

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Dear Friends, do you sometimes find yourself in distress because of challenges of life? Have you in anyway find yourself in tight situations that made you to question your faith? Perhaps this pandemic experience might be the most practical example to show that life may not be rosy at all times, there are about "the storms of life". So, how do we face them? This is the main crux the readings of this Sunday espouse. In them we are reminded that "Jesus is always close to us to calm not just us but also the storms. He lifts us from the depths and restores our peace. All it takes is to have a trusting faith in God and courage.

Elijah having killed the prophets of Baal in the first reading, faces a crucial challenge in his prophetic mission - the threat from Jezebel, the wife of king Ahaz who, when Ahaz told her of the victory of Elijah over the 450 prophets of Baal, blew thunder and brimstone on Elijah and vowed to take a revenge (1kgs:19:1). This made Elijah to flee for help and strength on Mount Horeb where he encountered the Lord in the gentle breeze (Calmness of heart). St Paul in the second reading was ravaged by sorrow and anguish due to the unbelief of his "fellow brothers of Israel." This was a great burden that threatened his peace of mind. While in the gospel, when the disciples were battling the storm in the sea, Peter was invited by Jesus to walk on the water at his request, and was saved by Jesus from sinking when he doubted.

The lessons from these are, we all need to call Jesus in the storms facing us in the Church and in our lives. We must approach Jesus with courage and trusting faith in his ability and willing availability to calm the storms in the life of the Church and in our own lives. We need to realize that it is the presence of Jesus that gives us peace even in the wildest storms of life: the storms of anxiety and worries about the future as we continue to seek for lasting solution to the ongoing Corona Virus Pandemic (Corvid-19), storms of sorrow, storms of doubt, tension and uncertainty, storms of anger and despair, storms of temptations, and storms in family relationships. May we make ours St Peter's prayer "Lord! save me" and say it with all our heart. Have faith and be a courageous. Always remember that "success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the **courage** to continue that counts." So, when passing the difficulties of life, be courageous, be calm, have faith and surely you will hear the gentle voice of Jesus saying "courage, it is I, do not be afraid".

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%

PARISH PROGRAMME & MASS TIMES

Weekday Mass: Mon – Friday @ 9:30am

Confessions: Tuesday & Thursday after Mass

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil @ 4pm, & 5pm,
Sunday @ 10:00am & 11:00am

N/B Because of the limited number allowed, we appeal to everyone to make use of the booking system on our Parish website www.stmaryrcpaisley.com to book a ticket for the weekend mass you wish to attend.

SCIAF Covid-19 Appeal

Help us stop the coronavirus poverty pandemic in Africa. Coronavirus is about to hit Africa, but it's the poverty the virus will unleash that will kill the world's poorest people. Every one of us felt the impact of the coronavirus pandemic when it hit Scotland. It caused pain and suffering - but it also provoked a wave of compassion and care for our neighbours and key workers. As the deadly virus sweeps across sub-Saharan Africa, please show that same care for families living in the world's poorest places as they face a new battle for survival. If you are able to, please support families during this extraordinary poverty pandemic as they recovery from the shockwaves unleashed by the coronavirus. SCIAF have launched a poverty pandemic appeal which you can give to by visiting www.sciaf.org.uk or calling 0141 354 5555. Thank you.



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9th August 2020

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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

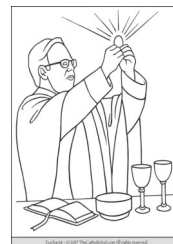
Divine Mercy Devotion: Friday after Mass

**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: 1Kings 19:9,11-13

Psalm Response: "Let us see o Lord Your mercy and give us your saving help"

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:22-23

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PARISH NOTICE

GUIDELINES FOR ST. MARY'S PARISHIONERS

As St Mary's reopens for public mass following the Scottish Government's Phase Three Guidelines, we advise all parishioners to keep to the following instructions.

