



Today's gospel reading presents the controversial encounter between Jesus and his adversaries - the Pharisees and the Herodians". One spectacular thing about this is that these adversaries are themselves enemies but this time they join forces to fight a common enemy. It could be said that they applied one principle in this unholy alliance "The enemy of my enemy is my friend". So, that the Pharisees and the Herodians should come together to ask Jesus a question about paying the Roman tax is indeed setting a trap since they would not agree with each other on the said issue.

Observing critically this thorny issue, Jesus gave the remarkable response which has didactic import "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God". This response is didactic in the sense that Jesus went above the required. The question has only a political import but Jesus injects a spiritual dimension. Jesus takes advantage of the malicious question in order to teach an important lesson, rising above the polemics and the alliance of his adversaries, thus proffering a balanced solution which encapsulates His mission and the very obligations of every Christian - obedience to God and to the local authorities. Making clear this mission, Pope Francis encourages Christians thus "Christians are called to commit themselves concretely in the human and social spheres without comparing "God" and "Caesar"; comparing God and Caesar would be a fundamentalist approach. Christians are called to commit themselves concretely in earthly realities, but illuminating them with the light that comes from God. The primary entrustment to God, and hope in him do not imply an escape from reality, but rather the diligent rendering to God that which belongs to him. This is why a believer looks to the future reality, that of God, so as to live earthly life to the fullest and to meet its challenges with courage".

As we take up our daily obligations this week, may we seek to better our faith and thus enrich our society. Putting into action the words we have heard "the Good News" which St Paul reassures us that it is "power ... and ... holy Spirit" that is given to strengthen our faith. May the Virgin Mary help us to always live in conformity with the image of God that we bear within us, inside, also offering our contribution to the building of the earthly city. Have a lovely Sunday!!!

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.

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.



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18th October 2020

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Parish Mass & Prayer Times

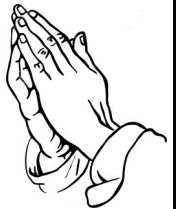
Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 9:30am

Wednesday @7:00pm

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

Confessions: Tuesday & Thursday @ 9:00am

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 45:1,4-6

Psalm Response: "Give the Lord glory and power"

SECOND READING: Thess. 1:1-5

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:15-21

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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 GROUP

Meets every Tuesday 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. Special thanks to Alan & Carol for keeping this meeting on and for the great work they are doing

November List

We pray for the souls of our beloved ones in the month of November. Speak to Fr Jude if you wish to add your loved ones name in our parish list. You can write down the names of your beloved ones you wish to pray for and put it in an envelope. Include your offering for masses in it and put them in the offertory boxes in the Church. Please kindly keep to the guidelines. Envelopes are available please ask the stewards

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

Second Collection - 18 October 2020 - Missio Scotland

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

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/>

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.

Zoom Music Day

The Diocesan Liturgy Commission will host a Zoom music day on Saturday 7th November at 11.00am- finishing at approx. 1.00pm or before. The group will look at learning some Mass parts to be used by cantors during these covid times, and for parish choirs to use once restrictions are lifted. Everyone is invited to join the meeting. Musicians, cantors and choirs are all welcome. Details of the zoom meeting will follow next week.

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 Jim O'Shea

Those who are recently deceased

Donald McEachen Edward Cunnings
Emmanuel Eke Mary Meechan
Mary Ramsey

Those whose anniversaries occur

Laura Anne Donnelly Elise O'Hagan
Bryan Fraser Gaughan Garry Willock Margaret Higgins
Robert Farrell William Annie McLay John Pratt
Sarah Stachura