

**29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C  
(MISSION SUNDAY)**

Pope Francis has declared October 2019 to be an **Extraordinary Month of Mission**. It is a special month of prayer and action and it calls us all to renew our missionary commitment. The Holy Father invites individuals, schools, organizations, dioceses, parishes, communities, orders and congregations to get behind this worldwide Church initiative. To reflect the all-inclusiveness of this mission of God's love, *Missio* Scotland invites every parish to make special collection for Mission. The readings this Sunday while relaying the trustworthiness and justice of God (*the type of justice that reaches out to the less considered in the society, enabling them to fight against injustice - as manifested in widow's act in the gospel*) call for persistence in prayer in living faith, constancy in prayer and trust in God as the proper Christian attitude to prayer. Prayer is the master key and constancy in prayer is a divine command which always yields a positive result (Luke 18:1, 1Thes 5:17).



Moses in the first reading (Ex.17:8-13) after sending Joshua to fight against Amalek, is presented as making tireless intercession with constancy for the victory of Israel's army. "As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight" (Ex.17:11). This could also be likened to the attitude of the widow in today's gospel who sought constantly for justice through persistence request. As long as God never sleeps nor slumbers as the psalmist affirms (Ps 121:4), He will surely hear our prayer. When we join the army with Jesus, who prayed for us with outstretched arms on the cross, we will surely win the battle with our own Amalekites: the temptations and evil tendencies in our lives.

The lessons this Sunday are: first, we must make prayer a habit and pray persistently for our intentions. As Christians, prayer must be part and parcel of our lives. Praying constantly is a command (Luke 18:1, Mark 13:32-37) and so, in the words of St Augustine "we must pray as though everything depend on God and work as though everything depend on you". Second, persistence is the watchword in prayer. When we pray, we PUSH which means "Pray Until Something Happens". Third, it is God's will that comes to fruition in prayer. Although we ask and ask, we should never lose sight of the fact that God gives or grants not according to our desires but base on His Holy Will. So, we should always pray that His will be done and finally, as we persist in our prayer, we must always remember that prayer is not a nag, it is a request which should be made with humble heart. Nevertheless, we should never forget the promise of God "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be open unto you" (Matt 7:7, Luke 11:9-13). So, let us ask, seek and knock for "If it makes sense to thank God for something, it must make sense to ask God for it and to persevere in that prayer as Jesus proposes"

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**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%

**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 or **0141 847 6138** to register.

**SPUC Torchlight Procession:** Please join us on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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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20th October 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: Exodus 17:8-13

Psalm Response: "Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth"

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

GOSPEL READING: Luke 18:1-8

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## PARISH NOTICE

**November List & Envelopes:** We pray for the souls of our beloved ones in the month of November. So, as annually done, the November list and envelopes are now available. Please take some home and write down the names of your beloved ones you wish to pray for and include your donation. Bring them back before the end of this month. You can either put them in the offertory basket or hand them in, in the sacristy or to Fr Jude. We will be inviting families that lost their loved ones this year for our Parish Mass of Remembrance. If you have lost a member of your family this year please speak to Fr Jude

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

**Congratulations:** to **Margaret Gellatly** whose first granddaughter Abigail Mary was born last Friday morning. Abigail is a wee sister to Kyle and Mason and daughter to Gillian and Malcolm. Congratulations to the family.



**Special Collection:** this Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis declared the month of October Extraordinary Mission Month and World Mission Sunday offer you the chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world, particularly where the Church is young or poor. This year, students from Holy Cross and St John Ogilvie High Schools in Hamilton will travel to Uganda with Missio Scotland and witness not only the love and dedication provided by our priests and religious there, but also see first-hand some of the fantastic projects that wouldn't have been possible without the support of the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS). Your donations and prayers make a vital difference to our work in mission countries and territories and are a concrete way in which you can support the universal Church. Please pick up your Mission box and return it ASAP.

### PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Divine Mercy Retreat with Fr Piotr Prusakiewicz  
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: £329.88, Non Gift Aid £221.99= £551.87

**Building fund:** Gift Aid: £60 Non Gift Aid: £138.67 =£198.67 **Grand Total £750.54**

**200 Club Draw Winners:** Congratulations to our winners:

**Brenden Kersse £50,**  
**Catherine Mary Mclean £25**  
**Winifred McCaul £25**

Remember we still offer 5 draws for £10.

### DIVINE MERCY RETREAT WITH FR PIOTR (PETER) PRUSAKIEWICZ CSMA ON FRIDAY

25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019. This event will begin at 7:00pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet & Prayers. Holy Mass at 7:30pm, 8:00pm Adoration & Talk on The Theme "OBEYING THE WILL OF GOD AND NOT OUR OWN WILL". This will be followed with the Individual veneration of the First-Class Relic of St Faustina and then final blessing. There Will Be Tea and Coffee After. Check poster for details.

**There will be no mass in the morning on Friday.**

**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

**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?

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, Ingle 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.

**RCIA -** There will be a meeting for **ALL** parish catechists/leaders in the diocesan office on **Thursday 14th November 7.00 - 8.30pm** to discuss the year ahead. Please register at [rcia@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:rcia@rcdop.org.uk)

**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

**SPRED - Charity Quiz Night:** There will be a Charity Quiz Night in aid of SPRED on **Monday, 28th October in Gabriel's, 33 Gauze Street, Paisley,** beginning at 7.30pm. Entrance is £3.00 each and there will be a raffle. Why not come along and support this very worthy cause. All welcome.

**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

**Divine Mercy Conference:** This will be the 6<sup>th</sup> National Divine Mercy Conference and will take place on **26<sup>th</sup> October at 9am-6pm in St. Augustine's Church, 12 Dundyvan Road, Coatbridge, ML5 1DQ.** Hosted by 'Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland'. Speakers: Dr Robert Stackpole, Fr Piotr Prusakiewicz, Professor Stephen McKinney, Sr Maria Natella. Register now: [www.galsgow.ac.uk/catholicchaplaincy/divinemercy](http://www.galsgow.ac.uk/catholicchaplaincy/divinemercy) or contact us: [rcchaplaincy-fodm@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:rcchaplaincy-fodm@glasgow.ac.uk)

**St. Conval's Cemetery** would like to invite you to our Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov at 2pm. Mass will be offered for all of our family and friends who are buried herein. All are very welcome to attend.

### 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 Sam Hanah

#### Those who are recently deceased

Patricia McCoubrie Alexandria Compton

#### Those whose anniversaries occur

Carmina Elizabeth Serapiglia Elizabeth Higgins  
Sarah Stachura Garry Willock  
Margaret Higgins