

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Dear friends, the readings this Sunday assent to the popular saying that "history is not made by kings and presidents, but by ordinary people doing extraordinary things". We are called to energize our faith which is the light that disperses the clouds of uncertainties in our everyday lives. The gospel reading invites us to reflect on the sacredness of our daily lives, calling us to faithfulness to our ordinary duties as Christ's faithful. But what is faith? It is as defined in the catechism as "a personal adherence of the whole man to God who reveals himself. It involves an assent of the intellect and will to the self-revelation God has made through his deeds and words" CCC 176

Our first reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk calls us to have faith even when our prayers seem unanswered. Habakkuk is one of the minor prophets and he wrote his prophesy during a very difficult time in the history of Israel (7th Cent BC), just before the Babylonian Exile (598 BC). One of the central themes in this book can be summarized in the passage that we heard read today: "The upright man (the just) will live by his faithfulness" (Hab 2:4). Here the prophet expresses faith as "trust and steadfast expectation in the face of suffering and delay". God assures the prophet that although "the rash one" that is one who does not believe, "has no integrity, the just one, because of his faith, will live" because he will lead a righteous life in the midst of encircling evil. Faith, then, is the foundation of faithfulness; and faithfulness strengthens faith.

In today's gospel, Jesus encourages his disciples to have faith for it allows us to share in God's power, and hence, even in small quantities, deep faith enables us to work miracles in our lives and in the lives of others. So then, faith is not measured by quantity but by quality. While the Apostles ask for an increase in the quantity of their faith, Jesus reminds them, and us, that the quality of their faith is more important. Using a master-servant parable, Jesus also teaches them, and us, that, for faith to be effective, it must be linked with trust, loving obedience and total commitment – an active submission to God and a willingness to do whatever He commands, even in tough times. Keep the faith, live by faith and surely your will be saved by your faith.



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 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.

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.

Scottish Catholic Medical Association Autumn Meeting and AGM: Dr. Dermot Kearney on 'Living our faith at work'. Turnbull Hall 15 Southpark Terrace. G12 8LG, **Sat 26 October, 10.30am** (Holy Mass)-12.30pm. Dr Dermot Kearney is a Consultant Cardiologist in Newcastle Upon Tyne and President of the UK Catholic Medical Association. Buffet lunch. This is open to all healthcare workers and those interested in healthcare issues. Please scottishcma@gmail.com to reserve a place by Mon 21 October (for catering purposes).

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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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

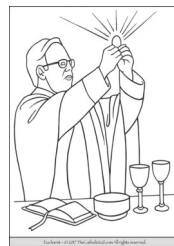
Divine Mercy Devotion: Friday after Mass

**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: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Psalm Response: "O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts"

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:5-10

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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 scraping and painting of the church's rails and gates. Henry will make an appeal next week.

Autumn Children Mass: will hold this Sunday 6th October. Children will do most of the functions during mass. We thank the organizers of the children liturgy for their relentless effort in keeping alive our community and helping the kids grow in their faith.

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

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.

2020 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: you can book for this event. See Poster for details.

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Autumn Children's Mass 6th October 2019

Medjugorje Evening 16th October 2019

Fr Piotr Prusakiewicz Visits 25th October 2019

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Last Week's Collections

Thanks for last week's **Offertory collections:** Gift Aid: £354.50, Non Gift Aid £279.28= £633.78

Building fund: Gift Aid: £0 Non Gift Aid: £189.34 =£189.34 **Grand Total £823.12**

200 Club Draws: Congratulations to our last draw winners:

**Kathy Mciver £50,
Sean Donnelly £25,
Morac Duffin £25.**

Our next draw will be next week 13th October and we still offer 5 draws for £10.

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.

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 23rd 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 Sopocko, who continued the important task of advancing the devotion of Divine Mercy after her death.

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 11th November at 10.30am** Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office 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.

Charity Quiz Night: There will be a Charity Quiz Night in aid of Flexicare at **7.30pm on Monday, 7th October in St Mary's Church Hall, Newton Street, Paisley.** Entrance is £3.00 each and there will be a raffle. BYOB and nibbles. All welcome. Flexicare provides a service for young people and adults (14+) with learning disabilities and autism, living in Renfrewshire.

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.

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

Mick Walker Becky Sheridan Sheila Farley
Margaret Fitzpatrick Robert McKendrick
Cornelius (Neilly) O'Hara (Funeral on Tuesday)

Those whose anniversaries occur

Christopher & Patricia Morgan Joe Macfarlane
Mr & Mrs E. McNulty Tommy McBride Lilian Kelly
Mr & Mrs James Joseph Murray Annie Treanor Anne-Marie Higgins Ellen Woods