

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Dear friends, today's gospel reveals the need to be truly humble in prayer. As taught by the Fathers of the Church, prayer consists in opening oneself in communication with God. It is the humble lifting up of our hearts and minds to God who loves and cares for us. In prayer, we open ourselves to God, we speak to the father who listen to us and welcomes the petitions we make with a humble heart. True prayer emanates from the heart and disposes it to welcome Christ's gift of salvation, to rejoice in it and to express it day by day in total humility recognizing that we are only beggars of the divine grace. Only the real self can meet the real God; a masked or pretentious self cannot meet the real God. So, prayer and hypocrisy are antipodal. It is in genuine prayer that one discovers one's own interior self as a person saved by the mystery of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.



The Pharisee in today's parable who paraded himself as righteous, exhibited his emptiness in his self-justification and self-glorification. This is pride in its full glamour which in itself is a vice thus his attitude is loathsome to God for "God detest the proud and exalt the lowly" (Proverb 29:23, Ps 138:6, Matt 23:12, Lk 1:52). His prayer is an orchestration of his ego that is why Jesus said that 'he prayed to himself' (Lk18:9-10). True humility and repentance from our sins must be the hallmark of our prayer for "the prayer of the lowly, pierces the clouds to reach the unseen throne of God." (Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19) Such prayers are heard because they come from the hearts of people who know how much they need God. Although God has no favorites and answers the prayers of all, the oppressed, the orphans, the widows, and those who can least help themselves are His special concern (Exodus 22:22-23, Psalm 10: 17-18, 68:3-5). The best prayer is humble and selfless service.

What is the lesson today? **We should pray humbly, with purity and sincerity of heart, and with childlike trust in God:** often in life we consider ourselves better than others, and look down upon others. By proclaiming ourselves just, we are in fact saying that we do not need God's mercy, and thus excluding ourselves from divine favours. That kind of prayer is counterproductive. **In our pray, we must be humble, gentle, sincere, pure in heart and trust God.** These are the characteristics of a genuine prayer. When we pray this way, God will surely hear our prayer. So, friends, Jesus calls us today to re-evaluate our disposition in prayer. We must pray like the Samaritan and not like the Pharisee who only succeeded in praying to himself. 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%

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 **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.

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

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](tel:01412212094) or lucillemcquade@spuc.org.uk

2020 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Please check the notice board for details



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27th 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: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19

Psalm Response: "This poor man called: the Lord heard him"

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

GOSPEL READING: Luke 18:9-14

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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 offering for masses. Return them 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 to **our Parish Mass of Remembrance** which will hold on the **24th of November at 4pm**. If you have lost anyone dear to this year please speak to Fr Jude

RCIA: Do you know someone who is thinking of becoming a Catholic? If so, please introduce them to Fr. Jude or to Alan & Carol Wright who will encourage them to join the parish in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process. The RCIA group meets every Tuesday at 7pm in the Sacristy.

All Saints & All Soul: Friday 1st of November is the Solemnity of all saints. It is a holy day of obligation. There will be **Vigil Mass at 7pm on Thursday evening and Morning mass at 9:30am. Saturday 2nd November is Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed mass at 9:30am**. We have an obligation to pray for the souls of the faithful departed. There is Plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory from midday 1st to midday 2nd. Similarly, any day from 1st to 8th for visiting a cemetery and praying for those buried there.

Parish Memorial Altar: As we do annually in the month of November, flowers are placed in the vessels. You can place a flower for your love ones. The box provided is for your November intentions (November List) and donations

Mass Attendance Census: will be counted next weekend.

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Film Show: "Love and Mercy" 28th October 2019
Bishop's Visit 24th November 2019
Parish Mass of Remembrance 24th November 2019 at 4:00pm

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Last Week's Collections

Thanks for last week's **Offertory collections:** Gift Aid: £373.30, Non Gift Aid £328.93= £702.23
Mission fund: Gift Aid: £ Non Gift Aid: £592.32 =£592.32 **Grand Total £1,294.55**

200 Club Draw: we still welcome new members

ROAR St Mary's club: The new club for over 65s will start on Wednesday 30th October at 10.30 in the church hall. It will last until around 12.30, including a wee cuppa after our exercises. If possible please try to be there about 10.20. At present there are enough people coming, but if you're still interested let **Eileen McCartin** know on 01505 814676.

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

Baptism Congratulations to Wojciech and Beata whose son **Nikodem Sobkowicz** will be christened after 10:30am Mass this Sunday.

Parish Piety Store: we have in stock Christmas Cards, anniversary cards and other gift items. Please contact Angela.

Parish Special Christmas Card: This year we have our Parish special Christmas Card. Contact Gerry if you are interested in placing an order.

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 11th November at 10.30am** Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or **0141847 6138** to register

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

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.

Schola Benedicti Concert: Sunday 10th November at 7pm, Schola Benedicti are singing a concert of **Sacred music in St Mirin's Cathedral** including the Faure's setting of the Requiem Mass. It is a free concert with a retiring collection to help defray costs to mark Remembrance Sunday and the month of the Holy Souls. The concert will be accompanied by John Pitcathley and the soloist is Graham McCusker of the Royal Northern College of Music. This is a free concert with a retiring collection.

Centenary Recruitment Drive -Knights of St. Columba: 'Serving God by serving others'. If you are over 16 and a practicing Catholic and wish to join an organization to promote the Catholic Faith and help others in need, please contact: John O'Donnell on [07854886425](tel:07854886425) or john.odonnell1@hotmail.co.uk

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**

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

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.

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 26th 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.

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

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

Those whose anniversaries occur

Bryan Gauguan William Taylor
 Elizabeth Thelma Meechan Jean McKelvie
 Henry Graham (Six Months mind)