

Dear friends, gratitude as Thomas fuller said, "is the least of all the virtues but ingratitude is the worst of all vices". In the scriptures, God laments over man's ingratitude (Isaiah 1:2-4, John 1:11) and urges all to give thanks to the Lord for his great gifts (Psalm 107:1, John 11:41, Eph. 5:20, Col. 3:17). This Sunday liturgical readings invite us to be thankful. The first reading presents the story of the healing of Naaman, the army commander of the King of Aram, (in present-day Syria) who was healed of his leprosy by Yahweh the God of Israel and in the gospel, we read about the healing of the ten lepers by Jesus in which only one came back to thank him.

These two great healing stories have certain similitude as noted by the Fathers of the Church. First, both men healed were foreigners who sought healing from a Godly Jew. Second, they were both ordered to perform a small, seemingly irrelevant action (*Elisha told Naaman to bathe in the river Jordan seven times. Jesus told the ten lepers to show themselves to the priest who could certify a healing*) thus, in both stories, healing took place only after they left and obeyed instructions given. Third, both Naaman and the Samaritan returned to praise God. So in all, both appreciated the grace, which is the healing they received.



The lessons we should draw from these are: (1) As sinners, we need healing from the Master Healer - Jesus. Sin is like Leprosy, it makes us unclean and destroys our souls. We need divine healing to reinstate and cleanse us. Jesus our Savior heals us from this leprosy of sin. Since Jesus is not afraid to touch our deepest impurities, let us not hide them. Just as the lepers cried out to Jesus for healing, let us also ask Him to heal us from the spiritual leprosy of sins including impurity, injustice, hatred and prejudice. (2) We should not grow tired of asking for divine healing for our body and soul as the Lord has given us the liberty to "ask, seek and knock" (Matt 7:7) (3) We need to learn to be thankful to God and to others whenever we receive any gift, for gratitude begets more blessings and encourages the giver to give more. Often, we allow the negatives of our lives to hide from us the blessings we have received - minor negatives like some health problems, financial worries, conflict with a neighbor or co-worker or spouse could divert our heart from appreciating the gifts we received from God. (4) The holy Eucharist is the supreme thanksgiving and so we must celebrate it actively, consciously and fruitfully. So, I conclude with the words of Johannes A Gaetner "to speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven."

Always be grateful and whenever you receive any gift, never forget to say "Thank You".

**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%

**Diocesan Music Day- Christmas Music:** The Diocesan liturgy commission will hold a music day for anyone interested in learning more about the music and liturgies for the Christmas Season. This will take place on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October at St John the Baptist Church Hall, Port Glasgow, 11.30-2.30pm.** The hall can be found at the corner of Balfour and Shore street. We will look at the various Psalms, Masses of Christmas and some new material for carols etc. All welcome to attend.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SPUC Torchlight Procession:** Please join us on **Thursday 24th October 2019**, to commemorate the 52 years. Since the Act was passed in 1967, 9 million unborn children have been killed and countless mothers and fathers have been hurt by abortion. Please come and mark this tragic milestone. Assemble at George Square from 6pm with Rosary at 6.30pm followed by Procession to St Andrew's Cathedral for 7.30pm Mass. Further details from SPUC Scotland on 0141 221 2094 or lucillemcquade@spuc.org.uk

**St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Center:** Sunday Mass is available at **5pm on Sundays and at 12.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.**



**ST MARY'S PARISH PAISLEY**

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13th October 2019

28th 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

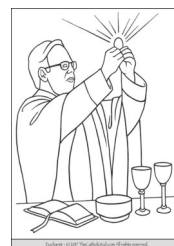
Divine Mercy Devotion: Friday after Mass

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: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm Response: "The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations"

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8 -13

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11-19

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## PARISH NOTICE

**Medjugorje Evening:** will hold on Wednesday 16th October. It will be an evening of Prayer, Holy mass and Adoration animated by the Medjugorje music group from St John the Baptist Uddingston. Our parish will be organizing pilgrimage to Medjugorje next year. If you wish to join please speak to Fr Jude.

