

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Dear friends, one of the most debated issues in the world and specifically in Religion is the question of the *Parousia* that is the Second coming of Christ which according to biblical teaching will mark the end of the world. Many people both religious and secular scholars have predicted certain dates which in the long run are now *démoté*. We can recall the predictions of: Nostradamus, Stephen Hawkins, 2012 Maya apocalypse prediction, Harold Camping, to mention but a few. All these have not been able to localize and concretely state the right date and way this all-important event will come to pass. The readings this 33rd Sunday resonate this all aged questioned fact "When will the end of the world be?"

The Prophet Malachi in the first reading announces the coming of the day of the Lord. The prophet paints two pictures: the fate of the evil doer, and the triumph of the righteous who endures till the end. This short reading simply serves as an encouragement to us to continue our good work in patient righteousness and endurance. In other words, it teaches that to persist in good works till the end, one must endure all forms of trials and difficulties as the saints. We cannot just sit and wait for eternity. There is no need to stop fulfilling our daily duties, as some Christians in Thessalonica were doing. They had stopped working, waiting for the end of the world, and preaching the same to others, confusing them and causing a lot of disturbance. Paul had to intervene and warn them in very strong words: "In the Lord Jesus Christ, we urge and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat" (2Thess 3:12). Paul gives a reason for this command, "About the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, brothers, and our being gathered to him: please do not be too easily thrown into confusion or alarmed by any manifestation of the Spirit..." (2Thess 2:1-2).

Jesus in the gospel reading talks about the impending crisis in terms of the challenges and adversities that his disciples must be prepared to face. Metaphorically, he speaks of the destruction of the old temple which will be a catalyst for a new Israel. The crisis that the death of the old will create will also bring believers an opportunity to bear witness to the new. The end time is not doom and gloom for those who believe. In fact, it can also be the blessing in disguise, the moment of purification and maturity of faith. So, how do we prepare for it? By living an exemplary life trusting in God and be actively involved in evangelical work via heroic witnessing.

Friends, the second coming of Jesus, the end of the world, transcends the logic of human history. We don't know when, how, or why Jesus will come. We can't figure out a date, nor should we. The point is that it *will* come, and *is coming*, and we are called to prepare. This we must do with faith and hope expressed in charity. Have a blessed Sunday!!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ST MARY'S CONFERENCE

Please let us know if you know anyone in need of food or families in need. Food parcels are given out only on Sundays after Mass. Please be there if you need one.

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%

ACN #RedWednesday Event - Sponsored by John Mason MSP, The Scottish Parliament. A multi-faith event for the people of Scotland to stand in solidarity with those who have been martyred for their faith. All religious intolerance is wrong and for too long the world has ignored religious persecution. Aid to the Church in Need would like to invite all parishioners to our #RedWednesday Event. For full event details, please visit: acnuk.org/scottishredwednesday **Venue: The Fairfax Somerville Room, The Scottish Parliament, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh EH99 1SP.** Date: Wednesday 27th November. Time: 5.30pm - 8pm. Entrance is free, **For security reasons YOU MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THIS EVENT**

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

Month of the Holy Souls - SCIAF - In November, the month of the Holy Souls, SCIAF remembers those supporters who are no longer with us. Holy Mass is celebrated in memory of all those who've been touched by our work here in Scotland and around the world. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Toal, Bishop President of SCIAF at St Francis Xavier's Church, Taylor Avenue, Carfin on **Thursday 21st November at 7 pm**. If you are not able to attend on this occasion but would like a loved one to be remembered at the Mass please contact Siobhan Wright at SCIAF on **0141 354 5555**.

Quiet Morning for Advent: Will be held on **30 November 2019** at **St Columba's Parish, Renfrew.** Coffee at **10.00am**, commencing at **10.30am**. The morning will end at **1.00pm** with **Mass and a light lunch.** All welcome.

Education Sunday - appeal for teachers: If you would like further information on becoming a teacher in our Catholic schools, please contact the Scottish Catholic



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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

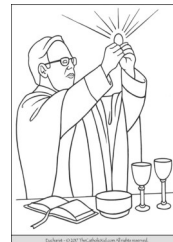
Divine Mercy Devotion: Friday after Mass

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: MALACHI 3:19-20

Psalm Response: "The Lord Comes to rule the people with fairness"

SECOND READING: 2 Thess. 3:7-12

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21: 5-19

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PARISH NOTICE

Parish Memorial Mass: will hold on the 24th of November at 4pm. If you have lost anyone dear to you this year and wish to light a candle during this mass, please speak to Margaret Gellatly or to Alan wright.

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.

Parish Memorial Altar: you are free to place a picture of your loved one who passed away this year or the previous years. Our prayers are for their favour. There are flower vases provided for flowers and a box for your November intentions (November List) and donations. Eternal rest grant unto them oh Lord. ... May they rest in peace.

2019 Parish Christmas Fayre Appeal

we appeal for donations for the fayre to help make it a success. If you can help with any of the following: Bottles of Spirits, wine, Sherry, Gin, Packs of Beer, boxes of Chocolates, biscuits, Tins of sweets, Gift sets – Toiletries, deodorants.