1. There will be a maximum of 50 persons allowed for each mass.
2. Social distance of 2 metres must be kept from other households.
3. Face masks must be worn at all times in the church.
4. Digital thermometer readings will be taken in the porch with hand sanitising dispensers available for all to use.
5. Please keep together with your household group in the porch until you are shown to your allotted pew.
6. Please note that there will be no communal singing of hymns during church services as this is less safe. there may be a cantor and if so please do private virtual internal singing if you wish.
7. Communion will be distributed at the end of mass. please remain seated until called by the stewards.
8. There is a one-way system in operation within the church and your exit will be by the door next to the sacristy.
9. There will be no collections during mass. however, collection boxes will be placed in the porch and at the exit door.
10. Contact details must be collected whilst in the porch and it would

11. You could specify which mass you would be attending the following week(s). there are four Masses: Saturday vigil 4pm, Sunday 10am, Sunday 11am, and Sunday 5pm.
12. Please vacate the church after communion to allow the volunteer cleaners to prepare for the next mass.
13. We appreciate that this is a most difficult time for all and we would ask for your patience.

We would be glad to have any feedback or suggestions for future practice.

Stay safe and God bless you.

Urgent Appeal from The Scottish Catholic Observer:

The SCO team are committed to doing everything they can to keep our national Catholic newspaper alive but they need our help. In this time of existential crisis as they have lost their distribution outlet and businesses are withdrawing their advertisements. The SCO are forced to urgently remodel their approach. Please consider taking out a six-week subscription for £10 by going to www.sconews.co.uk/subscribe. or tel: 0141 241 4956.

Our Parish Bulletin: Due to the restriction in place, our Parish Bulletin will be available electronically. If you know of a parishioner living nearby who does not use the Internet, please consider printing this weekly bulletin and post it through their letterbox. This would help them stay connected with our parish. Please inform Fr Jude If you will like to receive e-copy of the bulletin

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Financial Support

We are grateful to everyone for the support so far and we still appeal for donations to support the parish at this crisis time. You can set up a direct debit or gift aid your donations. To do this, speak to Fr Jude or you can download the forms from our parish website following this link <http://stmaryrcpaisley.com/financial-giving/>

SOME DETAILS ABOUT MASS:

Sunday bulletin will be online and will be sent electronically to Parishioners who registered. There is no holy water as you enter the Church. There will be no altar servers, or extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist. There will be no offertory procession or sign of peace. Communion will take place after the Final Blessing. After you receive Communion under one form (the host), **exit through the back door, via the sacristy. Do not return to your seat as we are following a one-way system. There will be a Box in the porch for your weekly contribution for the upkeep of the parish as you enter the Church and another box as you exist. The SVDP volunteers will be at the back door with a basket for donations.**

Booking system for attending Mass:

Because of the 2 metre social distancing numbers which reduces our Church capacity to 50 people, everyone will have to book to attend Mass. Please note that you can only book into one Weekend Mass. Please be kind to assist those who do not have access to internet or social media. To book go to www.stmaryrcpaisley.com. Let the stewards know if you want your booking to be recurring. Because we do not have as much as 50 for daily masses, you can turn up at the door and your details will be taken. Please follow always the instructions of the Stewards.

Baptism Congratulations:

To **Melody-Merida Astley Morris** who will be christened after 11am Mass this Sunday. We felicitate with her parents Adam & Ashleigh, Godparents and friends, as pray for God's blessing and protection on all.

RCIA ZOOM MEETING: holds every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00pm. Do you know anyone interested in becoming a catholic or an adult wishing to receive the sacraments of initiation. Contact Alan & Carol Wright.

As a parish Community we pray especially for

Those who are sick	Those who are recently deceased	Those whose anniversaries occur
Agnes Cattigan Christine McAllister John Allison Sarah Jessiman Sarah McCann Martin Rogers John Kerr Margaret Ella Craig Winifred Kidd Declan Healy Kay Brassington John Doherty Alan Morrison Donna Sim Helen Mackey	Allan Craig Linda Bisland Maureen Lynch Rose McKenna Dominic Okorie Mrs Gray Ben Chamness	Danny McKelvie Samuel Okorie Rose Duffy Rosemary McKeoun Robert Corrigan