

Thanks for last week's **Offertory collections:** Gift Aid: £352.60, Non Gift Aid £276.82= £629.42

**Building Fund:** Gift Aid: £32.00, Non Gift Aid: £151.99 = £183.99. **Grand Total £813.41**

**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 in the Diocesan offices, Ince Street, Paisley on: **Tuesday 20th August at 7pm, Tuesday 24th September at 7pm, Monday 11th November at 10.30am** Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office [safeguardingad@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingad@rcdop.org.uk) or **0141 847 6138** to register

**Diocesan Day Pilgrimage to Carfin:** will hold on Sunday 1st September 2019. it coincides with the presence of the relics of St Theresa of Lisieux. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm. There will be no procession afterwards as Large number from Scotland and beyond, are anticipated to be present. All Parishes in the diocese are invited to attend. Buses should arrive at 1:30pm to give pilgrims opportunity to visit the shrines etc. before mass. No catering as Parishioners are encourage to bring packed Lunch.

**Canon Sean Cunney:** To celebrate Fr Sean's 90th birthday there will be a mass of thanksgiving in St Aidan's (Johnstone) at **7pm on Friday 23rd August**. Concelebrated by Bishop John. Tea in hall afterwards. All welcome.

**Fatima Vigil:** This will take place on **Monday 12th August** at Christ the King, Howwood. Rosary Procession at 7.30pm, followed by mass with a period of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and benediction. Hall opened for refreshments from 7pm and again after benediction. All welcome.

**Children's Liturgy Day:** The Diocesan Liturgy Commission will hold a day for all those involved in Children's Liturgy at St Mirin's Cathedral Hall on **Saturday 24th August 11.30am-2.30pm**. This will give all groups a chance to meet together, to look at best practice, and resources. All welcome to attend.

**The relics of St Therese of Lisieux:** The relics will be in Scotland for two weeks in September. They will be in our Diocese from **14 -16th September 2019**. The relics will mainly be at St Mary's Church, Greenock from the evening of Saturday 14th September until the morning of the 15th. The relics will then be taken to St Mirin's Cathedral on Sunday 15th September until the afternoon of the 16th September 2019. All welcome to come and pray before the relics of the "Little Flower"

**Maranatha Prayer Group:** Please, join us for an evening of prayer and praise in St Mirin's hall at 7:30pm. We meet weekly to pray. Sing and reflect on the scriptures. There will be tea and coffee afterwards. All are welcome.

**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>

**Annual Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Ven. Margaret Sinclair:** Sunday 8th September, St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh: 2pm Holy Hour; 3pm Presentation on the Ven. Margaret Sinclair; 4.30pm Holy Mass; 5.30pm close.

**Alpha Course:** This will take place in St. Joseph's & St. Patrick's, Wemyss Bay. **Starts Monday 26th August for ten weeks**. To register, please contact Marcus Barry 07772919152 [marcbarry1@aol.com](mailto:marcbarry1@aol.com) All very welcome.

### Welcome, Thérèse, to Scotland's soil today,

Tune: Highland Cathedral

**Welcome, Thérèse, to Scotland's soil today, Come to remind us of your 'Little Way'. Teach us the secrets of Christ's love and grace Learned through His Childhood and His Holy Face.**

**Love and faith were the driving force: God's Merciful Love – poured on your soul Drew your childlike heart on course: Surrender so pure and whole.**

**Called to a life of dedicated prayer, Daily you offered all you had and were: Nothing too small to give Him, joy or pain, Wandering hearts to Jesus' love to gain.**

**When the clouds gathered heavily, All joy and light... disappeared. Holding fast with fidelity, You steadily persevered.**

**Soaring to God on wings of faith and trust, Confidence raised you to the heights of love, Love all-encompassing, so deep and just: Drawing us with you to His home above.**

**We in our country of Scotland, pray That day by day, we love him like you. Saint Thérèse, through your 'Little Way', All Scotland's faith renew.**

*Words: Carmelite Monastery, Dysart.*

**Missio Scotland: Friends of Missio Ball'** on Saturday 16th November at the Hilton hotel Bellshill all seated for 7:30pm. Tickets are £40 per person with tables of ten also available. This includes a gift upon arrival, a 3 course meal and live band. There are also some fantastic raffle prizes and an auction on the night. All proceeds will go towards schools projects in Uganda and Sierra Leone.

### As a parish Community we pray especially for

#### Those who are sick

Helena Sagnella Ben Chamness 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  
Stephen Sarah Jessiman Sarah McCann Greame Martin Rogers  
John Kerr Agnes Roddie Moses Shambira Noel & Wilfred Kidd  
John Woods

#### Those who are recently deceased

John Byrne Jennette McCann Patrick Ryan  
Jim Kelly

#### Those whose anniversaries occur

Samuel Okorie Betty McCaig Danny McKelvie  
Ian McNiven Robert Corrigan