

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Dear loved in Christ, oftentimes we are tormented by suffering, sickness, hardship and misfortune just as job was. Job lost everything and, in his misfortune, he saw no reason for life. He became melancholic and lamented over everything. Job complains of the tedium and futility of life and the miseries of human existence. Job's psychological disposition could be the same with ours during this time of crisis. Job's pessimistic view about life in our first reading relays the painful picture of the sick person's frustration, the slow and pointless passage of time, the crazy, distorted imaginings. Job feels that God is oppressing him, but yet clings to God as his one hope of release. We see a contrast of this in Jesus, the suffering servant of God, who takes to himself the sufferings of others (Isaiah 53).

Today's readings challenge us to avoid Job's pessimistic and desperate view of life as a chain of pain and sufferings. To accept life with hope and optimism as a precious gift from God, using it to do good for others and spending our time, talents and treasures for the good of others as Jesus did as can be seen in today's gospel reading (Mark 1:29-39). The snippets gathered in the gospel reading give us a sample of Jesus' activity at Capernaum, the little fishing village on the edge of the Lake of Galilee: healing and prayer. The first incident, the healing of the relative of his friend and follower Simon Peter, reminds us that Jesus does respond if we pray for the needs of our nearest and dearest. Then the summary of his evening activity shows his concern to bring healing and wholeness.

So, just like Jesus, every Christian is called to follow his example - doing good and helping those in need. We are called to take care of one another. Doing good always and avoid harming others. We can harm or heal those around us in so many ways. It does not need to be a miracle! A greeting, a look, a smile, a touch can bring the peace of Christ to someone in desperate need of reassurance and no less can they harm and wound. But the third little story, of Jesus going off to pray in the early morning, shows that the well-spring of all his activity was his union with the God whom he called his Father. We cannot say what Jesus' prayer was, any more than I can say what your prayer is, but the confident communication between Father and Son must have been the source of his strength and compassion. So dear friends as we poised to begin this new week, may imitate Christ by caring for those in need, doing good and never forget to rededicate our families, friends and even those we call our enemies in prayers. So, the watch words this week are: Love, Heal, Care and Pray. Have a wonderful Sunday!!



### 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 dire 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 to the SPUC website to sign the petition against MP's efforts to curb free speech.](#)



## ST MARY'S PARISH PAISLEY

163 George Street, PA12UN  
Tel: 0141-889-2602 Fax 0141-889-6756  
Church Hall: 01418892602  
Email: [StMaryPaisley@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:StMaryPaisley@rcdop.org.uk)  
Website: [www.stmaryrcpaisley.com](http://www.stmaryrcpaisley.com)  
Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Jude Okorie

7th February 2021

5th Sunday in Ordinary Timed Year B

### 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:** Job 7:1-4,6-7

**Psalm Response:** "Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted"

**SECOND READING:** 1 Cor. 9:16-19,22-23

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 1:29-39

**Mass Book:** YEAR B Part:1 Page: 63

## PARISH NOTICE

### NEW HEATING SYSTEM PROJECT APPEAL

Our Church New Heating System is now fully installed and is working 100%. We still appeal for more donations to clear the cost. At present, we have raised £7,150 with the interest free loan of £5000 from a parishioner, we have a total of £12,150. we appeal for more support as the total sum of the project is £29,000. You can send your donation to the chapel house with your name or send a cheque payable to St Mary's Parish. If you wish to make bank transfer here is our Parish Account details: **Sort Code:80-09-29 Acc.No.00783824. We thank our parishioners who recently set up a monthly direct debit of £20.**

### Administrative Changes to Teacher Approval in the Diocese of Paisley

Father Joe Burke, Vicar General, now has the role of overseeing the Approval process. Applications and references for posts in the three local authorities within our Diocese should be returned to: Rev Joseph Burke, Teacher Approval, Diocesan Centre, Cathedral Precincts, Ince Street, Paisley PA1 1HR or email: [approvals@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:approvals@rcdop.org.uk) Please note that applications for posts in Our Lady of the Missions Primary School and St Ninian's High School should be sent to the Archdiocese of Glasgow in whose territory they are located: Archdiocese of Glasgow, Teacher Approval, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow G1 4JY. Email: [approval@rcag.org.uk](mailto:approval@rcag.org.uk) Arrangements for the pastoral care of staff and pupils in these schools will continue to be the responsibility

### Beware Phone Scam about Vaccines

If you receive the following message on your phone it is a scam. We advise you to delete it. NHS: *We identify that you are eligible to apply for your vaccine. For more information and to apply, follow here: uk-application-form.com* If you click on the link mentioned it then asks for your bank account number, sort code and your bank card number. This is a scam.

