



### 21st Sunday Reflection

"Sir, will there be only a few saved? Dear friends, this question posed by an unnamed follower of Jesus refocuses Jesus teaching to the theme of Salvation which is the one thing that matters in our spiritual pursuits.

Jesus answers this question in his own way, from a broad vision of his mission as the messiah. He made known three facts that matters in relation to the salvation he has come to bring to all humanity. First, he reminds us that the door to salvation is narrow, so not all can easily enter for to be saved demands a lot of effort and struggles thus St Paul says "work out your salvation" (Philippians 2:12). Secondly, Jesus ruled out the idea that everyone will be saved. Although all have been called, it is only those who pass through this narrow gate will be saved. Thirdly, our mere cognizance of Jesus or our libs familiarity cannot gain us entrance for it is not those who call me Lord, Lord, will be saved but those who do the will of my father in heaven" (Matt 7:21). We must put into practice the teachings of Christ and do the will our father in heaven. For if we fail to do this, we may miss our goal.

The basic question that matters which everyone of us must ask is "Am I prepared to be saved, choosing the narrow gate of sacrificial love?" We need to make wise decisions for God allows us to decide every day what road we will walk down and what gate we will choose. He encourages us, however, to choose His way: "Choose life" (Dt 30:19-20); "Choose this day whom to serve" (Joshua 24:15); "If God is Lord, follow Him" (1 Kings 18:21) "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me" (Lk 9:23.) we are to strive to enter through the "narrow gate" by prayer and supplication, diligently seeking deliverance from those things which would bar our entrance and acquiring those things which would facilitate our entry. This demands daily examination of self in order to ascertain we are on the right track.

Let us understand that what matters is not how many that will be saved but am I to be saved? For although salvation, is Christ's gift to the whole world, only those who diligently following the right path by living as God commands will be saved. Salvation, a gift given to all demands a corresponding love action. To be saved, strive to go through the narrow gate.  
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%

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 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am** Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> August. Our phone number and email address will remain the same therefore you can contact us on 0141 354 5555 or email [sciaf@sciaf.org.uk](mailto:sciaf@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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



## ST MARY'S PARISH PAISLEY

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25th August 2019

21st 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

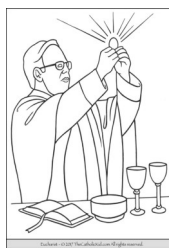
Baptism: Arrange with the priest

Marriage: Give at least six months notice (see Fr Jude)

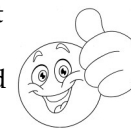
### SUNDAY HOLY MASS

Psalm Response: "Go our to the whole world; proclaim the Good News "

Mass Book: YEAR C Part:2 Page: 64



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:** month's draw will hold after mass this 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: £356.30, Non Gift Aid £291.08= £647.38

**Building Fund:** Gift Aid: £55.00, Non Gift Aid: £132.30 = £187.30. **Grand Total £834.68**

**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.

**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.

**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

**Charity Quiz Night:** There will be a Charity Quiz Night in aid of The Beatson at 7.30pm on **Monday, 2nd September** 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.

**All night Vigil of prayer and Adoration** in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **Friday 20th September 2019 - 8pm - until.. Saturday 21st September 2019** Closing Mass 8am. Tyburn Benedictine Convent, 5 Mackerston Place, Largs, KA30 8BY. For the schedule and further information, please visit <https://rcdop.org.uk/events/sacred-heart-of-jesus-and-the-immaculate-heart-of-mary-all-night-vigil> **Please note the Vigil is for men only due to the Benedictine Rule, details of women's event on request.**

**Vacancy with Aid to the Church in Need: Area Secretary for Galloway, Paisley & Glasgow.** Aid to the Church in Need is a Catholic charity helping to bring Christ to the world through prayer, information and action; the charity is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church. The role of an Area Secretary is to present the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) in the area to which he or she is appointed. He or she will work in a specific area of the Diocese(s) / Area(s) with the permission of the Bishop(s) concerned. Those interested in applying should visit our website here: <https://acnuk.org/about/jobs-and-volunteering/area-secretary-for-galloway-paisley-glasgow/> **Closing date for applications: 22nd September 2019.**

**Vacancy with SCES: Admin Assistant (Part-Time).** **TERM TIME (40 weeks per annum - 12 hours per week)** Salary £10.50 per hour. Located in the East End of Glasgow, the Scottish Catholic Education Service is currently looking to recruit a part time administrative assistant..The purpose of the role will be to provide secretarial and administrative support that is comprehensive, confidential and professional. To obtain an application pack for this post please either email [recruitment@bcos.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@bcos.org.uk) or write to, Recruitment, Bishops' Conference of Scotland, 64 Aitken Street, Airdrie ML6 6LT. Closing date for receipt of applications is Monday 9th September 2019 by 12 noon.

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk) or 0141 847 6138 to register.

**Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland - Mercy Bus Thanksgiving Mass, 7 p.m. Friday 6 September 2019** Nazareth House Church, 1647 Paisley Road West, Glasgow G52 3QT You are invited by the Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland to the Thanksgiving Mass for another very successful Mercy Bus Tour in 2019.

### 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 Margaret Moses Shambira Noel & Winifred Kidd  
John Woods

#### Those who are recently deceased

James Kelly Rose Duffy Agnes Roddie  
Tilly Docherty

#### Those whose anniversaries occur

Josephine O'Donnell John Pitt Teresa McGurn  
Wladyslaw Stachura