

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Dear friends, the Word of God this Sunday challenges us to make great effort in bettering our relationship with God and with one another. If God is so generous and forgiving to us, we must try to live likewise. We cannot be true disciples of Jesus while we think and act merely in terms of the raw justice of the world. None of us could be saved if God applies the same strict justice on the basis of our merits.

In the first reading, the prophet Amos sternly cautions the people about the unjust practices that go against the heart of their religion. The lowering of the bushel, the raising of the shekel and the tampering with the scales etc. These are human manipulations of the *objective measurement standards* for egocentric gratifications and satisfactions which could only fetch the perishable treasures (Matt. 6:19-21). We must keep in mind that all unfair business practices and injustice to the poor will be judged by God. Through the parable of the dishonest servant, Jesus admonishes us to use these earthly treasures as means to acquire the heavenly ones. We are only servants and we should be true to our master, serving Him with utmost diligence. Our life is a gift, given not just for an ephemeral gain but for higher gifts, thus Christ tells us "*seek ye the kingdom of God*" (Matt. 6:33)

We must learn three important lessons which are the morals from the gospel periscope. First is to be prudent on the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life. The second concerns **trustworthiness**. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God. Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that **no one can serve two masters simultaneously**. God must be put ahead of money. May we serve God with "*all our heart, all our strength and all our might*" (Dt.6:5) and seek always the treasures that last. Have a blessed 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%

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.

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.

Study Day on St. Matthew's Gospel : Canon David Jasper, a Theologian in the Glasgow Episcopal Diocese, is organising a study on St. Matthew's Gospel in the Anglican Church in Paisley on 9th November. This is by way of planning for the new lectionary readings for the coming year and is mainly for clergy and others who preach and teach. This will take place from 10am -4pm in **Holy Trinity and St. Barnabas, Paisley**. Please contact Canon Jasper on davidjasper124@gmail.com or telephone 07952 037434.

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



ST MARY'S PARISH PAISLEY

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22nd September 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

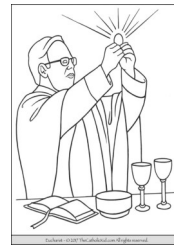
Divine Mercy Devotion: Friday after Mass

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

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

Psalm Response: "Praise the Lord, who raises the poor"

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

GOSPEL READING: Luke 16:1-10

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PARISH NOTICE

RCIA Program: Holds every Tuesday at 7pm in the Sacristy. Please contact **Alan & Carol Wright** for more information.

Special Collection for sick and retired priests this weekend 21st/22nd September. We remember our Sick & Retired Priests of the diocese with great love and affection.

200 Club Draws: will hold this Sunday 22nd September after 10:30am Mass. You can Pay £10 for the next 5 draws. Speak to Gerry or Kay.

Appreciation from Kevin & Helen: We thank everyone for their kindness and prayers throughout Alison's late illness and sad passing. Your thoughts, prayers and Mass Cards have been a great comfort. God bless you!

MONTHLY DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS AND HOLY MASS - Wednesday 25th September 2019 at 7pm in St Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley, PA1 2UN and will be celebrated by Father Jude Okorie. The Divine Mercy devotions will begin with Holy Mass and then Adoration of the blessed Sacrament. Divine mercy Chaplet. Light refreshments will be available afterwards. All are welcome.

Baptism Congratulations: to **Ross & Laura Maclean** whose son **Caiden Christopher Anthony** will be Chrismened after 10:30am Mass. Special thanks to all who will attend this special celebration and we welcome those who are visiting the parish for the first time.

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Autumn Children's Mass 6th October 2019

Medjugorje Evening 16th October 2019

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Last Week's Collections

Thanks for last week's **Offertory collections:** Gift Aid: £330.50, Non Gift Aid £252.20= £582.70

Building Fund: Gift Aid: £56.00, Non Gift Aid: £126.90 = £183.40 **Grand Total £766.10**

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 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

The Roar Maxwellton@St Mary's: Our open day for older people on Tuesday went well. Folk really enjoyed the exercises, which were great fun, but also introduced serious help to older people who may need it. We will be starting the club early in October. The day of the week is still not fixed but we will let you know as soon as possible. We need more people to join in—if you are interested contact Eileen in the church (Sundays) or phone 01505814676. leaving your name, address, phone number and someone will get back to you about the club.

Parish quiz: Thanks to all who attended this event last Friday evening and special thanks to Anne Bradley who organized it and others who helped in the preparations.

Parish Autumn Project: we appeal for more volunteers and support as begin our autumn project. This project will bring to completion the Scrapping and painting of the church's rails and gates.

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

Saint Therese Relics Thanks: The Pilgrimage of Saint Therese around our country and diocese was a resounding success and a source of many blessings and consolations for all those who came to venerate her relics or prayed in spirit with them. Could we thank the national organisers, our diocesan events team and office staff, Fr. Paul Brady, our parish clergy and religious, especially the Little Sisters, Canons Boyle and Freeney and the parishioners, officers and ministries in Saint Mary's and the Cathedral, Mgr. Carlin and the diocesan choir, our diocesan schools and organisations, and all those who gave so generously of their time, talent and services. All those who experienced the joy of St. Therese among us are grateful to those whose hard work made this pilgrimage so fruitful.

Fundraiser in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall: There will be rolls and sausage, tea, coffee and snacks being sold after the 10am and 12noon masses – **Sunday 13th October.** There will also be a raffle. All money raised will go to 'Renfrewshire Carers Centre', a charity which helps families look after their loved ones.

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 **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.

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

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

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 Mary Graham

Those who are recently deceased

Catherine Donnell

Those whose anniversaries occur

Anthony Gallagher Mary Campbell
Alice Daly (Millar)