



Palm Sunday Year B

Dear friends in Christ, today we celebrate the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem amidst the ovations of joy by the people who welcomed and acclaimed him their messiah. "Hosanna Filio David" they exclaimed, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord ... hosanna in the highest" (Mk 11:10). This entry is highly symbolic. It demonstrates that Christ is the Davidic king - the anointed one - that has come to fulfil this ancient prophecy: "He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness." (Isaiah 9:7). Yes!! Christ is the messiah and the king of the universe.

Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering: the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem, and the drama of the trial, culminating in crucifixion, death, and burial for the Christ. The first reading focused on the true mission of Christ - the suffering servant of God. It is the third of the four songs classified by biblical scholars as the Songs of the suffering servant of God. In it, the prophet Isaiah portrayed the antithesis of Israel's messianic expectations. While Israel expected a glorious political Messiah that will liberate them from their oppressors, the prophet prophesied the opposite "a suffering servant" whose sole aim and mission is to fulfil the will of his father - submit himself to death for the salvation of the world. St Paul in the second reading expressed this in the self-emptying of Christ through which he called those converted to Christ to have the same mind of Christ (Phil 3:5-8). The gospel x-rayed the whole salvific drama from Glory (Hosanna) to death (Crucify him) on the cross that opens the eternal door of life - Salvation. In it, we see the Cross as the moment, not of abandonment by God, but the most complete union of Jesus to the Father. Jesus here establishes the sovereignty of his Father by his loving obedience and total submission.

As we begin the holy week with the triumphant march of Jesus, may we keep in mind the core messages of the servant of God who accepted his sufferings to save us. First, humbling himself and taking the form of a slave, Jesus teaches us the importance of the virtues of patience, humility, and obedience. Second, by accepting his cross, Jesus teaches us that suffering is inevitable in life. May we bear the sufferings of the present time with joy and faithfully follow Christ who is the Way the Truth and the Life (Jn 14:6). May we not betray him as Peter and the crowd did. May we ask for the grace to remain steadfast to him. Like the Centurion, may we recognize him as "The Son of God" and acclaim him our King. *Hosanna Filio David!!! Maranatha, come Lord Jesus!!*

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).

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



ST MARY'S PARISH PAISLEY

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28th March 2021

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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 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 50:4-7

Psalm Response: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11




GOSPEL READING: Mark 14:1-15:47

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PARISH NOTICE

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

As announced on the 23rd of March by the Scottish government, public masses will resume on Friday 26th March. We appeal to all our parishioners to keep to the guidelines and be sure you follow the instructions of the stewards. Below is our **Holy Week service schedule**. Remember you need to book for our Sunday and Triduum services. Take notice of the change on Easter Sunday as 10am mass will be in St Paul's. So we have 11:00 am and 12:00noon Masses. You can book your tickets from our Website or call Henry Bradley 01413165331

Day	Time	Activity
 Palm Sunday	4:00pm 5:00pm	Saturday Vigil Mass Saturday Vigil Mass
	10:00am 11:00am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass
Monday	9:30am	Morning Mass
Tuesday	9:10am 9:30am	Exposition/Rosary/Confession Mass
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 Holy Thursday	9:30am	Morning Prayer
	6:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	Confession Mass of the Lord's Last Supper Night Prayer
 Good Friday	9:30am 3:00pm	Morning Prayer/ Confession Divine Mercy Chaplet/ Stations of the Cross
	4:00pm	Veneration of the Cross
Holy Saturday	9:30am 9:00pm	Morning Prayer Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday	11:00am 12:00pm	Easter Mass Easter Mass

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

NEW HEATING SYSTEM PROJECT APPEAL

So far, we have raised **£11,520**, with the interest free loan of **£5000** from a parishioner, making a total of **£16,520**. 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 your wish to make bank transfer kindly use 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**.

2021 Offertory Envelopes:

will be available on Easter Sunday. This year boxes will be accompanied with a letter of appeal from Our Bishop asking for more assistance from everyone for the church. If you can pick up for your neighbour or our parishioners that are still shielding, please do. If you are a new parishioner and a UK tax payer, You can sign up for gift aid and have your name on our offertory envelope. Speak to Jim McKeown or Jim Kerr for details

Please support our parish

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/>

St. Benedict's School Cluster Providing Food and Toiletries -Almsgiving in Lent

Saint Conval's Parish Linwood now has its meals project up to full speed and is now providing 200 meals to local families every week through their Hall kitchen and generous volunteer chefs, caterers and drivers. They are now continuing their a Lenten Alms Project to provide cooked meals and food parcels for local families. They have already collected enough to get the through Lent and hope your donations will help them continue. You can leave your food for parcels in the parish house porch or post donations through the doorway. Thanks to all who have given of their time, their talent or their treasure!

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SCIAF Boxes: are available in the porch. Please take some home and help families grow their way out of poverty and hunger.

Online Marriage Counselling available during Covid 19 Crisis

Our diocese has a Counselling Service for Catholics Married in the Catholic Church with our dedicated Catholic Marriage Counsellor. If you are concerned about your relationship and feel you are both unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The counsellor is there to maintain a neutral, non-judgmental position. For information or advice please email in confidence counselling@rcdop.org.uk

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.

As a parish Community we pray especially for

Those who are sick

Christine McAllister John Allison Sarah Jessiman Sarah McCann Martin Rogers John Kerr 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 Ian Gallacher Mary Johnston Joseph McEnhill

Those who are recently deceased

Breige McGee Thomas McNair Ursula McCormick Roger O'Halloran Margaret McFarlane Joan Kelly Rayleen Kelly John Woods (Funeral on Tuesday)

Those whose anniversaries occur

James McNall
Hugh Cattigan Dan Cattigan