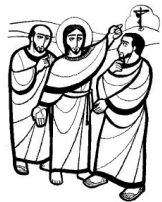


23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Dear Friends, for every venture in life, there is a price. Thus, Harry Browne, a renowned American politician said "Everything you want in life has a price connected to it. There's a price to pay if you want to make things better, a price to pay just for leaving things as they are, a price for everything." The same way, the readings this Sunday present to us the price for true discipleship which is called "the Cost of discipleship" in biblical terminology.

The first reading, taken from the Book of Wisdom, instructs us to ask for the gifts of discernment and strength from the Holy Spirit so that we may do the will of God as His true disciples. St Paul in the second reading laid the path for true renunciation and detachment as prerequisites for true discipleship which Jesus emphasizes in the gospel when he says: "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26).



So, to follow Christ, we must be ready to make the necessary sacrifices, renunciations and detachments. To be true to our mission we must observe faithfully the four conditions laid down by Christ for true discipleship which are: 1) **Renounce too much attachment to family**, giving priority to God and His commandments. 2) **Break off the excessive attachment to possessions** by leading a detached life, willingly sharing one's blessings with others. 3) **Accept the hard consequences of discipleship** which include daily sacrificial service done for others and even giving one's life for them. 4) **Calculate the cost involved in following Jesus**. Using the two parables of the tower-builder and the king defending his country, Jesus says: think long and hard about Christian discipleship before a decision is made. For real discipleship demands true commitment to the duties entrusted to us by loving acts of selfless, humble and sacrificial love offered to all God's children around us. Are you ready to pay the price?

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%

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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.

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.

The annual SCES Parents' Gathering will take place on Saturday 21st September 2019 at St. Francis Xavier's Primary School, Merchiston Avenue, Falkirk, and will run from 9.30am - 3.00pm. The theme for this year's parent gathering is "Caretakers of God's Creation: Laudato Si' in School and at Home". Lunch will be provided. Attendance at the event is free.



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8th 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: Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalm Response: "O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next"

SECOND READING: Philemon 9-10,12-17

GOSPEL READING: Luke 14:25-33

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PARISH NOTICE

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.

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.

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.

Solemnity of St Mirin: Sunday 15th September in the town of Paisley will be the Solemnity of St Mirin, rather than the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Collection 7th/8th September: There will be a second collection this weekend for Pro-Life. The money collected is sent to SPUC to support their very important and good work.

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: £421.50, Non Gift Aid £300.96= £722.46

Building Fund: Gift Aid: £58.00, Non Gift Aid: £154.45 = £212.45 **Grand Total £934.91**

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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

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. 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.

St Therese of Lisieux in Paisley Diocese next weekend The relics of Saint Therese arrive in our Diocese next weekend! You may have seen their arrival in Carfin where 5,000 attended the Pilgrim Mass and over 10,000 visited the relics with their personal prayers and petitions over the weekend. Now it is our turn to receive Saint Therese and many blessings for ourselves and our loved ones, our priests, parishes and diocese. Do make sure to make your own personal visit to this Saint, the Little Flower, whose powerful intercession for ordinary folk is so well known. 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. See leaflets and Paisley Diocese website for more details. Both churches will be open at all times while the relics are present.

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.

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.

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.

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	Margaret McNulty George McCafferty Allison O'Kane	Robert Fleming Betty McCaig