

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Dear friends, after the confession of Peter at Ceasarea Philippi which made evident the true mission of Christ and his tacit identity, Jesus then began to tell his disciples the true nature of this mission. He has to go to Jerusalem; not to be crowned the "Political Messiah" which is the vision of the disciples of Jesus but "to suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day" (Matt 16: 21). This is the true mission of the suffering servant of God. At these words, the disciples were confused but were unable to express it. Peter then acted as the spokesman of the apostles and true friend of Jesus, took Jesus aside and started to remonstrate with him: "Heaven preserve you, Lord," he said "this must not happen to you." (Matt 16:22).

From a relational perspective, this might be considered to be an affectionate reaction because no true friend will like his/her friend to undergo such. But Peter failed to grasp the true mission of Christ which he will be actualized through his Suffering, Crucifixion, death and resurrection. Presumably, it could be said that Peter was blindfolded by human emotion which made him not to comprehend the true teachings of Christ - no love without sacrifice - the cross and mortification are unavoidable. So, carried away by his great love for his Master, Peter tried to dissuade Jesus from the way of the cross, not yet understanding the immense benefit it will be for mankind. St John Chrysostom commenting on this said that "Peter reasoned in human fashion and concluded that all Christ's talk of his passion and death were demeaning and unbecoming of him".

Nevertheless, Jesus' reaction to Peter is didactic. It demonstrates how every Christian should act in the face of temptation. St. James says, "resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7). So, Jesus rebuking Peter called him Satan *Υπαγε οπισω μου σατανα* "get behind me, thou adversary". This is the proper translation of the Hebrew word *שׂטן* Satan, from which the Greek word is taken. He acted with great vehemence as he did in the desert when He was tempted by the devil (Matt 4:1-11). Jesus' shows Peter and the other disciples that the cross (symbol of shame), mortification, and sacrifice, are the path to salvation 'for there is no crown without the Cross'. The prophet Jeremiah in the first reading today referred to this as he pointed out that fidelity to his vocation as a prophet will lead him to great suffering. Evidently, if we reason only in materialistic terms, we will never understand it. Thus, Jesus declares "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Matt 16:24). So, don't be afraid when you encounter challenges in life, when things are really rough, or when you meet misfortunes. Always remember "there is no short cut to heaven", "there is no crown without a cross".

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ST MARY'S CONFERENCE

Food parcels will now be given out every 1st Sunday of the Month. Do not hesitate to let us know if there is anyone or families in dare need of food or clothing.

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.

Mary's Meal Family Hour

The second Mary's Meals Family Hour takes place at **7pm on Thursday, 27 August** on our [YouTube](#) channel. We have a whole host of wonderful speakers lined up, including: Incredible 10-year-old **Zac**, who ran 100 miles in 50 days to raise funds for Mary's Meals. Our country director for Zambia, **Panji Kajani**, who will discuss how we are reaching hungry children through the pandemic. Our founder **Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow**, who will answer your questions about Mary's Meals - you can submit them to info@marysmeals.org And our supporter engagement officer **Caoimhe McCann**, who will join us from Belfast to share stories about what our amazing supporters are doing in Northern Ireland.

Join us for an hour of inspiration and celebration with your Mary's Meals family!



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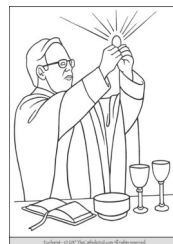
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Parish Mass & Prayer Times

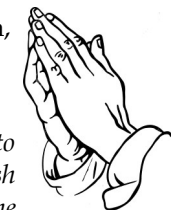
Weekday Mass: Monday – Friday @ 9:30am

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: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm Response: "For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God"

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-2

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:21-27

Mass Book: YEAR A Part:2 Page: 60

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

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.

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

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.

Children's Liturgy Day

A zoom meeting for children's liturgy group volunteers will take place on Saturday 12th September from 11.00am-1.00pm. There will be a series of talks about offering children's liturgy online, more resources and ideas for your children's liturgy meetings and an overview of the Gospel readings/ themes for the coming Sundays. Please contact Fr Paul Brady at St Margaret's Johnstone, tel 01505320198 or stmargaret@rcdop.org.uk if you have any questions. Details of how to access the zoom meeting will follow.

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/>

SEASON OF CREATION EVENTS

As a follow up to the appeal of the Holy Father in his encyclical Laudato Si urging us to take of our common home—Earth. SCIAF, justice and Peace and SCES have prepared a series of online events to engage with catholics across Scotland on the theme of Laudato Si and Creation. Please be part of this online event. Visit www.sciaf.org.uk/events to register. Contact Jonathan McAveety, Senior Campaigns Officer at SCIAF, on jmcaveety@sciaf.org.uk for more information or technical support.

Msgr. Graham Bell's Visit:

Msgr. Graham Bell will be visiting Paisley from Monday 7 to Sunday 13 September and has offered to concelebrate mass in the parish. He is the Under-Secretary in Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization.

2020 Medjugorje Pilgrimage Cancelled: Our planned pilgrimage to Medjugorje this year will no longer hold. Please contact Fr Jude for details

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS' GROTTA/ 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 Anthony Canning	Kathleen McDevitt	Jim Craig Gerry Gallagher William J. McCaul (Bill)