

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Dear Friends, the feast we celebrate today is one of the great Marian feasts and at the same time a dogma of faith proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in the Apostolic Constitution "*Munificentissimus Deus*" of November 1, 1950. The dogma declaration runs thus: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". Mary was assumed into heaven body and soul just as the Lord promised her and to this He prepared her, to share in the glory of her beloved Son Jesus Christ. For "the revered Mother of God, from all eternity joined in a hidden way with Jesus Christ in one and the same decree of predestination, immaculate in her conception, a most perfect virgin in her divine motherhood, the noble associate of the divine Redeemer who has won a complete triumph over sin and its consequences, finally obtained, as the supreme culmination of her privileges, that she should be preserved free from the corruption of the tomb and that, like her own Son, having overcome death, she might be taken up body and soul to the glory of heaven where, as Queen, she sits in splendor at the right hand of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages" (Pope Pius XII *Munificentissimus Deus* n.40).

This feast brings to lambent our hope and makes evidence the true desire of God in the creation of man. For God created us be "know him, love him and be with him forever in heaven". All is by God's desire and will for the glorious Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven did not happen by her own power. She had no power of her own to undertake such mysterious flight into heaven. It is purely the grace of God working in her. It is based upon this that we differentiate the Ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven (which is by his own divine power) and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (which took place through the power of God).

The readings today especially the gospel relates this feast within the context of hope. Our blessed mother Mary, hoped and looked forward to the fulfillment of the promise made to her by the Lord went out to visit her cousin Elizabeth. There she proclaimed the greatness of Our God "*Evangelization*" through her prayer of praise "the Magnificat". This is a great hymn of hope expressed in faith and love. Pope Francis asserts that the Magnificat is the song of patience and victory, of struggle and joy, that unites the triumphant Church with the pilgrim one, earth with heaven, and that joins our lives to the eternity towards which we journey. So, let us imitate Mary in her humility, hope, faith and love (Lk 1:38-55). May the mother of Jesus, ever blessed virgin who was assumed body and soul to heaven intercede for us now and always 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%

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.

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 recover 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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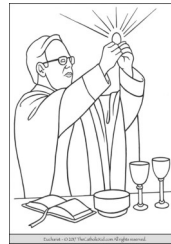
Solemnity of the Assumption

Parish Mass & Prayer Times

Weekday Mass: Monday – 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.



Baptism: Arrange with the priest

Marriage: Give at least six months notice (see Fr Jude)

SUNDAY HOLY MASS

FIRST READING: Apocalypse 11:19;12:1-6.10

Psalm Response: "On Your right stands the Queen, in garment of gold"

SECOND READING: 1 Cor. 15:20-26

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:39-56

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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

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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/>

2020 Medjugorje Pilgrimage Cancelled

Our pilgrimage to Medjugorje this year will not hold because of the present crisis. I know this will be huge miss for all of us this year but hopefully we will be able to go in the near future. We have gotten a confirmation from the Airline of the cancellation and within 90 days they will make a refund of our air tickets. If you wish to have a refund, please speak to Fr Jude.

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**.

Parish Bulletin: will only be available online. If you wish to receive it, send you r email address or send a message to Fr Jude

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.

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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS' GROTTTO/ MEMORIAL WALL

It is the intention of the Parish to create a Memorial Wall containing the names of deceased relatives and friends of our parishioners. The wall will flank the newly acquired beautiful statue of Our Lady at the rear garden area of the Church. The names of our loved ones will be etched onto terracotta red brick tiles and applied to the existing wall.

Financing of the bricks will be through sponsorship, on which hopefully, we will be able to claim gift-aid from the government for any UK taxpayers. however, if you are not a taxpayer, you can still purchase bricks. There are two sizes of brick available;

1. single brick with two lines containing 16 characters per line maximum E.g. in loving memory (16) of John Smith (13).
2. double brick with 4 lines of 16 characters per line maximum.

Please note on both types of brick, a space counts as a character.

Suggested contribution/Sponsorship
£20 per single brick
£30 per double brick

examples of both sizes of brick can be found beside our lady's statue or Contact Gerry McCourt Sponsorship forms will be available soon and we are hoping to place the first order at the start of September. Please note, due to the high postage costs, it is more economical to order a large batch at the same time. Individual orders cannot be placed and will have to wait until the next batch is ordered.

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 Stuart McManus Helen Mackey Ian Scott Doreen Chin	John Kelly Mary Patricia McCormick Jane McGeoch Andrew Wood	Jim Kelly Charles & Elizabeth Scott James Scott Adrian McDermott Robert Corrigan Josephine Joseph Dan-Azumi Robert Farrell Rita Sikora