



SOLEMNITY OF ST MIRIN
(Patron Saint of Paisley)

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the patron saint of the town of Paisley. It is an important celebration for us here in Paisley town on account of the great missionary work carried out here by this great saint who, as the most accepted legend holds; was an Irish monk and missionary from Bangor, Ireland. He founded a religious community at St Mirin's Croft which grew to become Paisley Abbey. Mirin was of noble birth and educated under St Congal, at Bangor Monastery. He joined the brotherhood of monks eventually becoming Prior. Having met and been deeply impressed by St Finian, tutor of St Columba, he got close to St Columba and began corresponding with him on a regular basis.

Within the course of his missionary life, he left Bangor in 580AD and was appointed Missionary to the West of Scotland. Arriving in what is now the town of Paisley he preached and worked many miracles beside the banks of the Mirin burn, converting many to Christianity and set up his first church at Seedhill, to this day still a populous part of the town, in the Parish that bears his name. With the help of his four disciples, Barchanus, Malcomus, Petrus and Alanus, other churches were founded at Kilbarchan, Kilmacolm, Kilpeter and Kilallan (Houston). His preaching and great charisma attracted many people, including the prophet Merlin from Govan (Merlincroft). After his death his shrine became a Centre of pilgrimage and he is referred to as the glorious confessor in many charters and Papal Bulls.

The readings today resonate the need for us to renew the missionary vigor we received through Baptism. Although, we may be weak and unworthy: as we live in an imperfect world, "among a people of unclean lips" (Isaiah 6:5) as Isaiah confessed but God's transformative touch changes the game. Our total surrender to God's will, surely will give the maximum output "for God do not call the perfect but perfects the called". If we can realize that we have been given a share of God grace (Eph.4:11) and respond with psalmist "Here I am Lord, I have come to do your will" (Psalm 40:2), God will surely work His mighty deed in us and through us as he did through his holy humble servant St Mirin.

Our lives should be filled with a real desire to make Jesus known, and our actions and our prayers, in this regard, will never be unwelcome when we act, not out of power or authority, but in perfect humility and in love. May we be inspired by St Mirin to live a holy life, in total humility and optimum dedication to God. May we be humble servants of God serving our community in love. St Mirin, patron Saint of Paisley and glorious confessor... Pray for us

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%

Project Gambia are hosting a Winter Ball on Saturday, 23rd November in Dalziel Park Hotel, Motherwell to raise funds for St. John's School for the Deaf - with Bishop John as Guest of Honour. contact Aidan on 07713684816 or aidan.curivan@project-gambia.org.

St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Center: Sunday Mass will resume at **5pm on Sunday 15th September**. From Monday 16th September Mass will be available at 12.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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.

Pro-Life Mass Cancelled - This month, the Pro-Life Mass in Duns Scotus on Wednesday 18th coincides with the Mass for the Sick with the relics of St Thérèse in St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow, so we've decided to cancel our Mass and encourage everyone to go to the Cathedral instead. Our next Pro-Life Mass will resume as usual on Wednesday, 16th October.



ST MARY'S PARISH PAISLEY

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15th September 2019

Solemnity of St Mirin

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

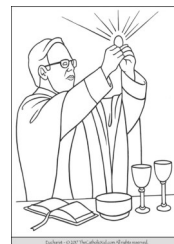
Divine Mercy Devotion: Friday after Mass

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8

Psalm Response: "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will"

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 23: 8-12

Mass Book: YEAR C Part:2 Page: (Special Reading)

PARISH NOTICE

PPC Meeting: Our parish Pastoral council meeting will hold on Wednesday 18th September at 7pm. In the Sacristy. If you have anything you need to be considered, send it to Anne Bradley or to Fr Jude.

RCIA Program: those who registered will have a meeting on Tuesday 17th September at 7pm in the Sacristy. Please contact Alan Wright for more information.

Special Collection 21st/22nd September: We remember our Sick & Retired Priests of the diocese with great love and affection.

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.

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. Anne Bradley will be making an appeal this week and a reminder next week.

