

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

With the feast of the Baptism of the Lord we have entered into the liturgical time that we call "ordinary." On this second Sunday, the Gospel presents to us the scene of the meeting between Jesus and John the Baptist at the Jordan River. John the Baptist sees Jesus, who steps forward from the crowd and, inspired from above, points him out as the Messiah with these words: "Behold the lamb of God, he who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). The word that is translated with "take away" literally means "to relieve," "to take upon oneself." Jesus has come into the world with a precise mission: to free it from the slavery of sin, taking humanity's faults upon himself. (2Cor. 5:19) In what way? By loving. There is no other way to defeat evil and sin than with the love that moves one to give the gift of his life for others. In the testimony of John the Baptist, Jesus is given the traits of the Servant of the Lord, who "has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows" (Isaiah 53:4), to the point of dying on the cross. He is the true Passover lamb, who immerses himself in the river of our sin, to purify us.



The Prophet Isaiah in the first reading speaks of the "suffering servant" who will liberate the Jews. (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6). This the second of the "suffering servant" prophecies, found in Isaiah. These prophecies were uttered during the Babylonian exile to encourage the Jewish exiles to persevere in their trust in Yahweh, who would soon liberate them from Babylon, and eventually send them the long-expected Messiah, promised to Abraham. St Paul in the second reading shows forth this same prophecy as fulfilled among the pagans highlighting the purpose of the coming of the Messiah - for the sanctification and true enlightenment of all nations (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Dear friends, today's readings offer us an eloquent example to imitate, so that we can also become Christ's authoritative witnesses. A believer can only give an authoritative witness if it coexists in perfect harmony with two of the Baptist's evangelical qualities. Firstly, knowledge of Christ that is cultivated through prayer, the sacramental and ecclesial life, reading good books and staying in edifying friendships. Secondly, the constant attributes of a 'bridegroom's friend' who goes in search of the Groom through the virtue of humility because always, in everyone's life, Christ must increase and we must decrease! Let us bear witness to Christ as St John the Baptist did for testifying with our life makes us more joyful.

### **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%

**Dinner/Dance to raise funds for the Diocese of Paisley Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020, Greenock Town Hall, 7pm (for 7.30pm). Tickets cost £35 (includes 3 course meal, fizz on arrival and live band). Dress formal. For tickets and further information please email [lourdes.rcdop@gmail.com](mailto:lourdes.rcdop@gmail.com) or phone 07950483042. Includes return bus from Renfrewshire/East Renfrewshire. Donations of raffle prizes and auction items greatly appreciated

**Diocesan Priesthood:** Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood in 2020? The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information please contact Fr. John Morrison email: [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk)

**Mass at UWS:** weekday and Sunday Mass are now on, all are welcome

### **THIS WEEK'S SAINTS**

**Tuesday 21/01/2020**

St Agnes, virgin & Martyr

**Wednesday 22/01/2020:**

St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

**Friday 24/01/2020**

St Francis de Sales bishop, Doctor



## **ST MARY'S PARISH PAISLEY**

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19th January 2020

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

### **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: Isaiah 49:3,5-6

Psalm Response: "Here I am Lord! I come to do your will"

SECOND READING: Corinthians 1:1-3

GOSPEL READING: John 1:29-34

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## PARISH NOTICE

**Legion of Mary:** the New presidium "Our Lady Help of Christians" will start this month. Mary Farren & Jim Lacey will make an appeal for more members this weekend and will meet those who have registered after mass

**Parish Piety Store:** we have in stock Mass Cards and other seasonal gifts. Copies of **The Western Catholic Calendar 2020** which contains contact details of every parish and mass times, Please contact Angela.

**Parish Youth & Children Choir (Band):** we appeal to parents to encourage the kids to join. Speak to **Silvana Puddinu and Adele Redhead**

### Important Notice

Fr Jude will be away on holiday for few weeks. Thanks to the Priests who have accepted to help.

**Morning Masses @ 9:00am** By Fr Joe Balmar

Saturday Vigil Mass 4.30pm by Fr John Morrison

Sunday Mass 10:30am By Msgr. Tom Monaghan & Fr Ambrose Ohene(23/02/2020).

**There will be no bulletin after next Sunday till March.** You can check for weekly information and notices from the diocese on our parish website [www.stmaryrcpaisley.com](http://www.stmaryrcpaisley.com) and our facebook page.

Contact Fr Joe Balmer for Funerals and for Baptism speak to the priest after Sunday Mass.

**SPRED Advent Boxes:** Please return ASAP

### PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

2/02/2020 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

8/02/2020 Burns Supper

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

### Last Week's Collections

Thanks for last week's **Offertory collections:** Gift Aid: £358.50 Non Gift Aid £282.31= £640.81  
**Building fund:** Gift Aid: £ 50 Non Gift Aid: £175.10= £225.10 **Grand Total £865.91**

**Christmas Crib:** You can visit the crib and receive blessings for the new born King. There is a box for donations to **St Margaret Children & family Care**

**200 Club Appeal:** Payment for the coming period can be made from now. Membership costs £12 for 6 months or £24 for a year. Please put payment in an envelope with 200 Club with your name on the outside and give to Gerry or Kay. New members are welcome for 2020.

**RCIA Do you know nyone interested in becoming a catholic** or an adult wishing to receive the sacraments of initiation . Contact Alan or Carol Wright.

**Burns Supper:** will hold on Saturday 8th February 2020. this is our first parish social function this Year and we invite every one to participate. Tickets will be available from Sunday 12th January. Please save this date. See Jim or Caroline Kerr for more information.

**Children Liturgy:** will not hold till march. We are in need of volunteers to assist. Please speak to **Rosemary, Angela or Kay.**

**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@spucs.cotland.org](mailto:info@spucs.cotland.org) TODAY!

**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 or [john.odonnell1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:john.odonnell1@hotmail.co.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

**Pro-Life Mass:** This month's Pro-Life Mass is on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 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 Joseph McAuley.

**Prayer Group:** Are you aged between 18-35 years old ? St Francis and St Clare welcomes you to an evening of prayer , intercessions and a wee something to eat together on **Thursday 16th of January at 7-9pm** in the Diocesan offices , Incle Street ,Paisley.

### 2020 October Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:

This is a fully escorted pilgrimage and great places to visit. If you are interested in joining the group from St Mary's Parish Paisley to Medjugorje in October 2020 please speak to Fr Jude.

**MONTHLY DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS AND HOLY MASS- WEDNESDAY** 29th January at 7p.m. in St Mary's Church . 163 George Street paisley, PA12UN and will be celebrated by Father Jonathan W. the divine mercy devotions will begin with holy Mass and then adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine mercy chaplet. Light refreshment will be available afterwards. All are welcome.

**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 2017 or early 2018, you should put your name forward for Safeguarding Training Part 2. The next sessions will be on: **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7pm St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Clarkston, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm St. Mary's Parish Hall, Greenock, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am in Diocesan Offices, Incle Street, Paisley, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm St. Ninian's Parish Hall, Gourrock, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm St. Joseph's & St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Wemyss Bay.** Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office [safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk) or **0141847 6138** to register.

### 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 Declan Healy  
Kay Brassington John Black John Doherty

#### Those who are recently deceased

Brendan Kelly Francis Graham Jean Matthew  
Annie McLoughlin Heather Michael Curley  
Seamus Curley

#### Those whose anniversaries occur

Florence Nicholson Elizabeth Lawley  
Charles Duffin  
Garry Willock (1 Year Anniversary)