



Dear Friends in Christ, riches are God's gifts that should be used wisely and be shared equitably. They are blessings given for the betterment of humanity and not for our selfish benefits. This is the central lesson of the readings of this Sunday. The prophet Amos in the

first reading chides those who seek wealth at the expense of the poor. Those who spend their time and their money on themselves alone. These will be punished by God because they do not care for their poor and suffering brothers and sisters. Jesus gives similar warning in today's gospel pointing to the destiny of the rich man who neglected his duty to show mercy to poor Lazarus.

Many people may be wondering why the rich man had to go to hell. We are not told he acquired his wealth by foul means, nor that he was responsible for the poverty and misery of Lazarus. In fact, there was no mention that Lazarus begged from him and he refused to help. We are not told he committed any crime or evil deed. All that was said is that he was feeding and clothing himself well as any other successful human being has a right to do. Why then did he go to hell? The problem why the rich man went to hell has a lot to do with what we think sin is. We often think that we sin only by thought, word and deed. We forget a fourth and very important way through which we sin, namely, by omission. In the "I Confess" we say these words: "I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do." Yet how readily we forget the sin of omission. So the rich man failed to exercise the virtue of charity.

Knowing our obligation to charity, Pope Francis said: "Christians cannot stand with arms folded in indifference or thrown up in the air in helpless resignation". As believers, we must stretch out our hands as Jesus does with us, freely and lovingly offering help to the poor and all those in need. In doing this, we put our faith to action and help in alleviating the plight of the needy in our world. The poor are right at our doorstep. We cannot help them all, but we can help some. As Pope Francis reminds us, "pray for the grace to hear the cries of all the poor". We all must take the time to listen to that cry first and then try to respond to it. We must always remember St Theresa of Calcutta who felt a call to help those who were poor. Thus, I end with her quote: "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus."

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.

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.

Retreat Day for Primary School Pupils: The Diocese of Paisley Youth Office will be hosting a retreat day for primary school pupils in p4-7 at St. Fergus' in Paisley on Sunday 27th October 2-6pm. The retreat day will include activities, Mass and dinner and the chance to meet new friends. All participants must bring a signed consent form. Consent forms are available from your school and parish. To find out more please contact Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel 01418895056.

Marriage Counselling: Feeling sad, disillusioned or hopeless in your marriage? Stop and take a minute: the grass may look greener elsewhere but it still needs cut! Why not consider our Diocesan marriage counselling service which you can find at <https://www.rcdop.org.uk/events/diocesan-counselling-for-catholics-married-in-the-catholic-church> Contact us at counselling@rcdop.org.uk or Telephone 01786 469939



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29th September 2019

26th 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

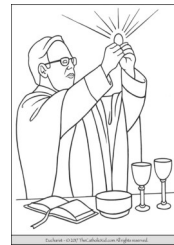
Divine Mercy Devotion: Friday after Mass

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

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1,4-7

Psalms Response: "My soul, give praise to the Lord"

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

GOSPEL READING: Luke 16:19-31

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PARISH NOTICE

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

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

Baptism Congratulations: to Adam David Mullen and Fiona Mullen whose son Aidan Michael Mullen will be Christened after 10:30am Mass. Special thanks to all who will attend this special celebration and we welcome those visiting the parish for the first time.

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

One Year Birthday Congratulations: to Kolby Denver Michael Arthur Dickinson and Phoenix Denver John William Dickinson. They are Michael & Julie Dickinson's sons and grandsons to late Mary Kerr.. We pray for God's blessings on them and eternal rest to Mary Kerr.

Autumn Children Mass: will hold next Sunday 6th October. Children will do most of the functions during mass. We appeal to parents to bring them to mass and encourage them to participate actively.

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: £519.60, Non Gift Aid £252.73= £772.33

Retired Clergy: Gift Aid: £402.00, Non Gift Aid: £226.29 = £628.29 **Grand Total £1,400.62**

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

The Roar Maxwellton@St Mary's: 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.

Appreciation From Fr Tony: He thanks all Parishioners for your love, prayers and your kind donations which amounts to £389.93 excluding personal donations and gifts. He arrived Lublin (Poland) safely.

Marian Holy Hour: On each of the four Sundays in October from 4:30pm to 5:30pm, in St Laurence's (Greenock). All welcome. Please, enter by the main door of the Church.

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

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.

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.

Margaret Fitzpatrick Funeral Arrangements The Vigil for the reception of Margaret's remains will take place in St. Mirin's Cathedral on Monday, 30 September at 6.00pm. The Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 1 October at 1.00pm, by a consoling providence -given her recent presence among us - on the Memorial of The Little Flower, Saint Therese.

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 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

Margaret Fitzpatrick Margaret Lynn

Those whose anniversaries occur

Mary Kerr (1st Anniversary)