

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

Dear brothers and sisters, life is sometimes besieged by troubling situations or exigencies that frighten or disturb our tranquility. This may create panic and as such can traumatize us. For the disciples of Jesus, the suffering and gruesome death of Jesus was such a traumatic event that asphyxiated the joy and peace they enjoyed in their company with Jesus, whom they believed is the true messiah (Lk 24:13-35). This caused a great deal of doubt in their minds when the news of his resurrection was announced. But to cast out these uncertainties, the resurrected Christ manifests himself to them on many occasions at different places to reinvigorate their faith and quieten their minds, thus his great greetings of Shalom "peace be with you" (Lk. 24:35-36, Jn. 20:21) is his resurrection gift to them and to the world (Jn.14:27).

So, today's liturgy of the Word can be summed up with these three words: **Witness, Manifestation, and Attestation**. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles shows the courageous speech (kerygma) of Peter (Witness) as he addresses the people about the fact of the crucifixion of Christ. This reading is the final section of Peter's speech to the people of Jerusalem after Pentecost. He lays the blame for Jesus' rejection squarely on them but shows that it was just as Scripture had foretold and then calls them to repentance, so that they can witness to Christ in order to see things from a different angle, God's and Christ's angle. One could imagine what gave Peter such stimulus. But we all know the answer - *The fact that he is a witness as the resurrected Christ had appeared (Manifestation) to him and other disciples and showed them proofs that he is alive (Attestation)*. Evidently, today's gospel reading elucidates this. Here Luke gives his account of the post-resurrection events. The Emmaus disciples after their encounter with Christ came back to tell others their encounter with Jesus but lo and behold, Christ appeared now to the whole group of disciples in their refuge, the Upper Room. The stress is on their meeting with a real person, not a disembodied ghost or phantom appearance. That is why he asked for something to eat and he ate a piece of fish.

Dear friends, the important lesson of this is that the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ brought peace to us. It means that we should not be afraid of the "Jews." The Jews here represent all those challenges that face us in life. All the obstacles on our way to holiness. All the mistakes of our past. Christ's greeting "Peace be unto you" implies that the storm is over, the trouble is over. Christ's peace surpasses all understanding and conquers every situation. So, let your hearts not be disturbed (Jn. 14:1). Peace is an internal tranquility, an inner calmness that rests on a hopeful future even amid storms. This is Christ's gift to us, so let not your heart be troubled!!

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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18th April 2021

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Parish Mass & Prayer Times

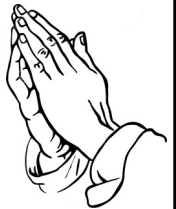
Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 9:30am

Wednesday @7:00pm

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

Confessions: Tuesday & Thursday @ 9:00am

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil @ 4pm, & 5pm,
Sunday @ 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 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 3:13-15,17-19

Psalm Response: "Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord"

SECOND READING: 1st John 2:1-5

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:35-48

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PARISH NOTICE

NEW HEATING SYSTEM PROJECT APPEAL

So far, we have raised **£20,660** with the interest free loan of **£4000** from a parishioner, making a total of **£24,660.00**. 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

Special Memorial Mass

Fr Jude will offer a special memorial Mass for **Kathleen Curran** on Wednesday evening. Kathleen died early this year and only received a blessing at the graveside.

Our condolences to his family as we pray for the happy repose of her soul. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.. Amen

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

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 or tel: 01418895056.

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!

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.

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

Our Lady Help Of Christians' Grotto/ Memorial Wall Bricks:

we are offering a late opportunity for anyone who wishes to purchase a brick or bricks for their loved ones. If you are interested, kindly speak to **Gerry or Kay Steel** as we intend installing the bricks at the end of the month.

Note: There will an extra charge for instalment for later purchases.

New Heating System Donations

Now £24,660.00



Thank You!!



Special thanks to the special donors last week.

£4000 (Bank Transfer)

£100 (Cash)

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£540 (special Offertory)

Total: £4,840

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

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 Richardson Carole Gibson Michael O'Neil Thomas Canavan

Those whose anniversaries occur

McGovern Family McAtier Family Kathleen Curran Jane McKenna Alex McGregor The Browne Family Margaret McEwan Christina Callaghan Alphonsus Jewell Billy Taylor Michael Moore Dorothy Donaghey