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

Education Sunday: Next Sunday is education Sunday. We are asked to reflect on how we are promoting "the Gospel values" in our homes, School and Parish

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

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: £441.00, Non Gift Aid £397.59= £838.59

Building fund: Gift Aid: £ 31.00 Non Gift Aid: £246.86=277.86 **Grand Total £1,116.45**

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

ROAR St Mary's club: The new club for over 65s started last Wednesday and will hold every Wednesday at 10:30am in the Church Hall. if you're still interested let Eileen McCartin know on 01505 814676.

Lourdes Discipleship Pilgrimage (18-21yrs) - Would you like to be involved in our Paisley Diocese Lourdes 2020 Pilgrimage, **26 June to 2 July** as young adults? You will join other young Catholics (18-21 years) for spiritual and pastoral, service and social initiatives in our new Lourdes Disciples Programme. If you're interested or would like more information please email Fr. Gerry McNellis (stninian@rcdop.org.uk). Limited to twenty places..

Special Collection - 23rd & 24th November: This collection supports the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) which **promotes and protects our** Catholic schools in issues of national significance, and supports our schools, parishes and dioceses

All night vigil of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Reparation and in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary: Opening Mass 8pm Friday 13th December 2019 -Closing Mass 6am Saturday 14th December 2019. **St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street, Glasgow, G1 4JY.** For information contact: emailiam.coyle1@ntlworld.com Phone 07806517383 or Facebook - Glasgow Vigils Events. All welcome

Migrant Help for Local Victims of Modern Day Slavery. Can you help?: Paisley Diocese has teamed up with our local Migrant Help UK to help find basic provisions for local victims of modern day slavery - men, women and children - being kept safe around our diocese. We are urgently appealing for the following items: clothes for a 7yr old boy and 4yr old girl, back packs, 2 pairs of ladies winter boots (size 8 and 6), ladies waterproof winter jacket (size 18/20), ladies trousers (size 6), ladies tops/jumper (size 6), male hooded winter jackets (any size), gloves, socks (any sizes), umbrellas, nail clippers, toiletries and toilet paper. If you can help them please drop in your donations to our Diocesan Offices between Monday and Friday by the end of November. Many thanks.

20-40 Network Escape Rooms Event : Aged 20-40? Our events are a great place for meeting fellow young Catholics. Don't worry about coming on your own, you'll quickly make friends as you battle to solve the clues and escape before the other team. Sat 23rd November, 6:30pm, Merchant Square, Glasgow. Justemail 2040network@gmail.com<mailto:2040network@gmail.com> to buy a £16 ticket or join our mailing list to find out about future events if you can't make this one.

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

SPUC - Volunteer Speakers Required: SPUC (Scotland) has a network of local volunteers who work hard pro-actively raising awareness of the pro-life movement across parish communities in Scotland. Our local speakers motivate and inspire other parishioners to support SPUC's work, playing an active part in building a culture of life in Scotland. Would you like to be a part of our volunteer team, helping to spread the Gospel of Life? If so, email info@spucscotland.org TODAY!

Prisoners Week - An initiative of the Churches in partnership with the Scottish Prison Service, aims to stimulate discussion, highlight concerns and share hope, in prisons and communities across Scotland. This year's theme is 'Out of Sight Out of Mind'. Jesus taught us that 'as much as you do it to the least of those, you do it to me' (Matthew 25:40) As part of Prisoners Week, you are warmly invited to the ecumenical Prisoners Week National Launch Service, which will take place in **Bridge of Allan Parish Church FK15 0AQ, on Monday 19th November at 6.30pm.** Further information can be found on the Prisoners Week website www.prisonersweek.org.uk

Scottish Interfaith Week - Today is the beginning of Scottish Interfaith week. It is an opportunity for Catholics to follow the example set by our Holy Father Pope Francis to reach out to our neighbours and to recognize all people of faith as our brothers and sisters. Recent events have shown how important this is for world peace. Take the opportunity this week to pray that people of faith might work together for peace in our world and in our country. Interfaith Scotland's website www.interfaithscotland.org gives notification of the many interfaith events happening throughout the country this week if you would like to get involved.

Pro Life Mass: This month's Pro-Life Mass is on **Wednesday, 20th November** in Blessed John Duns Scotus, 270 Ballater St, Gorbals G5 0YT. There will be Adoration at **6pm**, followed by Rosary at 7pm and Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome. The celebrant will be Fr Gerard Byrne.

Retreat Day for Primary School Pupils: The Diocese of Paisley will be hosting a retreat day for primary school pupils in p4-7 at **St. Cadoc's, Newton Mearns on Sunday 1st December 2-6pm.** The retreat day will include activities, Mass and the chance to meet new friends. All participants must bring a signed consent form. Consent forms can be obtained from your parish, primary school or by contacting Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel 0141 8895056.

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

Louise Mooney Anna Wojciechowska
Annie Gallagher

Those whose anniversaries occur

Betty McCaig Margaret & Eric Thumath
Garry Willock

All those who are named in our November list