

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Dear Friends, God's love is unconditional, universal and all-inclusive. He loves us despite of our rejection of him through our sins. In God we see in completion the whole qualities of LOVE which St Paul enumerated in his first letter to the Corinthians "Love is patient and kind, does not keep record of wrongs, love never gives up" (1Cor 13:4-8) God never give up on us. He waits for us patiently and is eager to welcome us back when we stray.

The first reading reminds us that God's Almighty Power is shown in His Love and mercy. That is why God, who created the universe mercifully, waits for sinners to repent. God continues to love us, even when we do not love Him in return. The reading focuses on the love God has for all He has created, the love that overlooks sin so that we all have time for repentance. God shows us His redemptive love through His mercy. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145), the Psalmist also tells us that the Lord is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made. *The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness (Ps. 148:8)*. While St Paul in the second reading encourages the Thessalonians to persevere in their faith as they wait for the second coming of Jesus



The encounter between Jesus and Zacchaeus marks the high point of the central theme of this Sunday's readings "Love and Mercy". Zacchaeus as the evangelist described him, is not just a tax collector but the head of the tax collectors. If tax collectors are known as "public sinners" what appellation fits the one who is in-charge of them? Zacchaeus then deserves to be called 'the worst public sinner'. Thus, knowing his state, he sought to see Jesus but his height remained a barrier. To overcome this, he Climbed the Sycamore tree in order to catch a glimpse of the one his heart desires. As Zacchaeus despite his sins opened his heart to God's Mercy, everything in him changed. There erupted instantaneous changes in his life orientations and values (Luke 19: 8); subsequently, these changed his destiny 'today salvation has come to this house...' (Luke 19:9-10). He realized the worthlessness of the treasures of the world

So friends, as sinners, we need to accept God's invitation to repentance. Just like Zacchaeus, our willful acceptance and search for reconciliation with God and our brothers and sister is imperative in our mission as Christians. God's mercy abounds, let us run to Him always and live like Him in faithful kindness and unfathomable generosity to one another in love. Have a great 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 , **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.

Advent Day for s3-6: The Diocese of Paisley will be holding a reflection day for young adults (s-3-s6) on Sunday 17th November at St. Mirin's Chaplaincy Centre, 45 High Street, Paisley. The day will be from 2-6pm and will include Mass at 5pm. Net Ministries will be our facilitators. While the retreat is open to all young people from this age group there is an expectation that any participants in Youth to Lourdes 2020 should be in attendance. All attendees will be required to bring a signed consent form. These can be obtained from your school or your parish. For more information please contact Fr. John Morrison tel: 01418895056 or email vocations@rcdop.org.uk <<mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk>>



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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: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

Psalm Response: "I will bless your name for ever, O God my king"

SECOND READING: 2 Thess 1:112:2

GOSPEL READING: Luke 19:1-10

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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 ASAP. 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 you 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.

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 vessels 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.

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.

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: £394.50, Non Gift Aid £351.50= £746.00
Building fund: Gift Aid: £ 58.00 Non Gift Aid: £164.85=222.85 **Grand Total £968.85**

Congratulations: to Marie Quin as she welcomes her 8th grandchild. Her Son John and his wife had a baby girl on Thursday 31st of October.

200 Club Draw: we still welcome new members

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.

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

Fertility Care Clinic at the diocesan offices – Change of dates for November/December – The clinic will take place on Wednesday - 6th November, 20th November and the 4th December. Dates for 2020 will be announced before the end of the year.

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.

Mass Attendance Census: will be counted this week-end.

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

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.

Hawkhead Cemetery Mass: With refurbishments taking place at Hawkhead Cemetery, and the roadworks on Hawkhead Road, it does not seem advisable to celebrate Mass there this year. Mass will be celebrated in St. Mirin's Cathedral at 12noon on Sunday 10th November for all who are buried in Hawkhead Cemetery.

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)<<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.

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.

St. Mirin's Fund: Is a Fund set up by the Diocese of Paisley to disburse funds from the Episcopal Charities and Bishop's Fund. If you wish to be considered for a gift from this Fund for a charitable project or need, please contact funding@rcdop.org.uk< <mailto:funding@rcdop.org.uk>> with a contact name, contact details and a statement of how you would use this gift. Closing date is Sunday 17th November 2019. Thank you .

Interfaith Week Scotland- 'Listening to the voices of young people'. At Glasgow University Chapel on Monday 11 November at 6-8pm. Come and hear young people from different faiths talk about their faith and what interfaith means to them. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and have conversations with people of all ages. Free food provided.

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

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

Rhona Faulds

Those whose anniversaries occur

Margaret Corrigan Andrew Friel Nan Feeley
 Margaret Duffin Norah & Bene O'Connor

All those who are named in our November list