

32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A  
(REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)



Dear friends, This Month of the Holy Souls is a particular time when we recall with an act of memory those who have gone before us from this life and have left their mark, directly or indirectly. It is good that we should have a season of the year for remembrance. A time when we feel that that veil between time and eternity is thin, and we can sense that a greater and wider communion of saints to which we belong. This Sunday, we celebrate the Remembrance Sunday on which we remember all those men and women who gave their lives fighting for peace. As we lay the poppy wreath today, may we allow our memory to wonder in retrospect along the memory lines bringing to our minds to full consciousness of what awaits everyone - death.

The liturgy of the word this Sunday rightly focuses on eschatology - the end things - and calls for proper preparation for *when you fail to prepare you are preparing to fail*". This Sunday's readings bring the usual warnings about preparation for the end of our own world, the end of our own time and our passage to another world. They tell us that a searching, watching, and growing heart is essential for a lively, dynamic faith in God. The first reading enjoins us to search for wisdom (wisdom 6:12-16). The wisdom meant here *"is not knowledge, such as scientific or philosophical knowledge acquired by study and learning, or even the sound judgement acquired by experience and maturity. It is the reflection of God's own Wisdom, the Wisdom by which God creates the world and guides humanity"*. This Wisdom is therefore divine, a reflection or image of God, 'the reflection of the eternal light and the image of his power'. It is a simple call to search for Christ the wisdom of God (1Cor 1:18,2:16) and the bridegroom (cf Lk 5:33-35) whose coming we await in hope. Waiting readily for the bridegroom is a divine command thus Christ's parable of the ten virgins, five wise and five foolish (Matt 25:1-13) is a clarion call to be always ready and have extra oil for our lamps. The parable teaches us that, like the five wise virgins, we should attend to duties of the present moment, preparing now, rather than waiting until it is too late.

The message this Sunday is short and simple. We need to be wise enough to remain ever ready for the coming of Christ. To do this, we must make sure we have our lamps light and at the same time have spare oil *"making sure we have enough oil or spiritual fuel: oil of compassion and mercy, oil of patience, sympathy and forgiveness"*. May the memories we recall this Remembrance Sunday spur us forward in the search for true harmony and peace in our world. Happy Remembrance Sunday and may God grant eternal rest to these Heroes of the two wars. May their sacrifices bear the fruits of peace, harmony, justice and love in our world...Amen

**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.**



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8th November 2020

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**Parish Mass & Prayer Times**

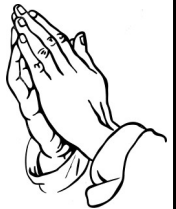
**Weekday Mass:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 9:30am

Wednesday @7:00pm

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

**Confessions:** 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:** Wisdom 6:12-16

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

**SECOND READING:** 1 Thess. 4:13-18

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 25 :1-13

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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

### Birthday Mass and Congratulations

To **James Feeley** who turned 90 this month. We pray for good health and God's blessings.

### 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**

### 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 if you have a special intention.

### **200 Club: Congratulations to winners of our Draw:**

**1st: £100 - Jean McKelvie**

**2nd £50 - Jim Kerr**

**3rd £50 - Jeanette Kennan**

**4th £25 - Catherine McLean**

**5th £25 - Louise Robertson**

**6th £25 - Philip MaAleer**

**7th £25 - Kenn Markie**

### 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.

### Annual Holy Mass - Hawkhead Cemetery

Father Joe Burke will celebrate **IN ST. MIRIN'S CATHEDRAL** the Annual Holy Mass for the souls of the faithful departed of Hawkhead Cemetery. **Sunday 8th November at 12.00pm.** Unfortunately, due to COVID, Mass will not be in the cemetery itself this year. All those with loved ones resting there are invited to join him online or in church through Eventbrite booking. Mass is livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOpDi2GliU0&feature=youtu.be>

### Scottish Interfaith Week - 8th - 15th November

Today is the beginning of Scottish Interfaith week. It is an opportunity for Catholics to follow the example set by our Holy Father Pope Francis to reach out to our neighbours and to recognise all people of faith as our brothers and sisters. Take the opportunity this week to pray that people of faith might work together for peace in our world and in our country. Interfaith Scotland's website [www.interfaithscotland.org](http://www.interfaithscotland.org) gives notification of the many interfaith events happening throughout the country this week if you would like to get involved.

### 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.

### Adult Education Talks

This series of talks continues on **Monday 16th November** on Zoom at **6.30pm** with Mgr. Denis Carlin on the theme of Liturgy - link below: <https://zoom.us/j/97338649635?pwd=b1o2alR5SUU2Rmo3OXIHMGRxS2liZz09>

**Passcode: 058852**

### **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 James Feeley  
Brian McLaughlin

#### Those who are recently deceased

James Muir Michael Muir  
Canon Willie McDade  
Heroes of the two World wars

#### Those whose anniversaries occur

Bridget McCaffery  
Those in our November List