

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Dear friends, we have been chosen and called from eternity to the heavenly banquet of God (1Peter 2:9). Christ salvific mission aims at this. Through baptism, we have received this invitation directly from Christ. The readings this Sunday resonates the urgency for all Christians to respond willingly to this invitation and gracefully honour it. We must be ready at all times, putting on always our wedding feast garments.

Today's first reading elevates us to contemplate on this joyful feast as the prophet Isaiah uses the symbol of the festive banquet prepared by the Lord to wipe the tears from all faces (Isaiah 25:6-10a). This idea is reinforced in the Gospel reading in the parable of the wedding banquet which Christ used to explain the mystery of the kingdom of God to the chief priest and the Elders. We must underline the intent of these for Jesus 'looking of something to hold against him' as they question his authority. There few significant things that are outstanding in today's parable. One, there was an invitation in which those invited are free to accept or not to accept the invitation. Second, not everyone is worthy of the banquet as one who came without his wedding garment is slung out. Third, the wedding feast is a gift as the king gave it to his son for his wedding. Narrating this parable, Jesus lays bare the fact that we all are called to the banquet - the kingdom of heaven, which is a free gift of God. Everyone is invited though one is free either to accept or to reject the invitation. The acceptance of this invitation has its conditions: we must have the proper dispositions (wedding garment) which God expects from his guests to be in His presence. We need to respond faithfully and possess the proper dispositions to attend it, otherwise, we will suffer the fate of being thrown out.

Interpretatively, this feast is the wedding feast of Christ and his church and the garment signifies the virtues needed for entering the kingdom of heaven. Even though a person may belong to the church, if he does not have these dispositions, he will not participate in this beautiful feast. So, the questions we should ask ourselves today are: Are we properly disposed to accept God's invitation? are we always ready and dressed for this heavenly banquet? Be ready at all times for you do not know the hour the son of man will come (Matt. 24:44); "to be forewarned is to be forearmed". Don't miss this banquet!!!



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%

October Month of the Rosary

Please join in the *October Rosary Whirlwind of the British Isles*. You can join in: Daily 8.00pm Online Rosary around Britain (Bishop John will lead from our Cathedral on Sundays); the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Whirlwind Rosary Day on Tuesday 13 October; the Halloween 9.00am-9.00pm Rosary Rally around the Dioceses of Britain; and the All Saint and All Souls Thanksgiving Online Rosaries at 8.00pm. For all the details go to www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk 'One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world.' Saint Dominic.

SAVE THE RIGHT TO SAVE LIVES

The right to gather peacefully and offer help to pregnant women approaching an abortion clinic is under attack again.

Pro-life vigils outside abortion clinics can save unborn lives.

The offer of help from a caring pro-life person is a lifeline for many women, who feel abortion is their only choice.

Pro-life citizens have a right to gather peacefully, and women have a right to receive the information they offer.

Abortion clinic buffer zones would set a dangerous precedent for freedom of speech in the UK Go the SPUC website to sign the petition against MP's efforts to curb free speech.



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11th October 2020

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Parish Mass & Prayer Times

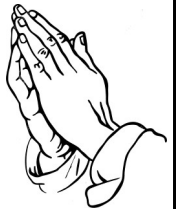
Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 9:30am

Wednesday @7:00pm

Exposition/Adoration: Tuesday & Thursday @ 9:00am

Confessions: Wednesday after evening 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: Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalm Response: "In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever"

SECOND READING: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:1-14

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PARISH NOTICE

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 are now available 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.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

First Communion Mass in October

Please keep in your prayers our P5 Pupils in St Mary's Primary who will make their first communion this month. Due to the current guideline and to enable better participation, they have been divided into four groups for the four Sundays in October.

First Communion Mass will be at 10am

RCIA 2019-2020 Group

We congratulate candidates that received the sacraments of initiation on Saturday morning

Special thanks to Allan and Carol Wright

200 Club Payment:

Second half Payment of £12 is due. Members who are yet to pay are encourage to do so. We welcome new members.. Remember is a way you support our parish. Please put payment in an envelope with 200 Club with your name on the outside and put it in the offertory box. Speak to Gerry or Kay. New Members are welcome.

October with Mary

Join us every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am for Adoration and Rosary. Livestream Rosary every Wednesday after 7pm Mass.

Annual St. Conval's Cemetery Mass Sunday 1 November 2.00pm

Bishop John will celebrate the Annual Cemetery Mass as usual this year but according to the Government's infection control guidelines which limit numbers to 200 for outside ceremonies, seating and socially distanced. We would ask as many of those attending to endeavour to come in cars and remain in them for the duration of the Mass. A small number of outside seating will be available. Mass will be a ticked event and if you would like to book a place please go to our Eventbrite site. Please bring your ticket to the Mass.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-convals-annual-cemetery-mass-tickets-124527443937> Tickets are free and available from Monday 12th October (Limited to 2 tickets per application)

Children's Liturgy Zoom Day for Advent Preparation

There will be a zoom meeting for all those involved in Children's Liturgy on **Saturday 24th October, 2020 from 11am- 1.00pm.** Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/7247466974> Meeting ID: 724 746 6974 The link below WILL take you to the meeting on the 24th October. No need to register, just sign into Zoom using the information below. Click on the link which will take you straight to the meeting. Any questions, contact Fr Paul Brady stmargaret@rcdop.org.uk, or 01505320198

Community Circle of Prayer

Every Friday evening people gather on line at 7pm for The Community Circle of Prayer. This half hour event simply consists of a little music, some readings and the opportunity to share our prayer petitions and support others in theirs. Each week there is a different broad theme; we have explored The Call to Discipleship, Care of our Sick, Forgiveness, Guardian Angels, The Faithful Departed, The Way of the Cross to name but a few. Last week was our 6 month anniversary! Why not spend half an hour with us this Friday in community and fellowship? You would be most welcome! To join please use the Zoom link below <https://zoom.us/j/8510142970?pwd=UUtVa2ZhOFUxa2NSZmJCckZOekOrUT09> Just click and you are in! All Welcome from wherever you are.

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/>

Second Collection - 18 October 2020 - Missio Scotland

Please note there will be a second collection on 18th October for Missio Scotland

As a parish Community we pray especially for

Those who are sick

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 Cannon Jimmy McMenemy

Those who are recently deceased

Ben Chamness Gerry Glancey Donald McEachen
Edward Cunnings (Funeral on Friday)

Those whose anniversaries occur

John McLaughlan Elizabeth (Thelma) Meechan
Bryan Fraser