

20th Sunday Reflection



In the recent days, there have been much tension in the world. Countries waging wars, revolutions and protests. Even, the church is not spared from this pickle. In fact, the church has been on the news and still under the watch of the media. The recent happenings caused by "those entrusted to care for the flock" whose life styles fall short of the true gospel values have challenged her credibility. These situations were caused either by rejection, betrayal or denial of the true values of the gospel of Christ. In the face of these turbulences, Christ prophetic pronouncement in the gospel reading today could be understood. Thus, today readings bring to light the fallouts of Christ's message and mission.

Jesus makes it stirringly clear that his message and mission will bring division. Thus, he says "Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division" (Lk 12:51). This could be seen in the fate of Jeremiah in the first reading. Jeremiah opposed the pro-Egypt policy of powerful advisers of the King Zedekiah who sought to gain complete independence for Judah by playing off one leading power (Egypt) against another (Babylon). With prophetic insight Jeremiah saw that this would lead to the destruction of the kingdom at the hands of the Babylonians (which in fact it did). He urged Zedekiah to preserve the nation by coming to terms with the Babylonian king and paying tribute. Adopting this unpopular stance led to his being thrown into the well and left to die there, as described in the reading. In its real sense, Jeremiah's fate provides a prophetic precedent and context for Jesus' words in the Gospel (Lk 12:49-53). Ironically, however, while Jeremiah urged a "peace" policy (with the Babylonians), Jesus - provocatively - states that he has not come to bring peace but division. |Why? the simple answer is "light and darkness" are eternally in opposition.

We must try to understand what Christ mean by "division, separation and not bring peace". To do this, we must ask ourselves these fundamental questions: does the teaching of Christ ever disturb me? Does it cause me to question the way I'm living? Does it ever bring me into conflict with those who do not live by the Gospel? If it does not do so, it can only mean that I'm not really hearing it. Christ's teaching is like a sword that separates good from evil. It is like a fire that burns off the weeds and leaves the wheat. Let us reflect on this to see where we stand - with Christ or against Christ. Have a solemn 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%

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, Incle 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 safeguardingadmin@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.

SCIAF: is moving office to **7 West Nile Street, Glasgow, G1 2PR** from **Monday 26th August**. Our phone number and email address will remain the same therefore you can contact us on **0141 354 5555** or emailsciaf@sciaf.org.uk We look forward to welcoming you to our new office very soon."

Annual Vocations Mass: This year our annual Diocesan Vocations Mass will take place on **Tuesday 10th September at 7pm** in **St. Mirin's Cathedral**. Please come along and pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life in our Diocese. Refreshments will be available in the Cathedral halls after Mass. All welcome.



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18th August 2019

20th 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: "Lord come to my aid"

Mass Book: YEAR C Part:2 Page: 62

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.

ROAR Maxwellton @ St Mary's: 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. Come along on the 17th September.

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: this month's draw will hold next week Sunday. 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: £438.00, Non Gift Aid £285.15= £723.15

Building Fund: Gift Aid: £45.00, Non Gift Aid: £161.40 = £206.40. **Grand Total £929.55**

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.

Update of the visit of the Relics of St Theresa: As the diocese prepares to welcome the relics of St Theresa, Prayer cards are available at the porch. Petition forms and envelopes are available for parishioners to make their petitions for St Theresa's intercession. You may enclose a donation to help defray the costs of having the relics in the diocese. Please return the envelop to Fr Jude or put them in the collection basket. Novena will begin on Thursday 5th September, so the novena prayer cards will be available next weekend.

Parish Quiz: will hold on Friday 20th September 2019. there will be Team of 6, children of 9 years and older can come accompanied by an adult. BYOB and nibbles. Fun Quiz, Games, riddles and raffle. Entrance £3, Children Free

Safeguarding Training, Induction Part 2: The new Safeguarding Part 2 Training session, is for volunteers who have previously attended Safeguarding Training Part One, or Safeguarding Training Level one, more than 18 months ago. If you attended Safeguarding Training Level One in 2016 or 2017, you should put your name forward for Safeguarding Training Part 2. The first session will take place on **Monday 26th August 2019 at 7pm in St. John's, Port Glasgow**. Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or **0141 847 6138** to register.

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 marchbarry1@aol.com All very welcome.

National Youth Pilgrimage: The Diocese of Paisley is participating in the National Youth Pilgrimage to St. Andrew's on Saturday 31st August. Places are open to anyone in the present p7, s2 or s2. The bus will leave St. Mirin's Cathedral at 9.30am and return at approximately 7.30pm. Pack lunch and snacks will be provided. To book a place on the bus please contact Fr. John Morrison on 01418895056 or e-mail vocations@rcdop.org.uk. All participants are required to complete a consent form this can be obtained from your Parish Priest or from Fr. Morrison.

'Formed': St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Center, 45 High Street, Paisley will be hosting a new club named 'Formed' on Monday afternoons 4.30-6.00pm beginning Monday 19th August. The session is open to anyone in the present s3, s4, s5 and s6. Please come along and meet new people and find out more about your faith! To find out please contact Fr. John Morrison on 01418895056 or e-mail vocations@rcdop.org.uk. All participants are required to complete a consent form this can be obtained from your Parish Priest or from Fr. Morrison.

Our Lady, Untier of knots: The annual Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots, will take place on **Tuesday, 20th August at 7pm in St. John's Parish, Barrhead**. All welcome.

Pro-Life Mass: This month's Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, **21st August 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 Mgr Hugh

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

Jeanette McCann Garth Wright
James Kelly (Funeral on Friday)

Those whose anniversaries occur

Robert Farrell James O'Neil
Garry Willock