

## SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS



Dearly beloved in Christ, we celebrate today the feast of the "triumphant Church" which is the cult of the Saints, the victorious soldiers who fought the fight of faith and have won the crown of glory. Thus, the invitational antiphon invites us to "rejoice in the Lord and keep festival in honour of all the saints". Celebrating this feast, the church invites us to raise our hearts and minds to the immense multitude of

men and women from all walks of life who followed Christ here on earth and are already enjoying the beatific vision in heaven. This feast assures us that our hope is not in vain and our good works will surely be rewarded. We are all called to be saints. Sainthood is a universal call that carries a universal import. For the Saints are not a small caste of chosen souls but an innumerable crowd to which the liturgy urges us to raise our eyes. This multitude not only includes the officially recognized Saints, but the baptized of every epoch and nation who sought to carry out the divine will faithfully and lovingly. We are unacquainted with the faces and even the names of many of them, but with the eyes of faith we see them shine in God's firmament like glorious stars.

The first reading from the revelation of St John - The apocalypse, reveals this innumerable multitude of saints as St John attests "I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands" (Rev.7:9). Explaining how they came to be, the vision shows in the most explicit terms how these victorious army of Saints won their battle "These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb." (Rev.7:14). As we could see, it was not an easy one but never impossible. So, we must aspire towards it and to do this, we must follow the road map Christ sets out in the Gospel reading "the beatitude" (Matt. 5:1-12) which as translated means happiness or state of inner joy (blessedness).

But why do we celebrate this feast? Pope Benedict XVI offers a wonderful answer in his homily "looking at the shining example of the Saints to reawaken within us the great longing to be like them; happy to live near God, in his light, in the great family of God's friends". So, being a Saint means living close to God. This is God's ultimate goal for us all and a sure reward if we follow Christ faithfully here on earth "If anyone serves me", he warns us, "he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honour him" (Jn. 12: 26). So dear friends, let us follow Christ and fight a good fight of the faith (1Tim 6:12), in order to join this heavenly cult. Happy feast of all saints!!!

### 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%

### Missio Scotland Appeal

Missio Scotland is the Scottish branch of the Catholic Church's mission aid agency. It enables missionaries to help communities in need through grassroots projects. They build and maintain hospitals, schools and seminaries, care for people in need and act for justice in the developing world, regardless of race, stigma, religion or gender. **Texting MISSIOSCOT to 70085** will donate a default £3, while MISSIOSCOT with any number between 1-20 after it will donate your desired amount (for example MISSIOSCOT10 will donate £10).

### 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 MARY'S PARISH PAISLEY

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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:** 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](http://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 7:2-4, 9-14

**Psalm Response:** "Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord"

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 3:1-3

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 5:1-12

**Mass Book:** YEAR A Part:2 Page: 102

## 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

### 200 Club 2nd Half Payment

We appeal to members who are yet to make their second half year payment of £12 to do so.  
Big draws are coming soon.

### 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 or Carol Wright. Special thanks to Alan & Carol for keeping this meeting on and for the great work they are doing

### November List

We offer masses for the dead in the month of November. November list and envelopes are available in the porch, please uplift and return with your offering for Masses as soon as possible. Speak to Fr Jude of you have a special intention.

### Light a Candle for a Soul

You can light a candle for your loved ones now as the votive light candles will be available at the memorial alter. Votive candles will be laid out.

**Please for safety reasons, bring your lighter and avoid touching surfaces**

### 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. We would ask everyone attending to endeavour to come in cars and remain in them for the duration of the Mass. Mass is a ticketed event and is now sold out. Please bring your ticket to the Mass. **Please note that the cemetery will be closed from 1.30 - 3.30 to allow for the cemetery mass to go ahead** under the government restrictions. If you were unable to get a ticket please note the mass will also be **livestreamed** and available via the You Tube link - [https://youtu.be/ubCmEq\\_0ejY](https://youtu.be/ubCmEq_0ejY)

### Working to Eradicate Domestic Abuse.

The Scottish Interfaith Group on Domestic Abuse invites you to their Webinar on Wednesday 25th November 7.30pm (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women). The webinar will inform you with: insights into domestic abuse from a survivor: how COVID-19 has impacted abuse (Women's Aid and an MSP): the collaboration of all faiths against domestic abuse: the international aspect of domestic abuse from a leading charity; learning how to help. To register and receive the Zoom code go to <http://ifgoda.org.uk> You will receive an email with all the details. We can all help in the work of countering abuse.

### 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=UUtVa2ZhOFUxa2NSZmJCckZOek0rUT09> 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 Helen Mackey Ian Scott Doreen Chin  
Anthony Cannon Jimmy McMenemy Jim O'Shea

#### **Those who are recently deceased**

Anne McKenzie Mary Ramsey Stuart McManus  
Frances Reid Mary Egan  
Canon Willie McDade

#### **Those whose anniversaries occur**

Margaret Corrigan Sarah Lowrie  
Nan Feeley  
Maureen Taylor Jean McKelvie