



### Easter Message from Fr Jude

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The resurrection of Jesus Christ has brought new rays of hope to our world besieged by the deadliest virus covid-19. We beam with joy for Christ our

Savior has risen. Halleluiah... he is risen indeed!! His resurrection is hope, "death has no power over him anymore" (Romans 6:9). I renew my warm felicitations to all my parishioners. We are the reason for his suffering and death; so, by his resurrection, we are assured of the life that has no end (Jn. 10:10).

I will never fail to thank God for leading us thus far. We have all been through some very solemn times in the last year, as individuals, as communities, as a nation, as a world. For so many there has been grief, sorrow, and loss. Those were also the feelings of Jesus' first friends two thousand years ago as they saw his battered body shoved into the ground. But then something unexpected happened, and they found a hope they could not have dreamt of. The world became a different place for them, as they lived their lives with a new sense of purpose and care. Many of us are on the brink of that feeling this Easter. There is a new hope abroad as vaccinations spread, as restrictions are lifted, as the world opens up to us again. Although, we still carry burdens of sadness and anxiety, but we can see a way ahead and we can look forward to meeting and greeting one another again. As we start to do that, we remember that we all belong to one another across our one world. We have together been through a PAN-DEMIC, which means literally something which affects all people. None of us can think of our safety alone, and our joy is not complete until all have come through this terrible ordeal.

I remember with great respect all our beloved parishioners that died during this time, those that died of Covid-19, and our great parishioners that have gone to their peace in Christ, may Christ welcome them in His kingdom. May Christ grant consolation to the bereaved, healing to the sick, and blessings to all families. In appreciation, I will like to thank the Parishioners of St Mary's for their great kindness and support. Raising over £17,000 within four months for the heating system is a great stride. I cannot say less for St Paul's Parishioners. You all are exceptional, I appreciate your love, support, and care. May we keep working together for the glory of God and the salvation of our souls. May our blessed mother, who accompanied our Lord Jesus Christ in his mission, intercede for us now and forever...Amen. Happy Easter!!!

### 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](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)



## ST MARY'S PARISH PAISLEY

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4th April 2021

Easter Sunday 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 @ 11:00am & 12:00noon



**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:** Acts 10:34,37:43

**Psalm Response:** "This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad"

**SECOND READING:** Colossians 3:1-4

**GOSPEL READING:** John 20:1-9

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## PARISH NOTICE

### NEW HEATING SYSTEM PROJECT APPEAL

So far, we have raised **£12,720**, with the interest free loan of **£5000** from a parishioner, making a total of **£17,720**. 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 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:

Are available now. 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, why not consider signing 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

### Divine Mercy Mass with Bishop John



The friends of Divine Mercy Scotland invite everyone to join in a special Divine Mercy Mass in **St Mary's Parish Paisley** with **Bishop John Keenan** and **Fr Joe Burke** on Sunday 11th April. This event will be ticketed but will be live-streamed by **Santa Familia**. Tickets will be available on Eventbrite on Monday. There will be Holy Hour at 5 pm and Holy Mass at 6 pm.

### Happy 60th Birthday: Caroline @ 60



Our parish community rejoices with Caroline Kerr who turned 60 a few days ago. Praying for more grace and heavenly blessings. *Ad multos annos.*

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

### A thank You from Caroline Kerr

Sincere thanks to everyone for birthday wishes, cards and gifts on the occasion of my 60th birthday! Much love ... Caroline

### Easter Sunday Mass on BBC Scotland

BBC Scotland will broadcast **Easter Sunday Mass at noon** from Saint Mirin's Cathedral. Bishop John and Fr. Joe Burke will be celebrants and Mgr. Carlin and our Diocesan Choir will provide the music. Please pass on the news among your family and friends.

### New Heating System Donations

Now **£17,720**

Thank You!!



### Think Vocation

"The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue." Jesus gave everything out of love for us. Are you being called to reflect the Master's sacrifice by offering yourself as a priest, a deacon or religious? Speak to Fr. John Morrison e-mail: [vocations@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdop.org.uk) or tel: 01418895056.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Elizabeth O'Callaghan John Woods Roger O'Halloran Joan Kelly Rayleen Kelly Bridget McCaffery Tommy Montgomery Michael Smith  
Thomas McNair (Funeral on Thursday)  
Margaret McFarlane (Funeral on Tuesday)

#### Those whose anniversaries occur

Margaret McNamara Margaret Laird Alex MacGregor Alberto Puddinu Carmina Serapiglia Gavina Cossa Nunzitta Caira Dora Arcari Francesca Cubeddu  
Giovanna Maria Puddinu Walter Puddinu Oscar Marletta Cersidio Serapiglia