200 Club Draws: will hold next Sunday 22nd September. You can Pay £10 for the next 5 draws. Speak to Gerry or Kay.

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

RCIA Meeting 17th September 2019
 Roar Opening day 17th September 2019
 Parish Pastoral Meeting 18th September 2019
 Parish Quiz Night 20th September 2019
 Autumn Children's Mass 6th October 2019

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Last Week's Collections

Thanks for last week's **Offertory collections:** Gift Aid: £311.90, Non Gift Aid £290.96= £602.86

ProLife Fund: Gift Aid: £157.00, Non Gift Aid: £186.63 = £343.63 **Grand Total £946.49**

Parish Visit and Veneration of the Relics of St Therese at 7am – 8am : St Mary's Parish Paisley will be joined by **St Fergus and St James** on Monday morning for the veneration of the Relics of St Therese. Morning mass on Monday will be at the Cathedral. Please be there on time. If you still have your petition, put it in the box or the offertory basket.

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

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, Inle Street, Paisley on: **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 **0141847 6138** to register

Are you over 35 and interested in Franciscan Spirituality? Or, do you wish to know more about a Franciscan vocation? Please contact Silvana Pudinu. Email Silvanapuddinu@hotmail.co.uk or if you wish to call, telephone Silvana on **07711586394**

St Therese of Lisieux in Paisley Diocese this weekend The relics of Saint Therese has arrived in our Diocese! Here is her itinerary: **Saturday 14th September:** 5.30pm Reception and Vigil Mass St Mary's, Greenock with Bishop John, followed by private and parish visits. **Sunday 15th September** 12am-5am- All-night Vigil, 9.30am Mass and departure for St Mirin's Cathedral. 12noon Mass at Cathedral with Bishop John. Polish Mass 2.30pm. 5.00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction. Parish and private visits between liturgies. **Monday 16th September** 12am-6am: All-night Vigil followed by masses. Mass at 12noon with Bishop John - open to all, followed by our farewell to the relics. There will be tea and coffee break-out spaces for those who are making visits through the night in St Mirin's and the KSC and SSVP are liaising with the local police to ensure safe surroundings

National Gathering for parents with children in Catholic Schools: Saturday 21st September 2019, 9.30-3pm, St Francis Xavier primary school - Falkirk. Separate programme for children. Lunch will be provided. Places are free but need to be booked by phoning 0141 556 4727

What Catholics Believe and Why They Believe It: A Short Course: If you want you want to know what you believe as a Catholic and why you believe it come to this Thursday evenings short course. By the end you will learn how the Catholic Faith all fits together and makes sense; from beliefs to worship, from morals to spirituality and devotions. Teachers: Bishop John and Francesca Vannini, RE Specialist. UWS Chaplaincy, **Thursdays 5 September to 12 December, 7.00-9.00pm**. For more info or to express and interest email bishopjohn@rcdop.org.uk

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. Sessions are available on **Thursday 5th Sept at 7pm, St. Mary's, Greenock, Monday 9th Sept at 7pm St. Ninian's, Gourock, Tuesday 10th Sept at 7pm St. Patrick's, Greenock, Wednesday 11th Sept at 7pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Bishopton, Thursday 19th Sept at 7pm St. Mirin's, Paisley, Tuesday 22nd Oct at 7pm St. Thomas', Neilston, Monday 28th Oct at 7pm St. Conval's, Linwood, Tuesday 29th October at 7pm St. John's, Barrhead, Thursday 7th November at 10.3am St. Mirin's, Paisley, Tuesday 12th Nov at 7pm St. Joseph's, Clarkston**. Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or **0141 847 6138** to register.

20-40 Network Murder Mystery Night: Aged 20-40? Our events are a great place for meeting fellow young Catholics. Our famous Murder Mystery Night is back by popular demand. **Saturday 5th October, 7pm**, St. Aloysius Church Hall, Glasgow. Just email 2040network@gmail.com to buy a £10 ticket or join our mailing list to find out about future events if you can't make this one.

Knights of St. Columba: Centenary Recruitment Drive. '*Serving God by Serving Others*'. If you are over 16 and a practicing catholic and want to join and organisation to promote the Catholic faith and help others, please contact - John O'Donnell Mob:07854886425 john.odonnell1@hotmail.co.uk or Paul Laird on 07875499608 paullaird@outlook.com

As a parish Community we pray especially for

Those who are sick	Those who are recently deceased	Those whose anniversaries occur
Agnes Cattigan Ben Chamness Kevin Maguire Christine McAllister John Allison Russell Smith Sarah Jessiman Sarah McCann Martin Rogers John Kerr Margaret Moses Shambira Noel & Winifred Kidd	Cristine Ryan Peter Anton Brendan McCormick Nora Allison O'Kane	Josefina Garcia Onofre Garcia Sean Sheridan Elizabeth Mowat Jack Pereira Agnes Miller Andrew Crawford Garry Willock Eileen Gallagher