

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Annually, the Church concludes the liturgical year with the solemnity of the Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, and instituting it he proclaimed: "*Pax Christi in regno Christi*" meaning "the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ". Celebrating it, we hail our King who gave his life that we may have life and have it in full (Jn. 10:10). We begin the liturgical year (**advent**), preparing for his coming. He comes as a child at **Christmas** and gives us new life through his suffering, death (**Lent**) and resurrection (**Easter**).



The readings describe the enthronement of the victorious Christ as King in Heaven in all His glory. The first reading, taken from the second book of Samuel, narrates the story of the anointing of David as the king of Israel (2Sam 5:1-3) this reestablished and consolidated the strength of the Kingdom - Israel. David chosen as the "shepherd" and "commander" became a model for the hoped messiah or Christ spoken by the prophets (Numbers 24:19, Isaiah 9:6-7). St Paul in the second reading assures the Colossians of the primacy of Christ over and above all powers. The Gospel reading presents the most ironical scene of today's feast. Instead of reading the account of the coronation of king, we are presented the most awful scene of Jesus' life - Jesus before Pilate. Jesus asserts before Pilate that he is a king and clarifies that that his kingdom "*does not belong to this world.*" He rules as King by serving others rather than by dominating them. His authority is rooted in truth, not in physical force, and his Kingdom, the reign of God, is based on the Beatitudes. Jesus has come to bear witness to the truth: about God and His love for us, about Himself as the Son of God and about us as the children of God.

Dear friends, as we celebrate the kingship of Christ, we must keep in mind the true meaning of this kingship which is "*the supreme authority and lawful dignity which Christ possesses of governing with full power*" made manifest in Love and Mercy (cf. 1 Cor 13:8). It's true message, is of the power of love and the mercy of God, in any and every circumstance of life which Jesus offers to all. We are all called to bear witness to this and bring out ever more clearly the priority of God and his will over the interests of the world and its powers. Become imitators of Jesus, who, before Pilate, in the humiliating scene described by the Gospel, manifested his glory: that of loving to the utmost, giving his own life for those whom he loves. This is the revelation of the kingdom of Jesus. And for this reason, with one heart and one soul, let us pray: *Adveniat regnum tuum* - Thy kingdom come. Amen.

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 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**

Quiet Morning for Advent: Will be held on 30 November 2019 at **St Columba's Parish, Newfrew.** 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 Education Service: mail@sces.uk.com

St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Center: Please note there will be **no 5pm Sunday Mass on 1st December.** Apologies for any inconvenience

Advent Service: There will be an Advent Service on **Tuesday 3rd December** at 7pm in St Aidan's Johnstone, with St Mirin's Cathedral Choir: hymns and readings for Advent. All welcome. Tea afterwards in the hall



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24th November 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: 2 SAMUEL 5:1-3

Psalm Response: "I rejoice when I heard them say, let us go to God's house"

SECOND READING: Col. 1:11-20

GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:35-43

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PARISH NOTICE

Parish Memorial Mass: will hold this Sunday 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.

Will hold on Saturday 30th November 2019. 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.

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Bishop's Visit 24th November 2019
 Parish Mass of Remembrance 24th November 2019 at 4:00pm
 2019 Christmas Fayre 30th November 2019
 RCIA Acceptance into the order of Catechumens 1st Dec. 2019
 Parish Disco Dance 7th December 2019

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Last Week's Collections

Thanks for last week's **Offertory collections:** Gift Aid: £317.00, Non Gift Aid £275.24= £592.24
Building fund: Gift Aid: £ 50.00 Non Gift Aid: £152.08=£202.08 **Grand Total £794.32**

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.

Parish Disco Dance: Our Parish Tartan & Tinsel Disco will hold on Saturday 7th December. Tickets are still available for this event. Speak to Kay Steel or Henry Bradley

MONTHLY DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS AND HOLY MASS - Wednesday - 7 p.m. 27 November 2019
 Monthly Divine Mercy Devotions and Holy Mass will take place on Wednesday 27 November 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in St Mary's Church, 163 George Street, Paisley, PA1 2UN and will be celebrated by Father Joe Burke. The Divine Mercy devotions will begin with Holy Mass and then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy chapel. Light refreshments will be available afterwards. All are welcome. The next monthly mass will be on Wednesday 29 January 2020.

Education Sunday Special Collection: There is a special collection this Sunday to support 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.

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.

Charis Conference 2019: Charis, the new service for Catholic Charismatic Renewal worldwide, is holding its national conference in St Mirin's hall on **Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December.** Speakers are Jean Luc Moens, moderator for Charis (appointed by Pope Francis), Kenny Borthwick, Presbyterian minister in Wester Hailes and Bishop John Keenan. Cost for full weekend is £20 (pay at the door) Each day begins at 10am. Further information from tresanded1214@gmail.com

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!

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.

St Margaret's, Johnstone: will hold a Christmas Fayre on **Sunday 1st December** from **11.00am-3.00pm** in the Church Hall. There will be a table top sale, with various companies attending to sell their products, as well as raffles and tombola. All welcome to attend.

Lourdes Discipleship Group: A meeting will be held in St. Ninian's Church Hall, Gourrock on **Sunday 1 December at 2.30 pm.** Those eligible for the Pilgrimage Group should be between 18-21. The Pilgrimage takes place from 26 June -2 July 2020. For more information please contact Fr Gerry McNelis stninian@rcdop.org.uk

Christmas Charity Quiz Night: There will be a Christmas Charity Quiz Night in aid of the Paisley Pre-5 Children's Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 2nd December in **St Mary's Church Hall, Newton Street, Paisley.** Entrance is £3.00 each and there will be a raffle. BYOB and nibbles and dress in your festive gear if you feel like it! All welcome to join us for a bit of fun in the Christmas spirit.

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 Hannah

Those who are recently deceased

Jean McAllister

Those whose anniversaries occur

Sister Ann Berrie Michael Kerr Betty O'Neil
 Derek Young Ellen Hendren

All those who are named in our November list