**Raor Maxwellton @ St Mary's Club:** we are hopefully going to get the club started on Wednesday 30th October at 10:30am. Final confirmation and arrangements next week. Please put your name and phone number on the form at the back of the church if you are interested and haven't already given in your name. If you need a lift to the club please show this on the form. You can contact Eileen in the church (Sundays) or phone 01505814676

**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 scraping and painting of the church's rails and gates. Henry will make an appeal this weekend.

**Baptism Congratulations:** to **Paul & Louise Campbell** whose daughter **Eilidh Campbell** was christened last Sunday.

**Appeal: St Vincent de Paul conference** urgently need winter jackets and fleeces for men. Please if you have just replaced your winter jackets, can we have the old ones?

### PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Medjugorje Evening 16th October 2019

Fr Piotr Prusakiewicz Visits 25th October 2019

Film Show: "Love and Mercy" 28th October 2019

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

### Last Week's Collections

Thanks for last week's **Offertory collections:** Gift Aid: £338.75, Non Gift Aid £429.76= £768.51

**Building fund:** Gift Aid: £54.50 Non Gift Aid: £217.78 =£272.28 **Grand Total £1,040.79**

**200 Club Draws:** holds this Sunday after mass. Remember we still offer 5 draws for £10.

**Fr. Piotr Prusakiewicz** of the Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel in Poland will visit our Parish and will celebrate mass on **Sunday 25th October**. He is regarded as a world-renowned expert on **Divine Mercy and the Holy Angels**. He was ordained priest on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1990 and by God's providence from 1993 - 1996 he served as chaplain to the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw where St Faustina began her religious life. This was one of the most treasured periods in his life. He learned much about her character, trials, spiritual battles and revelations given to St Faustina in her writings and from the sisters who were still alive and knew St Faustina personally. He also gained insight on the life and mission of St Faustina's Confessor and Spiritual Director, Blessed Father Michael Sopocho, who continued the important task of advancing the devotion of Divine Mercy after her death.

**Celebrating the Success of our Diocesan Schools:** Commendations to our eight diocesan high schools in their SQA Awards for 2019. In almost all categories they performed above their Local Authority and National levels of attainment. Successes in the *Pope Francis Award* at P6-7 and the *Caritas Award* in S6 formally recognised the many works of service undertaken by our young people. Over ninety percent left school for Positive Destinations in Further and Higher Education, employment and training. Maintaining and improving on these results will be a challenge but one that our schools and the Diocese will take on and meet. +Bishop John

**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, **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 **0141847 6138** to register

**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.

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

**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

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct at 7pm St. Thomas', Neilston, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7pm St. Conval's, Linwood, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm St. John's, Barrhead, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 10.3am St. Mirin's, Paisley, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm St. Joseph's, Clarkston**. Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk) or **0141 847 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 Pudin. Email [Silvanapuddin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Silvanapuddin@hotmail.co.uk) or if you wish to call, telephone Silvana on **07711586394**

**National Pro-Life Conference: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019:** Join SPUC Scotland at their Annual Conference! - "Whatever Happened to the Hippocratic Oath?" This year we are joined by Dr Anthony McCarthy, Director of Research for SPUC UK and Dr Toni Saad, Conscientious Objection Academic and Medical Doctor. The day commences with registration **from 9.15am and ends at 4pm**. The day includes refreshments throughout the day and a hot buffet lunch. Cost : £30 / £25 student. BOOK TODAY: 0141 221 2094 or [michael@spucscotland.org](mailto:michael@spucscotland.org)

### FILM SHOW

The new "Love and Mercy" film about The Divine Mercy & St Faustina will be shown in our Parish Hall on 28th October at 7pm.

This is a docudrama that tells the story of St Faustina Kowalska's Life and her Visions of Christ and the Divine Mercy

### 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

Cornelius (Neilly) O'Hara John Fisher

#### Those whose anniversaries occur

Laura Anne Donnelly William & Anne McLay  
John Pratt George McTaggart Diane Hendren  
Michael Deighan Betty McCaig Jack Main