**SCAM ALERT**

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

### Beware Protect Scotland App Scams

If you are contacted by NHS (test and protect) it will be by phone on a single national telephone number 0800 030 8012. Scammers are contacting the public advising them that they have been in near contact with someone who has tested positive with Coronavirus and must get a test and self-isolate. They then ask for payments for various services. If the call is not from the above number please ignore it.

### Online Rosary and Stations of the Cross

You are invited to join us, Catholic Erskine, to pray the Rosary, online, **Monday - Thursday and Saturday at 12 noon each day.** You are also invited to join us on **Friday at 12 noon**, when we pray the **Stations of the Cross.** At present we are using "Mary's Way of the Cross" - a series of prayers, reflections and meditations as we accompany Mary as she follows her Son on his road to Calvary. To join any of these ventures please visit our website; [catholicerskine.website](http://catholicerskine.website) and click onto the Rosary link. All welcome.

### Ask your MP to sign a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain

A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion.

Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below: [www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)

### Urgent - Make your submission to the consultation on 'DIY' home abortion

The Scottish Government's consultation on whether to make the current temporary arrangement allowing 'DIY' home abortions to take place in Scotland permanent closes at 11:59 pm on January 5, 2020. It is vital that as many people as possible make a submission to the consultation. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to make your submission. Make your submission using the tool which can be accessed by visiting the link below: [www.righttolife.org.uk/ScotlandConsultation](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ScotlandConsultation)

### **SPRED Special Second Collection - 14 February 2021**

### 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/>

### **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 John Doherty Alan Morrison Donna Sim Helen Mackey Ian Scott Doreen Chin Anthony Cannon Jimmy McMenemy Jim O'Shea Brian McLaughlin Joan Kelly Sophia Young Ian Gallacher

#### Those who are recently deceased

Thomas Corrigan Edwin O'Hagan Malcolm Heaton Jane Michelle Doyle Julia Daley Alberto Puddinu

### Postponement of Diocesan Lourdes and Youth to Lourdes Pilgrimages to 2022

Unfortunately, due to present circumstances and the uncertainty facing us all over the next few months, it is with deep regret that we must inform you that the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Youth to Lourdes has now been postponed to June-July 2022. We are fully aware that the shrine of Lourdes means so much to so many in our Diocese and understand and how disappointing this news will be. However, we know that we will all work together and look forward to being welcomed back in 2022. If you already have a place on the Pilgrimage carried over from this year on Joe Walsh tours, their representatives will be contacting you in writing in the New Year to confirm our decision to reschedule and to explain how your booking can be carried forward.

### Alpha Course in the Catholic Context - Diocese of Paisley Evangelisation Commission

Dear friends of Paisley diocese

The mission of the Church is to "Go, make disciples of all nations..." Matt 28. Alpha's mission is like it - we equip and serve the Church in its mission to help people discover and develop a relationship with Jesus. Jesus calls us to faithfulness to his mission regardless of the time and place we live. We know that 2020 has been a particularly challenging year due to the Covid-19 pandemic: lots of parishes are struggling financially; limitations on Mass attendance; parish ministries have had to reduce or stop altogether; continued social distancing has left priests and parishioners feeling disconnected and isolated; many priests feel overwhelmed and under resourced at this time. The idea of doing anything new can feel daunting, if not impossible. That's why, at Alpha, we want to help lighten that burden and equip parishes to raise leaders, share the good news of Jesus, connect people with each other and with God, and create community with other parishes. The team at Alpha - Catholic Context UK have developed new training for parishes in your diocese. This is a unique opportunity to be trained directly by the Alpha UK team to get up and running with Alpha Online. To register for training please click here. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Roche at [michael.roche@alpha.org](mailto:michael.roche@alpha.org).

#### Those whose anniversaries occur

Ada Okorie  
Paul & Silas Okorie  
Ugo Galimberti